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Remembering the 'ND Ten'

Thirty years ago this week, students were punished for protesting recruiting visits

By ERICA THESING
Associate News Editor

On an autumn afternoon 30 years ago, students gathered in the Main Building to protest on-campus recruitment by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Dow Chemical.

Before the sun set behind the Golden Dome, police in riot gear descended on the building. In following hours, five students were suspended, five were expelled and the role of a Catholic university during wartime was fiercely debated from the LaFortune Student Center to the St. Joseph Superior Court.

The Nov. 18, 1969, protest of the CIA and Dow interviews were not the first at Notre Dame. Concerned with Dow's production of Napalm used in Vietnam and with the CIA's interventions in Chile, University students prepared a large-scale demonstration during several days of interviews in 1968.

In February 1969, then-University president Father Theodore Hesburgh responded to the campus activism with the "15 minute rule," explaining

that disruptive students would be given 15 minutes to disperse. Failure to cooperate would result in suspension. In an eight-page letter to the community, Hesburgh said students who protested more than 15 minutes could face expulsion or arrest.

Undeterred, student leaders planned the 1969 protests.

According to Mark Mahoney, '71, the Student Senate passed a resolution asking recruiters to participate in a question-and-answer session prior to on-campus interviews for students to gather information on the companies' practices. This would only occur when a sufficient number of students petitioned for it.

But the University refused to arrange that forum, Mahoney said. As a result, the students gathered outside the interview rooms in the Main Building, demanding a forum with Dow and the CIA.

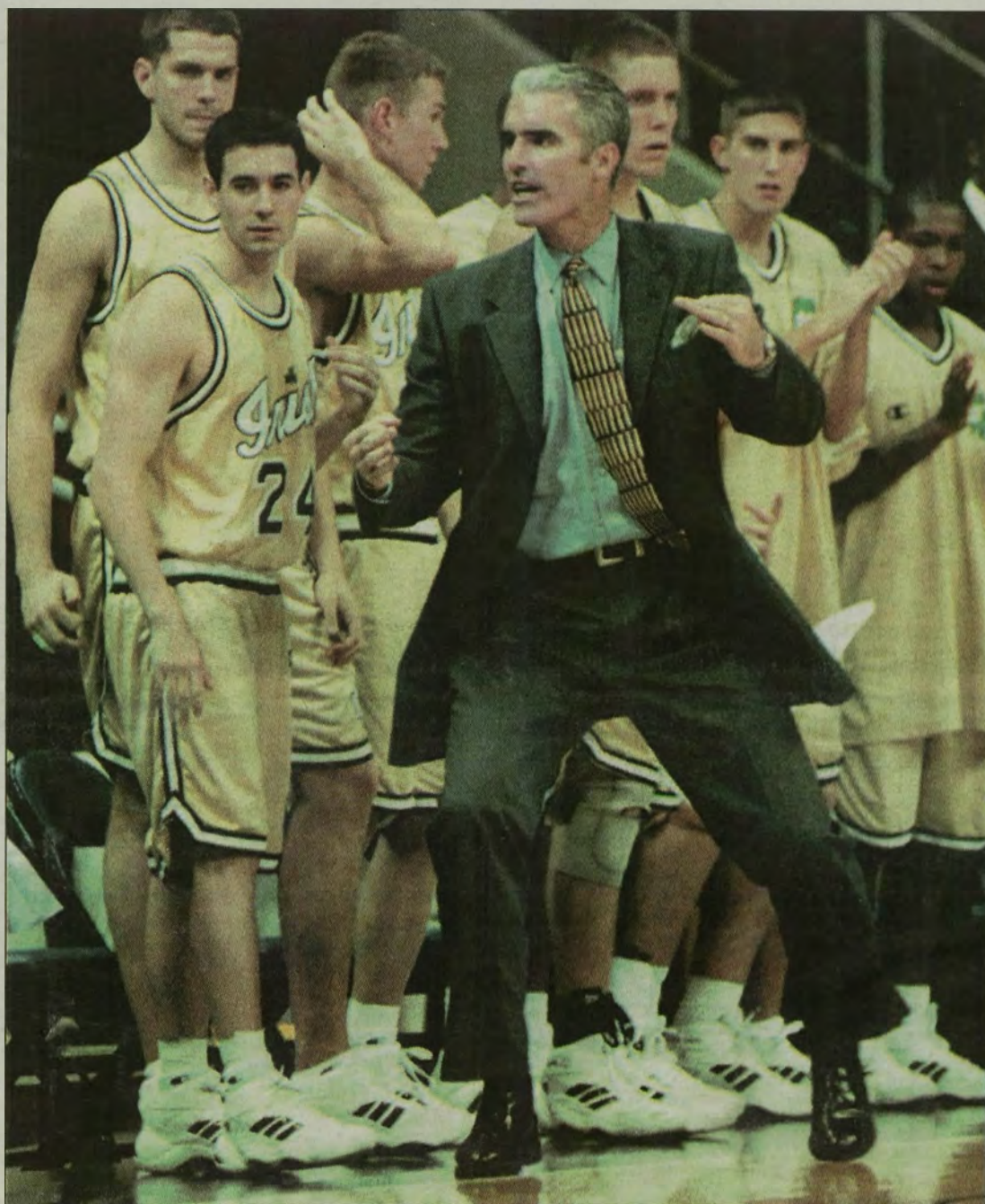
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Mark Mahoney '71
student protester

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HEADIN' TO MANHATTAN



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Coach Matt Doherty and the men's basketball team are on the move again after they defeated Siena College 107-96 Thursday in the second round of the Preseason NIT. Read about the game on page 36.

Offenheiser: Debt relief is essential to developing world



MARY CALASH/The Observer

"This is a social battle to which we all must be committed to get results," said Oxfam America president Ray Offenheiser.

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

Debt relief and world hunger were tied together as students shared "A Simple Meal" with Oxfam America president Ray Offenheiser on Thursday night.

Students gathered in the Center for Social Concerns with Offenheiser, a 1971 Notre Dame graduate, for a meal of beans and rice and a discussion of global poverty. Offenheiser leads Oxfam America, an international non-profit organization that promotes progress and growth around the globe.

"We are a development organization with a human rights perspective. From a social and economic point of view, Oxfam

America seeks to find sustainable solutions to the global issue of poverty," Offenheiser said.

Debt is also a serious problem plaguing many third-world developing countries today, he said.

"After unscrupulous political leaders have died or been overthrown, many developing countries discover they have enormous debt burdens to repay," Offenheiser said.

As a result, he said, the countries are forced to pay off their debts, and continue to pay them, regardless of expenses for agriculture, education, health and other public services. Because these public services become virtually extinct, the citizens of these countries are subjected to severe injustices.

At the same time, these troubled nations are unable to receive additional loans to pay off their debts. Because the debts remain unpaid, they also face a harsher punishment — the inability to participate in globalization and advancement.

"This was the preoccupation which concerned Oxfam America because it had economic and moral issues," Offenheiser said. "Something needed to be done to assist these countries but the question was what."

Currently, representatives from Oxfam America, religious leaders and debt relief supporters have been working hard to establish a debt relief program. A key victory was achieved in the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Simply the best

Whenever I return home for vacation or break, there's one question I usually face when someone finds out I go to Notre Dame: "What's the best Irish football game you've ever seen?"

Quite a few choices come to mind. There's Jim Sanson's field goal over Texas freshman year, or upsetting 15th-ranked LSU in '97, or defeating defending champion Michigan at the start of '98.

But it doesn't take long for me to come up with my answer: Notre Dame vs. Rutgers, November 1996.

That answer usually prompts a look of confusion. "A 63-6 romp over a winless opponent?" they say. "Why would THAT be your favorite game?"

Well, in order to understand my reasoning, you'd have to know my grandfather.

Born in 1921, the original William Hart was around for all the Irish national championships (although if you ask him, he doesn't remember much about 1924). Despite never going to Notre Dame, he rooted for the Irish with all his heart, no pun intended.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that everything I ever learned about being a sports fan came from him.

But even though he was a diehard Irish fan, he had never seen a Notre Dame football game in person, home or away. So, when I offered him the chance to see the Irish play the Scarlet Knights, I didn't have to ask twice.

There we were: Three generations of Harts — myself, my father and my grandfather — sitting together in the third-to-last row of the stadium.

Sure, we were on the south end of the stadium and there wasn't any way the goalposts could have blocked the action more.

Sure, it was some of the coldest weather I had ever experienced in Notre Dame Stadium and there was never any doubt as to the outcome.

But I hadn't seen my grandfather that happy since his last granddaughter was born. He cheered as hard as any student I had seen. He did the wave with gusto and booed all the penalties that went against the Irish. He groaned at Sergeant McCarthy's fourth-quarter puns as if he was a veteran of Notre Dame Stadium.

But the moment I realized this was the best Irish football game I'd ever attended came after the game, when we were standing shoulder-to-shoulder, singing the Alma Mater while swaying from side to side.

For college football fans across the country, the last home game for Lou Holtz was the biggest event in the country that weekend. But for me, that was only a side note.

And after my years of reflecting on this moment, I came up with this: Sometimes it isn't which game you're watching but who you're watching it with.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Students tear down goalpost
November 17, 1987

Following the football team's victory over Alabama, students stormed the field. Despite attempts by ushers, state police and security, the students — chanting "take the goalpost" — ripped down the goalpost in the south endzone. It cost between \$1,300 and \$1,700 to replace. Although a few minor injuries to students and police occurred, no serious injuries were reported.

Interhall championship moved from stadium
November 18, 1971

The battle between Dillon and Morrissey for the interhall football title was moved from its originally scheduled location in Notre Dame Stadium to Cartier Field. The change was necessary because the stadium grass had been aerated and reseeded. Members of both teams expressed disappointment. It's every kid's dream to play in Notre Dame Stadium, noted one player.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Baptists consider cutting ties with Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approved a proposal to vote next year to end its remaining ties with Wake Forest University because of recent conflicts of interest. If approved, the proposal would end a 165-year-old relationship that began when the convention founded the university.

Despite the vote in support of the proposal, president Thomas Hearn said that the university would continue to uphold its Baptist heritage.

The convention held its annual meeting at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum earlier this week to discuss many concerns, one of them being their relationship with the university. Many Baptists are disturbed by the sale of alcohol on campus.

Earlier this year, members of the

"Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent."

Bill Boatwright
public relations director
Baptist State Convention

convention opposed the sale of beer and wine in Shorty's, the campus coffee shop, because they felt it contradicted their ideals.

Additionally, some convention members are upset about the possibility of a same-sex union on campus.

Chaplain Ed Christman has said that he would schedule a same-sex covenant ceremony in Wait Chapel if it were requested by members of the Wake Forest Baptist Church.

The convention is "deeply grieved by the recent decision at the university in regards to a homosexual union at Wait Chapel. This motion is in no way punitive or given in a vindictive spirit," said the convention's statement, according to the Winston-Salem Journal.

"Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They're not going to do that. They're going to have to close the pub and change the [chapel] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention said in the Nov. 17 Chronicle of Higher Education.

Members of the convention have also approved a motion that any convention employees who perform same-sex covenant ceremonies be fired.

MIT grad sues over revoked diploma

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

A 1998 MIT graduate who had his diploma suspended this summer for involvement with the death of a first-year fraternity pledge sued MIT Tuesday for breach of contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Charles Yoo was pledge leader for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity in September 1997 when Scott Krueger, a freshman pledge, died of alcohol poisoning at a fraternity party. More than a year after his graduation, MIT charged Yoo with hazing and violating the school's fraternity policy. MIT's Committee on Discipline voted in August to revoke Yoo's diploma for five years. Yoo denies hazing Krueger. "We didn't want a tragedy to occur. We just wanted to create an event that was fun for everyone in the house," Yoo said Wednesday. The Committee on Discipline's rules and regulations states that MIT can withdraw academic degrees after graduation "for actions that occurred before graduation but were unknown at that time." Yoo's attorney, Timothy Burke, charged MIT with violating its own policies. Burke said the college was aware of the death and criminal investigation while Yoo was still a student.

Illinois profs protest sale of notes

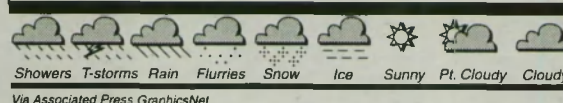
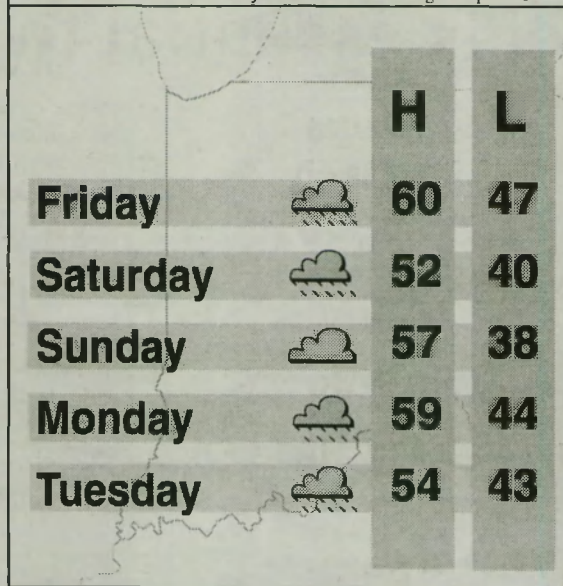
CHAMPAIGN, Ill.

University of Illinois professors who feel copyright laws are being violated are considering a lawsuit against commercial note-taking companies such as Versity.com and I-Notes. Mark Leff, associate professor of history, said he and other professors from the history department are going to be discussing legal action with administrators because notes from their lectures are being sold. Professor Craig Koslofsky's History 111 notes are available to his 700 students through Versity.com and I-Notes, and he is considering legal action against the companies. He has applied for a government copyright of his lectures by providing tape recordings and notes from the course. He said he also asked I-Notes to stop publishing notes from his class, but there has been no resolution. "They are stealing my intellectual property," he said. "Those are bootleg notes." The professors' actions come at a time when other institutions are protesting commercial note-taking. The University of Vermont-Burlington Faculty Senate banned commercial note-taking last week.

LOCAL WEATHER

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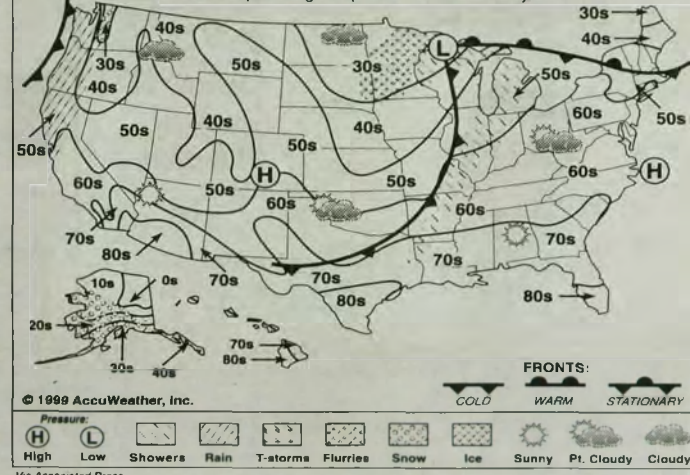
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Chicago	58	38	New York	62	48	Tampa	77	58
Houston	80	60	Philadelphia	64	44	Wash DC	66	46

Pregame bonfire collapses at Texas A&M, 11 dead

Log pile collapsed after crane struck it

TEXAS A&M BATTALLION
U-Wire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas
At least 11 Texas A&M students were killed and 28 injured early Thursday when the bonfire stack collapsed into a dangerous heap of heavy wire and logs.

At 2:28 a.m. CST; a crane lifting a log hit the stack too hard, apparently cracking the center-pole at the base, witnesses said.

Emergency crews were dispatched at 2:42 a.m.; the first crews arrived on the scene six minutes later.

Structural engineers have arrived on the scene along with more than 100 law-enforcement and rescue personnel. Specialized sound equipment and motion detectors are being used in the rescue operation.

The stack fell suddenly, trapping workers on and near the stack.

"I heard a snap, centerpole cracked and all of stack came down faster than anyone could move," said Aileen Dryden, a sophomore general studies major who was working at the workers' refreshment stand. "The next thing I knew, people were going crazy, and there were bodies on the ground."

A College Station Medical Center spokesperson said 12 students were hospitalized, three of whom were in critical condition.

Officials reported that Corps of Cadets Company K-2 was working on the collapsed side of the bonfire.

Other Corps units and residence halls on the stack site were the FHK Complex, Moses Hall, Aston Hall, Company D-2, Company C-2, Company K-2, Squadron 16 and Squadron 17.

Officials said at least 24 workers were on the stack when it collapsed.

Hillary Jones, a University Police Department (UPD) security officer, said the UPD critical-incident response team, urban search-and-rescue teams and community fire departments and emergency medical-response teams responded to the collapse.

She said an off-duty officer witnessed the collapse.



JP BEATO/The Texas A&M Battalion

Texas A&M students join hands in prayer after a bonfire collapsed on Thursday. It killed at least 11 people and injured 28 early Thursday morning.

Michael Guerra, hall council president for the FHK Complex, was escorting a worker from the site to her residence hall when the stack fell.

"I was in complete disbelief," Guerra said. "I had just seen it standing; then it was down. It's something that should never have happened. It's something that you never expect."

Guerra said more than 30 people from the FHK Complex were at the site.

About 4 a.m., redpots called for assistance to transport logs and rescue trapped workers. Guerra said precautions taken by bonfire organizers had saved lives.

"By the time I was able to get back to the site, the rescue efforts were being coordinated," he said. "One good thing about bonfire is there is a line of command that went into action tonight."

"The situation was handled as best as it could be under the circumstances."

In a news conference earlier Thursday, Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said, "It's evident there won't be a bonfire."

Students flock to site, help in rescue efforts

TEXAS A&M BATTALLION
U-Wire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Questions like "Why?" and "How?" largely went unanswered as thousands of students pulled themselves out of bed and streamed onto the Polo Fields at Texas A&M University.

Most students were forced merely to observe and wait impatiently outside police lines.

Shouts of frustration and confusion, as well as anger and sadness, moved through the assembled student body, but the most common expression was one of blank disbelief.

Sixty to 70 students were on top of the logs trying to build the stack when it suddenly gave way, university officials said.

"I was dazed. I was kind of thrown against the wall," said sophomore Caleb Hill. "For a while, I could see a few people trying to jump off the stack, get out from on top of it, out from underneath it."

Sophomore Michael Guerra, who was helping build the bonfire, had left for a few minutes and returned moments after the collapse.

"People were running around calling people's names and crying," Guerra said. "Other people were just like zombies. They couldn't believe what had happened."

Most of the students who stood in the cold, also stood in the dark with only rumors and

second-hand stories.

A number of students talked hurriedly on their cell phones, some calling to check on friends' whereabouts, others who would be receiving news reports back home.

Many of those who worked on this year's bonfire came out dressed in work clothes.

These students moved anxiously from one area to the next, looking for an opportunity to help. Others sat silently staring at the pile of logs that hours ago was the bonfire stack.

Students were seen sobbing and hugging their friends as they feared the worst. Animosity was turned on police monitoring the barricades and news reporters taking footage of the accident. Shouts of "go home" and "this isn't a Kodak moment" could be heard.

A large body of students stood on the west end of the police perimeter, ready to go into the scene and help remove logs.

Local officials at first kept all students outside the lines, but needing more manpower, they let teams of 20 workers at a time remove logs not in the area of the collapse.

Despite the cold air and early hour, the thoughts of four to 5,000 students seemed focused on the most important thing — the safety of those still trapped beneath the collapsed pile.

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Students marched to the Main Building in November 1968 to protest recruiting visits by the CIA and Dow Chemical. The next year, a similar protest resulted in arrests and expulsions.

ND Ten

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Mahoney said this week. "It was a big deal for those folks who were involved because we made a very deliberate choice."

Father James Riehle, then dean of students, collected ID cards from protesters, Mahoney said. Several students turned in their cards in a show of solidarity with the protestors. Others dispersed when they heard state police had been called in, Mahoney said.

Mahoney, who said he was not

blocking any entrance to the interviews, was among those suspended by the University. Along with the five students who were expelled, this group became known as the Notre Dame Ten.

Mahoney said the punishments seemed random, as some who were suspended had been more involved in the protest than some who were expelled. Others did not appear to be involved on any large scale. None of those singled out were elected student government officers, he explained.

"We really were, at the time, I think, scapegoats for the need for [Hesburgh] to demonstrate that

he was a tough university president," Mahoney said. "In fact, I think they deliberately picked people they thought would be weaker types."

Rallies and forums supporting the Ten ensued through the coming weeks, with several faculty members helping the group prepare its defense for appeal.

Among those was professor Charles McCarthy, '62, who directed the new Program for the Study of Non-Violence. McCarthy later resigned in protest of the punishment inflicted on the Ten.

"Were the students wrong? I did not believe so then and I do not believe so now," said McCarthy in a speech at Notre Dame in 1994. "I preferred to stand with the excommunicated rather than the excommunicator — and so I voluntarily left teaching Christian nonviolence at Notre Dame."

Meanwhile, the students carried the burden of taking the news home to their parents. Mahoney, whose father was in the Air Force, was also a counselor for conscientious objectors. Mahoney's view of the war combined with his suspension was hard to explain at home.

"My father was furious. Absolutely furious," Mahoney said. "He just thought it was very embarrassing."

During the suspension, the University contacted the students' respective draft boards to inform them that the suspended students were re-eligible for the draft.

"This exposed each of the Ten to the risk of being drafted into the Army during the resulting lapse in their student deferments," Mahoney said in a written statement. "For many of the Ten, given our beliefs, this would have meant criminal resistance to the draft and jail, or flight to Canada."

The students were not drafted during that period and were allowed to reapply to Notre Dame for the spring semester. Mahoney and Jim Metzger, another member of the Ten, even worked as

RA's during their last year on campus. Mahoney keeps in touch with his friends from that period, including some administrators, but continues to struggle with the University's paradoxes.

"I come back once in a while, to visit friends mainly — not on football weekends," he said. "I wasn't really alienated from the University. I was more alienated from the administration and what the University represented."

Mahoney, McCarthy and two other Ten members — Ed Roickle and John Eckenrode — returned to campus in 1994 for the 25th anniversary of the protest. They met with students, visited classes and spoke on the idea of a Christian university.

The Notre Dame Ten are still concerned with what Mahoney calls "the challenge of creating and maintaining as 'Christian' a University which is involved by necessity with governments and institutions and corporations whose goals, actions and beliefs may be inconsistent with those 'Christian' values."

Mahoney said that during his meetings with students, he detected the same problems that existed during his undergraduate years, including non-unionized employees, poor gender relations and racial tensions.

"I don't know if the University is helping [students] sort all this out," he said. "There still seemed to prevail on campus some of these unresolved ... tensions that to a great extent the administration seemed oblivious to."

Mahoney is now a criminal defense lawyer in Buffalo, N.Y. He said the idea of moral confrontation that spurred him to protest 30 years ago is still at work in his law practice. He explained that the right of confrontation and cross-examination are important to his work. For those reasons, and for his friends, he is grateful for his years at Notre Dame.

"That Notre Dame experience was an important part of my life," he said. "But I think it was more, like everybody else, what I made of it than what Notre Dame made of me."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Pope gives poverty advice

VATICAN CITY

The key to relieving the world of poverty, hunger and disease lies not in ideological solutions but in spiritual ones, Pope John Paul II said Thursday. "Poverty, hunger and disease can no longer be regarded as either normal or inevitable," the pontiff said in a message to the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization during its biennial conference. "Much can be done to defeat them, and the human family looks expectantly to the United Nations, in particular to the Food and Agriculture Organization, to take the lead," the pope said. Relieving human suffering requires a "more profound and infinitely more creative power of hope" — not ideologically motivated action, he said. "This century is strewn with examples of programs and actions which have aggravated rather than relieved human suffering" because they were motivated by ideology, the pope said.

Germany welcomes Amazon.com decision

BERLIN

Germany's justice minister on Thursday welcomed a decision by online retailer Amazon.com to stop shipping Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" from the United States to customers in Germany, where the book is banned. Minister Herta and Pauline Däubler-Gmelin, who had appealed earlier to Internet retailers to respect German laws regarding such books, said Amazon.com's voluntary decision should send a "positive signal" to others "not to deliver to Germany any more literature that is racist and shows contempt for mankind." Amazon.com spokesman Bill Curry in Seattle said the book — protected under U.S. free speech rights — was still available on its U.S. Web site, but customers seeking to have it delivered to Germany would have their order denied.

EgyptAir tape to be transcribed

WASHINGTON

A team of government safety experts, hired translators, and Egyptian, FBI and manufacturer representatives is trying to precisely transcribe EgyptAir 990's cockpit voice recorder tape, and they expect to take at least five days. With no evidence of explosion or mechanical malfunction, investigators have focused on the voice recorder tape. On that tape, a relief co-pilot alone in the cockpit is heard to say "I made my decision now; I put my faith in God's hands" just before the Boeing 767 began its fatal plunge into the Atlantic off the Massachusetts coast, officials close to the investigation said Wednesday. Moments after the dive began, the pilot returned to struggle futilely to pull out. Egypt's ambassador to the United States today questioned whether that statement is on the tape.

TURKEY



U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan gives an address at the opening of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The leaders of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia later agreed to build a 1,080-mile oil pipeline to prevent the continent's oil supply from being controlled by a single country.

Caspian pipeline accord signed

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

President Clinton said Thursday a deal to send Caspian Sea oil to world markets without going through Russia or Iran will help ensure that no country can choke off the global energy supply.

As Clinton watched, the leaders of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed a series of agreements to build a 1,080-mile oil pipeline from the rich fields of Azerbaijan through Georgia to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. In addition, a gas pipeline will be built from Turkmenistan through Turkey.

"These pipelines will be an insurance policy for the

entire world by helping to ensure our energy resources pass through multiple routes instead of a single chokepoint," Clinton said.

Most Azerbaijani oil is exported through Russia. Much of the Middle East's oil passes through the narrow Straits of Hormuz, which separates Iran from the Arabian peninsula.

The Clinton administration has pushed hard for a pipeline agreement, which also is aimed at drawing the oil rich region closer to the United States and Europe and reducing Russian influence in the newly independent Central Asian states.

"These agreements ... are truly historic," Clinton said after the signing in the Ottoman-era Ciragan

Palace. "They will advance the prosperity and security of a region critical to the world."

Russia and Iran both had pressed Azerbaijan to agree to deals in which the oil would pass through their territories.

Moscow has backed a pipeline that passes through the Russian south while Iran favored an oil swap in which Azerbaijani oil would be sold in northern Iran and oil from southern Iran would be sold on Azerbaijan's behalf. The Iranian deal was thought to be the cheapest, but vehemently was opposed by the United States.

The setback for Russia came during a meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in which Russia

faced sharp criticism for its military campaign against Chechen rebels.

After the signing, negotiations between governments and oil companies over financing will have to begin.

Azerbaijan produces some 100,000 barrels of oil a day, about one-tenth of the 1 millions barrels a day that would make the project viable, experts say. That is only a small fraction of the world's oil consumption. Saudi Arabia, for example, pumps some 8 million barrels per day.

Some experts say it could cost billions of dollars to bring Azerbaijan's oil industry up to the level in which it could pump enough oil to make the project viable. It is not clear, however, how large are the oil reserves in the area.

CUBA

Opposition calls for political opening

Associated Press

HAVANA

A Cuban opposition group asked visiting heads of state to push for Cuba to be more politically open and for the United States to end its trade embargo, the group said Thursday.

The statement by the Christian Liberation Movement said democracy and human rights were needed to allow Cuba to take its rightful place in the Spanish-speaking

world.

Numerous heads of state attending the annual Ibero-American Summit earlier this week made indirect calls for a political opening in Cuba. Most already had left Cuba by Thursday.

"If this opening is not realized inside Cuba, it will be artificial and really unfounded to say that Cuba is part of the integration process," said the statement, which was signed by Oswaldo Paya, one of the island's better

known dissidents, and two other Christian Liberation Movement members.

The statement also called for the lifting of American trade sanctions against the Caribbean island, saying they gave the communist government an excuse for the nation's woes.

"It is not true that we want to disrupt the summit or that we oppose this integration process," the declaration added, citing President Fidel Castro's charges that dissident

groups had tried to derail the gathering.

Castro defended his country's system, saying its elections were far more democratic than those of other nations.

Cuban opposition groups have complained about a lack of human rights — especially the right to expression.

Communist leaders have said, though, that Cuba respects human rights more than other countries by providing extensive social services.

Market Watch: 11/18

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NOVEMBER EVENTS!

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Saturday, November 20

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Author Ralph McInerny will sign copies of the newly released final book in his Notre Dame trilogy, entitled *Irish Tenure*.

Saturday, November 20

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Tuesday, November 23

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We are pleased to present *Building Cities* by professors Norman Crowe, Richard Economakis, and Michael Lykoudis of the Notre Dame School of Architecture. Join us for a discussion and book signing followed by a reception.

Tuesday, November 30

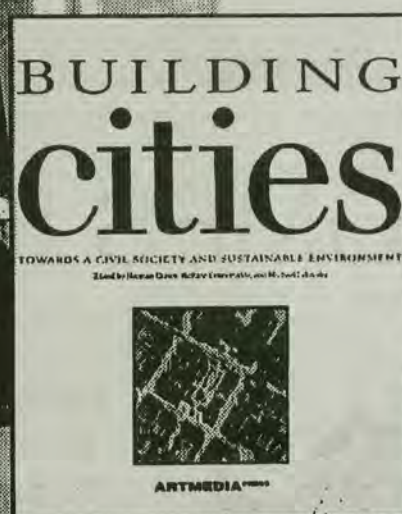
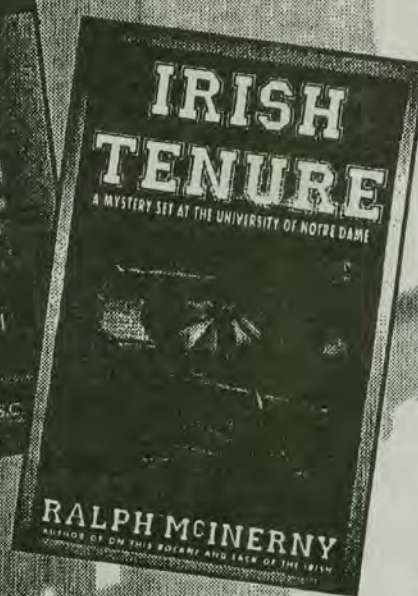
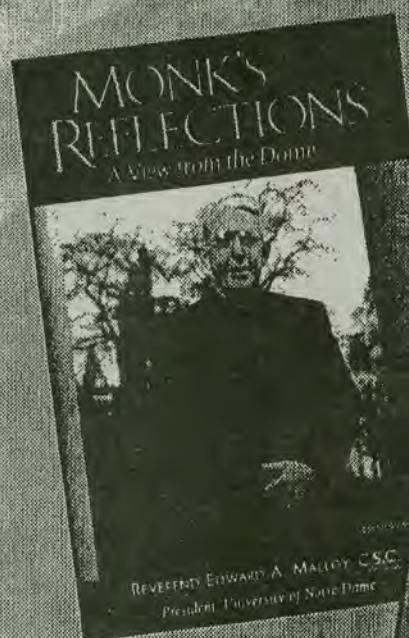
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Acclaimed Niles artist Nancy Drew will sign copies of her new book *The Artful Spirit: Crafty Hobbies to Gift Wrap Your Life!!*

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Business profs rank among most published

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors have shown that cutting-edge research papers attract a national readership — again and again and again.

Marketing professors William Wilkie and Joel Urbany were recently cited in the 1999 Journal of Consumer Psychology as two of the most frequently published authors in their field. The designation places them in the top nine percent of published consumer marketing researchers.

From the late 1970s to the 1990s, Wilkie's and Urbany's research has appeared in "a lot of places," Wilkie said. "I believe the study covered the 'Journal of Marketing,' 'Journal of Marketing Research' and 'Journal of Consumer Research,' which are three of the elite journals in our field," Wilkie said.

Wilkie has been on the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, and he recruited his colleague Urbany to the University five years ago.

"He is a leading researcher in consumer behavior and is an excellent teacher," Wilkie said. Both men study how consumers interpret and affect information.

"I work on issues involving marketing, consumers and public policy," Wilkie said. "My work in the journals concen-

trating on the general area of consumer information."

Urbany's research does not differ greatly from Wilkie's.

"Most of the work I've done is how consumers search for information and how they search for price information," Urbany said. From an academic standpoint, published research is crucial to both professors and the University, they said.

"Publications are forms of contributions to knowledge and are quite in keeping with the mission of a university."

William Wilkie
professor of marketing

"Being published is creating new knowledge," Urbany said. "It is really what scholarship is all about — the advancement of the field."

Wilkie, who graduated

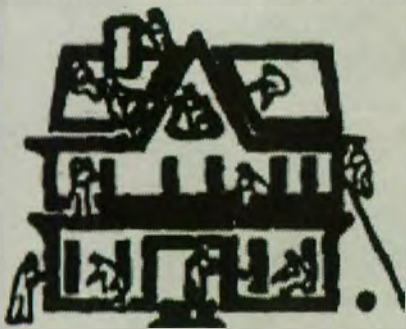
from Notre Dame in 1966, agrees.

"I came away from my undergraduate studies at Notre Dame with the idealistic belief that universities represent a special sector in society in which the search for knowledge and understanding is prized, and I decided that that's what I wanted to do with my life as well," Wilkie said.

"In this sense, publications are forms of contributions to knowledge and are quite in keeping with the mission of a university," he added.

Wilkie recognizes a university's direct need for published findings. "If Notre Dame is to be a great university, it needs to contribute to the body of thought in the world as well as to the education of its graduates," he said. "With respect to research here, my research keeps my teaching up to date on thinking in the field."

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SMC to hold prayer services next week

Observer Staff Report

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Saint Mary's will host a prayer service in Regina Hall at 7 p.m., Monday, and at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

The service will give students, faculty and administrators an opportunity to gather and to give thanks before going home for the traditional celebrations with family members, said Judith Fean, director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's.

Those who attend are asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable food products. All donations will be sent to food pantries through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Each building on campus has a box where food products can be deposited.

A reception sponsored by Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred will follow the prayer service. This inter-faith service, led by students, will also include readings by faculty and staff.

The event is sponsored by Campus Ministry.

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Bishops approve more decrees

♦ NCCB calls for increased fight on poverty

By RICHARD WESTLING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

A day after approving a contested policy on theology teaching at church-related colleges, America's Catholic bishops returned to well-charted terrain Thursday, reaffirming their belief that governments must take responsibility for the neediest in society.

Academic groups had long lobbied to prevent the kind of controls over college theologians that Pope John Paul II and the Vatican wanted. The bishops and colleges must still hash out details on implementation, and observers expect running controversy for years to come.

In contrast with the intense college deliberations, the hierarchy passed without debate or dissent a 35-page "pastoral message" on charity. The paper praises Catholic Charities, the nation's biggest

private social service network, and Catholic Relief Services, its international counterpart.

Repeating a view the U.S. bishops have held since 1919, the paper declared that government has special responsibility for social welfare.

The bishops said the United States learned in the 1930s that only government can "ensure regular income support for aged, disabled or otherwise needy families." But "those principles have come under attack during the latter part of the 20th century as a negative attitude developed with regard to the responsibility of government."

The bishops did not oppose outsourcing of social services to commercial businesses so long as "profiteering at the expense of the poor" is avoided. The paper does not explicitly explore "charitable choice," widened government funding of overtly religious agencies as promoted by the

Bush and Gore presidential campaigns.

At a news conference concluding the three-day meeting, the bishops' president, Joseph Fiorenza of Texas, said the U.S. church will continue to be outspoken on such public issues as economics, foreign policy, capital punishment, assisted suicide and

human embryo research.

"We're not going to pull back," he said. "We will respond to these issues out of what we believe."

Anxiety

about spiritual trends surfaced as the bishops discussed a forthcoming policy statement on church architecture. Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, D.C., said fewer Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament. He also noted a decline in prayerful silence before Mass and such practices as genuflection before the altar.

"We're not going to pull back. We will respond to these issues out of what we believe."

Bishop Joseph Fiorenza
NCCB president

Educators unsure of Ex Corde

By JR ROSS
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND

Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham doesn't feel he needs approval from his local bishop to teach his theology classes.

"If [the bishop] wants to know whether I affirm the faith of the Catholic Church, I go to Mass every Sunday," Cunningham said.

Still, the Roman Catholic church hierarchy might not give him a choice.

The nation's bishops Wednesday overwhelmingly approved new rules aimed at controlling theologians and their teachings at the country's Catholic colleges and universities.

While opponents see the new rules as a threat to academic freedom, supporters argue it only reaffirms Catholic colleges' adherence to church doctrine.

Father James Conn, a dean and canon law professor at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, said the changes

simply establish clear guidelines outlining the relationship between the church and the universities.

"I'm a canon lawyer and so I like to see rules and procedures clear," Conn said. "I think that this has just been unfinished business that's lasted nine years."

Other Catholic educators and professors reacted cautiously.

The problem for many is that no one knows for sure how the changes — especially the mandate — will be implemented.

Also, bishops still must write procedures for granting — and removing — their approval of theology professors, which hasn't calmed any fears of the changes.

"How are they going to imple-

ment it? What strategies are they going to use? To what degree is it going to be coercive?" Cunningham said. "I can just think of a million questions."

Undoubtedly, among the biggest concerns to educators is what affect the rules will have on academic freedom.

Other school presidents, such as the Father Robert Wild of Marquette University, continued to question the wisdom of the mandate.

"This is the area about which I have the most concern, frankly, because it is still not at all clear how this is intended to be implemented, and because it goes to the heart of academic freedom and what it means to be a university," Wild said.

Boston College Weekend
Schedule of Events

Friday, November 19

6:30 p.m. Pep Rally JACC

7:30 p.m. Women's Soccer Alumni Field

Saturday, November 20

2:30 p.m. N.D. vs. B.C. Notre Dame Stadium

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Dragging convict sentenced to life

Associated Press

JASPER, Texas — The last of three white men to stand trial for chaining James Byrd Jr. to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces was found guilty of murder but spared execution Thursday.

Shawn Allen Berry, who insisted he was just a frightened bystander, was sentenced to life in prison for one of the nation's grisliest racial crimes since the civil rights era. His racist roommates were both sentenced to death.

The all-white jury took 10 hours Wednesday and Thursday to convict him, but only two hours to agree on a sentence. Berry, 24, must serve at least 40 years in prison before he has a chance of parole.

Jurors rejected Berry's pleas that he felt his own life was in danger by his racist companions.

"There was a day and time in this country when juries and cops ignored racial cases. Facts are facts, though, and they stayed with the facts," Jasper County District Attorney Guy

James Gray said.

Prosecutors called no witnesses in the punishment phase, but introduced evidence regarding Berry's prior convictions for burglary and drunken driving.

For the defense, nine people testified that Berry — who unlike his fellow defendants did not have a history of racist activities — did not meet the death-penalty test of being a future threat to society. Among those witnesses were several of Berry's friends and a psychiatrist who testified against the other two defendants in their trials.

Byrd, a 49-year-old black man, was beaten, hooked to Berry's truck with a 24-foot logging chain, and dragged by his ankles over three miles of a country road last year.

Berry's roommates, avowed white supremacists John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, were sentenced to die in separate trials earlier this year.

Prosecutors said Berry invited Byrd to join the three for a ride, helped chain him to the truck, and then drove during the dragging.

Berry, however, testified that he tried to stop the attack until King warned him that a "nigger lover" could meet the same fate that awaited Byrd. Berry claimed that he was so scared he wet

his pants and did nothing further to intervene. Berry also insisted it was King who drove the truck.

"Look across that jury and look at the Byrd family sitting right there and explain why you don't have any remorse in this crime?" thundered Brit Featherston, a federal prosecutor helping local authorities.

"I am very sorry from what happened to Mr. Byrd and I've said that from day one. I wanted to speak to the Byrd family personally but I couldn't," Berry said.

"I am very sorry from what happened to Mr. Byrd and I've said that from day one."

**Shawn Allen Berry
convicted murderer**

FBI: Race motivates hate crimes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Racial prejudice motivated more than half the 7,755 hate crimes committed in 1998 that were reported to the FBI, the bureau said Thursday.

As in 1997 and 1996, racial prejudice was the most common motivation for hate crimes, accounting for 4,321 incidents in 1998.

In order of magnitude, there were 1,390 incidents attributed to prejudice over religion, 1,260 over sexual orientation, 754 over ethnic origin, 25 over disabilities and five over multiple prejudices, the FBI said.

The 1998 data come from 10,730 law enforcement agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 80 percent of the nation's population.

In 1997, there were 8,049 hate crime incidents, of which 4,710 were racially motivated. But the 1997 data came from 11,211 law enforcement agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, representing 83 percent of the population.

There were nearly 300 fewer incidents in 1998 than 1997, but there were nearly 500 fewer police agencies reporting in 1998.

Because the number of agencies reporting varies under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, officials caution against drawing conclusions about trends in hate crime volumes between years.

They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

In 1998, crimes against people accounted for 68 percent of the offenses, with intimidation

the most frequent hate crime at 38 percent of the total.

Vandalism and destruction of property accounted for 28 percent of all reported offenses, simple assault for 18 percent and aggravated assault for 12 percent.

Thirteen people were murdered in 1998 hate crimes, with eight attributed to race bias and four to bias against sexual orientation.

One murder was motivated by prejudice against ethnic or national origin.

Of the 9,722 hate crime victims, 80 percent were people and the remainder were businesses, religious organizations or other targets.

Of total victims, 57 percent were targeted due to race, with bias against blacks, the largest single category, accounting for nearly 38 percent of all victims.

Debt

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past few days of the Congressional session when the Clinton administration agreed to a deal that would provide tens of billions of dollars to the world's poorest countries, Offenheiser said.

Entitled the "Heavily Indebted Poor Country Initiative," the agreement should enable the international debt relief program to start this year. But Offenheiser stressed the importance of continuing the battle against world debt and poverty.

"We take solace in the acceptance of this proposal because it is a considerable victory," he said, although he cautioned that more needs to be done.

The international agreement is based on having wealthy countries including Great

Britain, Germany and France, to make contributions to a Trust Fund. This Trust Fund will help cover costs of debt relief from some of the small banks that loaned money to these underdeveloped nations. But Congress must approve our share if these poor countries are to receive the debt relief they desperately need he said.

As a result, it is crucial for Congress to return next year and allocate the full amount of money necessary to maintain the debt relief program, according to Offenheiser.

Students can also contribute to the debt relief movement in many ways. According to Offenheiser, "This is a social battle to which we all must be committed to get results. Students can influence Congress and aid the efforts by writing letters, staying engaged and keeping in touch to keep this global issue moving forward."

Medicare premiums to increase slightly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Monthly Medicare premiums paid by the elderly and disabled would rise slightly as a result of a final agreement between the White House and Congress to pay health care providers billions of dollars more in coming years.

Preliminary estimates released Thursday by the Congressional Budget Office indicate the deal would cost Medicare's 39 million beneficiaries a total of \$2.1 billion in increased monthly premiums over the next five years.

That is expected to mean about a \$1 a month increase in Medicare premiums starting in 2001, say lawmakers working on the legislation. The 2000

premium has already been set at \$45.50 a month, unchanged from this year, and it will not change.

"This is painful," said John Rother, public policy director for the AARP. The nation's largest organization of older adults, however, has agreed that some increased payments to health care providers were needed to protect beneficiaries.

"Clearly they're getting some assurance that providers will continue to have services available where they were saying they would have to cut back before," Rother said.

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Deaths, beatings might be linked

By STEVE GUTTERMAN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER
A new wave of fear is passing through Denver's homeless community with the discovery of two more bodies of transient men less than a week after arrests were made in five beating deaths.

The bodies were found Wednesday after a homeless person spotted one of the corpses in a weed-covered field behind Union Station, Denver's main railroad station.

The unidentified men were both believed to be homeless. Police Sgt. Tony Lombard said the circumstances "certainly appear to be similar" to the deaths of five homeless men in the downtown area since September.

Police cannot begin investigating the cases as connected until the most recent are ruled homicides, Lombard said. Autopsies were expected to take a few days.

Other authorities were more

ready to see a connection.

"The deaths of seven homeless men have left our community in a state of disbelief," said Mayor Wellington Webb, who asked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to provide FBI resources for the investigation.

Del Maxfield, head of the Denver Rescue Mission, applauded Webb's request, saying the homeless murders must be solved and stopped.

"They need to do that, because these are people we're talking about. It's murder. It's no different from JonBenet or anyone else," he said, referring to JonBenet Ramsey, the girl whose slaying two years ago is still unsolved.

Two men and a 16-year-old boy were charged with first-degree murder last Friday in one of the fatal beatings. The

defendants are part of a clique police call "mall rats," who hang out around Denver's busy 16th Street Pedestrian Mall.

Five others have been jailed on assault charges for nonfatal beatings.

Wednesday's discovery has reignited fears in the downtown area's large homeless community, already on edge after the five killings and at least two severe beatings of homeless men.

The number of homeless seeking shelter at the Denver Rescue Mission every night has risen sharply this fall despite unusually warm temperatures, Maxfield said.

"You can tell there's a lot of concern now," he said. "First there were three bodies, then four, then five, and now there are two more. So it's a pretty shocking thing for everybody."

"They need to [solve and stop the crimes]. These are people we're talking about. It's murder"

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Study: Weekly drink reduces stroke risk

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By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
Associated Press Writer

An occasional drink with dinner could reduce the risk of having a stroke, according to a new study.

Researchers found that light to moderate drinkers can lower their risk by about 20 percent compared with teetotalers. The study, which appears in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was the biggest ever to examine the link between alcohol and stroke.

It showed that as little as a single glass of wine or beer per week can significantly reduce stroke risk. The study involved more than 22,000 men, but one of the researchers said the results could also apply to women.

However, the study's authors stressed that it would be unwise for doctors to advise patients who don't drink to suddenly start or for those who drink small amounts to begin consuming more heavily.

The study found no added protection from stroke by drinking more than lightly or moderately.

"Absolutely it has benefits, but it also has harm," said study co-author Julie Buring, an epidemiologist at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Researchers warned of liver damage, the dangers of driving while drunk and the risks to fetuses of drinking while pregnant. What's more, there are other ways to reduce stroke risk, such as quitting smoking or lowering blood pressure.

Numerous studies have shown that modest drinking reduces the risk of heart disease. But until now, the evidence of an effect on strokes

has been less convincing.

The American Heart Association estimates that 600,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke each year. It is the third leading cause of death in the U.S., and the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Earlier studies were criticized because they simply compared drinkers to non-drinkers. This latest study examined varying levels of alcohol intake.

It found that between one drink a week and one a day reduces the risk, and the lesser amount was about as good as the higher one.

There were not enough heavy drinkers in the study to look at the effects of more than one a day, but the heart association warns that drinking to excess can raise blood pressure and, in fact, lead to a stroke.

Researchers attribute alcohol's benefits to its ability to increase the amount of HDL, or good cholesterol, in the bloodstream. HDL cholesterol helps keep arteries clean. Researchers also say alcohol can break up blood clots.

The Physicians' Health Study, which began in 1982, studied male doctors between the ages of 40 and 84. They were tracked for about 12 years. In all, the study subjects reported 679 strokes.

Small amounts of alcohol were shown to decrease the risk of ischemic stroke, which is the most common type and is caused by clots that reduce blood flow to the brain. Drinking had no effect on the risk of a rare hemorrhagic stroke, which is caused by sudden bleeding in the brain.

While Buring said the findings may apply to women as well, she stressed that light to moderate alcohol intake for a woman is defined as about one drink per day vs. approximately two drinks per day for a man. Also, research has suggested that drinking may raise the risk of breast cancer in women.

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WASHINGTON

The House approved a \$390 billion budget bill Thursday, edging Congress toward wrapping up its long and contentious year. The final step — Senate approval — was proving time-consuming as several senators were holding the measure hostage to special interests.



Hastert

Capping a year born in the cauldron of President Clinton's impeachment trial, the spent House approved a bipartisan deal including money for new teachers, land purchases and home-district booty for lawmakers.

The package, merging 10 bills and exceeding 2,000 pages, was the product of weeks of negotiation that did not end until nearly midnight Wednesday. Lawmakers had mere hours to examine the nearly foot-tall stack of paper, but approved it by 296-135, with most members of both parties crowing about victories.

"I think we ended the session on a high note," said Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton won billions for education, new police officers, the Middle East peace process and United Nations dues, and blocked several provisions for mining and other industries that the administration said would harm the environment.

The president gained about \$5 billion in year-end negotiations. And the Republicans had already added more than \$30 billion over last year's totals before bargaining even began. That reflected a GOP calculation that with their party's razor-thin congressional majority, they lacked the power to negate many of Clinton's spending requests.

"We think the end result reflects the president's priorities and the American people's priorities," said White House budget chief Jack Lew.

Republicans boasted of blocking White House requests for additional spending and tax increases, of limiting abortion activity overseas and of expanding states' flexibility to use federal aid for education and other programs.

They also said the measure fulfilled their promise to protect Social Security surpluses — a claim Democrats and the Congressional Budget Office rejected.

Despite both sides' declarations of victory, the bill underlined a year of gridlock forced by divided government.

The GOP's chief goal, a \$792 billion, 10-year tax cut, was vetoed by Clinton. The president did not get his proposal for a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. And the parties deadlocked over taking any action that would buttress the solvency of Social Security and Medicare for the oncoming retirement of baby boomers.

Though the House was poised to go home for the year, the Senate was in a more volatile mood, and its departure was not expected until at least the weekend.

Midwestern senators opposing provisions helping Northeastern dairy farmers were threatening procedural delays. And Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., was still fighting to let coal mines continue dumping rubble into valleys and streams, a proposal the White House was opposing as anti-environmental.

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Dennis Hastert
speaker

"Fie on the White House, fie!" Byrd shouted on the Senate floor.

Further reflecting the Senate's sour mood, Sen. Max Baucus, D-

Mont., blocked debate on a stopgap measure to keep agencies functioning after midnight because he wanted rural loan guarantees included in language expanding satellite TV services. But he relented after he was promised a vote on the issue next year.

The House approved two temporary spending bills to keep agencies operating until the budget fight ends, one running through next Tuesday and the other — just in case — through Dec. 2. Until now, there have been six stopgap bills since fiscal 2000 began on Oct. 1.

Congress urged to pass trade pact

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A top Chinese diplomat warned Thursday that the new market-opening U.S.-China trade agreement will become null and void if Congress does not repeal the law that subjects China to an annual review of its trade status with the United States.

The Chinese Embassy's second ranking diplomat, Liu Xiaoming, also cautioned members of Congress against any attempt to link repeal of the law with approval of a controversial proposal to upgrade U.S. military ties with Taiwan.

Liu spoke to reporters after a meeting at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest business group.

China has been assured that

under the agreement it concluded with the United States on Monday, it will obtain "normal trade relations" status. The accord lays the groundwork for China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

The agreement gives the United States significant benefits in its trade with China but also calls on Congress to overturn the law that requires lawmakers to renew China's low tariff status annually. The law has produced a highly contentious annual debate over China each spring on such issues as human rights, religious freedom, Taiwan and other issues.

If there is no permanent NTR, diplomatic shorthand for normal trade relations, "then there is no WTO," Liu said, adding that all provisions

agreed to in the recent negotiations will not take effect.

Liu warned against any linkage by Congress between the trade agreement and the proposal to expand security ties links with Taiwan.

The proposal, if approved, would nullify all the agreements the United States and China have entered into on the Taiwan issue over the past 20 years, he added.

The trade accord is a "win, win, win agreement," he said, good for China, good for the United States and good for the world.

"China's economic growth depends on an opening of the (trade) system," he said. "It will normalize economic relations (with the United States) and stabilize overall relations."

FCC votes on Internet line decision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hoping to accelerate the spread of high-speed home Internet connections, federal regulators voted Thursday to require telephone companies to share their lines with other businesses offering data services.

The Federal Communications Commission decision could ultimately mean more competition in consumer choices for high-speed Internet service and at lower costs, officials said.

"Prices should decline, services should improve," declared FCC Commissioner Susan Ness.

The decision could make it substantially cheaper for

upstart businesses to compete with telephone companies in providing connections dozens of times faster than today's dial-up modems.

Currently, local telephone companies, such as the regional Bells and GTE, can offer high-speed Internet services to subscribers on the same lines they provide their regular voice service.

But for outside businesses to come in and sell Internet connections to a consumer, they must buy a second line from the telephone company into the consumer's home.

That means businesses competing with the local phone companies must spend about \$20 to \$23 for each second line. And customers who want different providers for their voice and data services need to have two lines at home.

"Prices should decline, services should improve."

Susan Ness
FCC commissioner

Newer data companies say the FCC decision will help put them on a competitive equal footing.

"The FCC is really going to unleash all the benefits of competition for residential users," said Michael Olsen, deputy general counsel of NorthPoint Communications.

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TURKEY

World leaders rebuke Yeltsin

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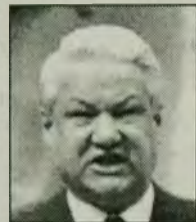
ISTANBUL

President Clinton and other world leaders chastised Boris Yeltsin on Thursday for over-seeing "an endless cycle of violence" in Chechnya prompting angry words from the Russian leader but also a concession. He agreed to an outside review of the rebellious region.

"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Yeltsin shot back at a chorus of rebuke from presidents and prime ministers at a summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Rejecting calls for political mediation rather than a military solution, Yeltsin said, "There will be no negotiations with bandits and murderers."

Gathered around an oval table, Clinton was joined by other Western chiefs of state in reproaching Yeltsin for "an endless cycle of violence" against civilians in Chechnya. French President Jacques Chirac called Russia's air and ground assaults "a tragic error." German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said, "War is no way to eliminate terrorists."

Yeltsin brusquely said he was not interested in "reproaches or sermonizing" from his colleagues, and gave no indication the criticism would have any effect on Russia's two-month-



Yeltsin

old military campaign to combat separatist rebels in the southern Russian region. Russia is locked in a battle with terrorists who have attacked Moscow and taken American, French, British and Russian hostages, Yeltsin said.

Despite his public defiance, Yeltsin later quietly agreed to allow a European official to visit Chechnya. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said OSCE chairman Knut Vollebaek of Norway would go, although she did not know when and under what circumstances.

"I'm not going to oversell this," the secretary said. But she said it was "a good foot in the door" for a more extensive OSCE mission.

For his part, Clinton sought to keep fences mended with Russia.

"We have a very good personal chemistry," Clinton said later, "but it didn't stop us from our clear disagreement here."

The dispute over Chechnya dominated the summit, called to rewrite the charter of the Cold War-era organization to act faster to prevent conflict, protect human rights and promote democracy.

Clinton and other leaders decried what they describe as a growing refugee crisis in Chechnya as civilians flee the fighting.

After Yeltsin's concession, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Moscow had not changed its stand significantly and continued to welcome

humanitarian assistance. But he said Russia would not agree to "political mediation" inside Russian borders.

Despite their differences, Yeltsin greeted Clinton with a bear hug as they met together for the first time since talks in June in Germany. Yeltsin urged Clinton to visit Moscow soon but the president made no commitment. "We will look at our schedule," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Yeltsin left Istanbul before Friday's concluding sessions but Berger said "it was not stomping out of the room."

Russia launched its latest campaign in Chechnya in early September after militants based there twice attacked neighboring Dagestan. The militants also have been blamed in apartment bombings that killed about 300 people in Russia in September.

Clinton said Russia has a right to combat violence and terrorism and protect its territorial integrity.

However, he warned, "If attacks on civilians continue, the extremism Russia is trying to combat will only intensify" and Russia's sovereignty will be more and more rejected by ordinary Chechens who are not part of the terror or the resistance."

Waving his finger at the Russian president, Clinton praised Yeltsin's bravery in climbing atop a tank in 1991 to thwart a military coup against the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev.

"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya."

Boris Yeltsin
Russian president

ANGUILLA

Lenny continues to cause severe damage

Associated Press

THE VALLEY

Slowed to a dangerous, unnerving crawl, Hurricane Lenny pounded the Dutch, French and British islands of the northeast Caribbean on Thursday and left a trail of debris and confusion in its wake.

The late-season storm has killed at least four people from Colombia to Dutch St. Maarten in the northeast Caribbean and rattled nerves throughout the region as it careened on a zigzag path along a rare west-to-east course before coming to an abrupt halt off St. Maarten.

"We are in a very dangerous situation," St. Maarten's Lt. Gov. Dennis Richardson said Thursday. "We expect conditions to get a lot worse."

Whipping up huge waves, Lenny pounded the island's main port, said a reporter at GVBC Radio. He said the storm was "flinging shipping containers about like toys." Then the telephone connection broke.

Lenny's winds had powered up to 150 mph on Wednesday when it battered the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Croix for 12 hours, stripping roofs, flooding buildings and roads, tearing away a

pier and strewing boats like debris across the beach at the yacht club, some piled on top of each other.

Wednesday night, with its winds still a frightening 135 mph, it moved to St. Martin, the island shared by French St. Martin and Dutch St. Maarten, and continued its pounding.

By late Thursday afternoon, its winds were at 120 mph and was threatening a direct hit on St. Maarten. The storm was expected to start a slow move to the northeast, hammering

the Dutch island of Saba, French St. Barts and Anguilla, a British territory, according to Robert Molleda, a meteorologist at the U.S. National Hurricane

Center in Miami.

The hurricane was unlikely to strike the mainland United States but could bring heavy surf capable of eroding beaches in Florida, hundreds of miles away, said Stacy Stewart at the Hurricane Center.

Lenny has caused havoc as far away as South America. On Tuesday, it was blamed for the drowning deaths of two fishermen off Colombia's Caribbean peninsula, and its relentless rains destroyed half a coastal village, leaving 540 people homeless.

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Dennis Richardson
Lt. Gov. of St. Maarten

U.N. debates TV's influence over peace

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations convened hundreds of television and broadcast experts Thursday for a two-day conference on the ways TV can bring peace and development to the world, saying the media can be a galvanizing force for change.

But in an opening address, the president of the U.N. General Assembly questioned the pursuit of such a lofty ideal when any message television might bring often remains silent in regions where it is most needed.

"For the vast majority of the world's population living in abject poverty, even the thought of owning a television set borders on madness," Theobald Gurirab told the conference of about 800 television executives and policy makers from over 80 countries around the world.

"Let us face the facts: The best television programming won't mean much if the people who need them the most — the developing world — lack the necessary equipment and logistics," he said.

He suggested that even providing a single television set for every village "could work miracles" by exposing the developing world to educational and outreach programming. And he urged the executives to work with the United Nations to create broadcasts "that would promote social change and greatly contribute to the pace of advancement and prosperity."

The conference was the fourth U.N. World Television Forum, and featured workshops on themes such as news and educational programming and the role of television in development. Panelists included CNN's Johannesburg bureau chief, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Jean-Pierre Elkabbach of Europe 1 and Tom Brokaw of America's NBC network.

In his remarks, the chairman of Italian media giant RAI, Roberto Zaccaria, urged the participants to remember that even in times of peace, "there are forgotten wars going on."

"In many cases, war censors the news. During times of peace, we must make sure that the news is not the one to censor the 'forgotten' wars," he said.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan spoke to the conference — by satellite television from Istanbul — urging the participants to consider "preventive journalism," to not only report on forgotten wars, but conflicts that haven't yet turned into wars.



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Gun-related death count drops

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Gun deaths in the United States dropped 21 percent between 1993 and 1997 to the lowest level in more than 30 years, and firearm-related injuries fell 41 percent, the government said Thursday.

Experts cited such reasons as tougher gun control laws, a booming economy, better police work and gun safety courses.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked at all gunshot wounds reported at emergency rooms, whether they were intentional, accidental or self-inflicted.

The number of fatalities dropped from 39,595 — 15.4 gun deaths per 100,000 people — in 1993, to 32,436 — 12.1 per 100,000 — in 1997.

The rate "is the lowest it's been since the mid 60s," said J. Lee Annett, a CDC statistician.

"This progress is really encouraging and says that joint prevention efforts of public health officials, legislators and law enforcement should continue."

The drop was not unexpected:

Homicide rates in the 1990s have fallen to levels not seen since the 1960s, and about two-thirds of all homicides committed involve guns.

Moreover, nonfatal shootings fell from 104,390 to 64,207 in the same period, or from 40.5 per 100,000 to 24.0.

Bill Manown, spokesman for the NRA, said the numbers prove that more gun laws aren't needed; the laws on the books need to be enforced.

"It is a fact that this substan-

tial drop in gun violence directly correlated to a big increase in gun enforcement by police," said Lawrence Sherman, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied gun policy. "Police were not treating guns in a preventive sense prior to 1993 and now they are."

Some experts also credit a strong economy that has helped reduce overall crime and suicide attempts. Margaret Zahn, a North Carolina State University criminology professor, said prosperity has also allowed governments to spend more on services that prevent gun violence, such as domestic-violence shelters and youth recreation programs.

The CDC also listed such possible factors as an aging population, increased gun safety measures and the waning of the crack trade.

Gun control advocates said they are encouraged, but even so, pointed out an average of 265 people a day were shot in 1997.

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Survey: Young voters in trouble

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

One-third of high school seniors — many of them old enough to vote in next year's elections — lack even a basic understanding of how American government is run, a national test suggests.

Just 26 percent of high school seniors are considered well versed enough in civics education to make reasonable, informed choices at the polls, say educators who released on Thursday the results of the 1998 national test of government and civics education.

"What these young voters know and don't know about civics and government will have an impact on all of us," said Diane Ravitch, a chief education researcher and former Bush administration education official. Ravitch, who sits on the board of the test givers, said the test results are a warning of the serious lack in American civics education. "We cannot be content when so many young voters are so poorly prepared," she said.

The test, called the National Assessment of Educational Progress, is administered by a nationwide group established by Congress. The test is given roughly every two years to a nationwide sample of children in three grade levels in core subjects such as math and reading. In recent years, subjects such as the arts, writing and civics have been added.

The last civics test was given in 1988, but cannot be compared with this one because of major content changes. The new civics test — which differed by grade level — was given in 1998 to nationally representative samples totaling 22,000 fourth, eighth and 12th graders in public and private schools. Officials said no state-by-state data was collected and that 4.5 percent of test takers initially chosen were excluded because they were special education students or had limited English skills. About 2 percent more received accommodations such as extra time to take the test. Critics of the tests contend that exceptions such as these can skew a national reading of all children's skills.

The test is generally the only adequate way to compare student progress nationwide, because states' own tests may vary significantly. Furthermore, schools are not required to participate in the national testing.

According to test givers, an eighth-grade child at the basic level is supposed to identify the basics of how American democracy works and know that the ideas come from the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The 12th graders should show they can understand — as well as identify — those fundamentals. Younger children, 4th graders, were asked more rudimentary questions such as why we have laws and what happens when people break them.

Like the high school seniors, about one-third of fourth graders and eighth graders performed below basic levels, meaning there are serious gaps in their knowledge and abilities.

Among the test findings were that fewer than half of 12th graders knew the president and the State Department have more authority over foreign policy than Congress or the courts; 36 percent knew the Supreme Court used the Constitution's 14th Amendment to invalidate state laws that segregate public schools; only 9 percent were able to identify two ways democratic society benefits from the active participation of its citizens.

In eighth-grade testing, 81 percent identified Martin Luther King as someone concerned about the injustice of segregation laws. Only 6 percent could describe two ways countries benefit from having a constitution.

At the fourth-grade level, 74 percent knew that in the United States, laws must be applied to everyone equally, but just 15 percent could name two services the government pays for with the taxes it collects. States and school districts lack sufficient requirements necessary for an adequate civics education, said Charles Quigley, executive director of the Center for Civic Education, a Calabasas, Calif., group that promotes civics courses in schools.

"The vast majority [of students] are either not being taught civics and government at all or they are being taught too little, too late, and inadequately," Quigley said. "Under these conditions, you can hardly expect them to do well on such a test."

The questions were multiple-choice or open-ended and written by the Educational Testing Service, which is the same organization that writes and administers standardized college entrance exams. The questions were then approved by the bipartisan board that runs the tests.

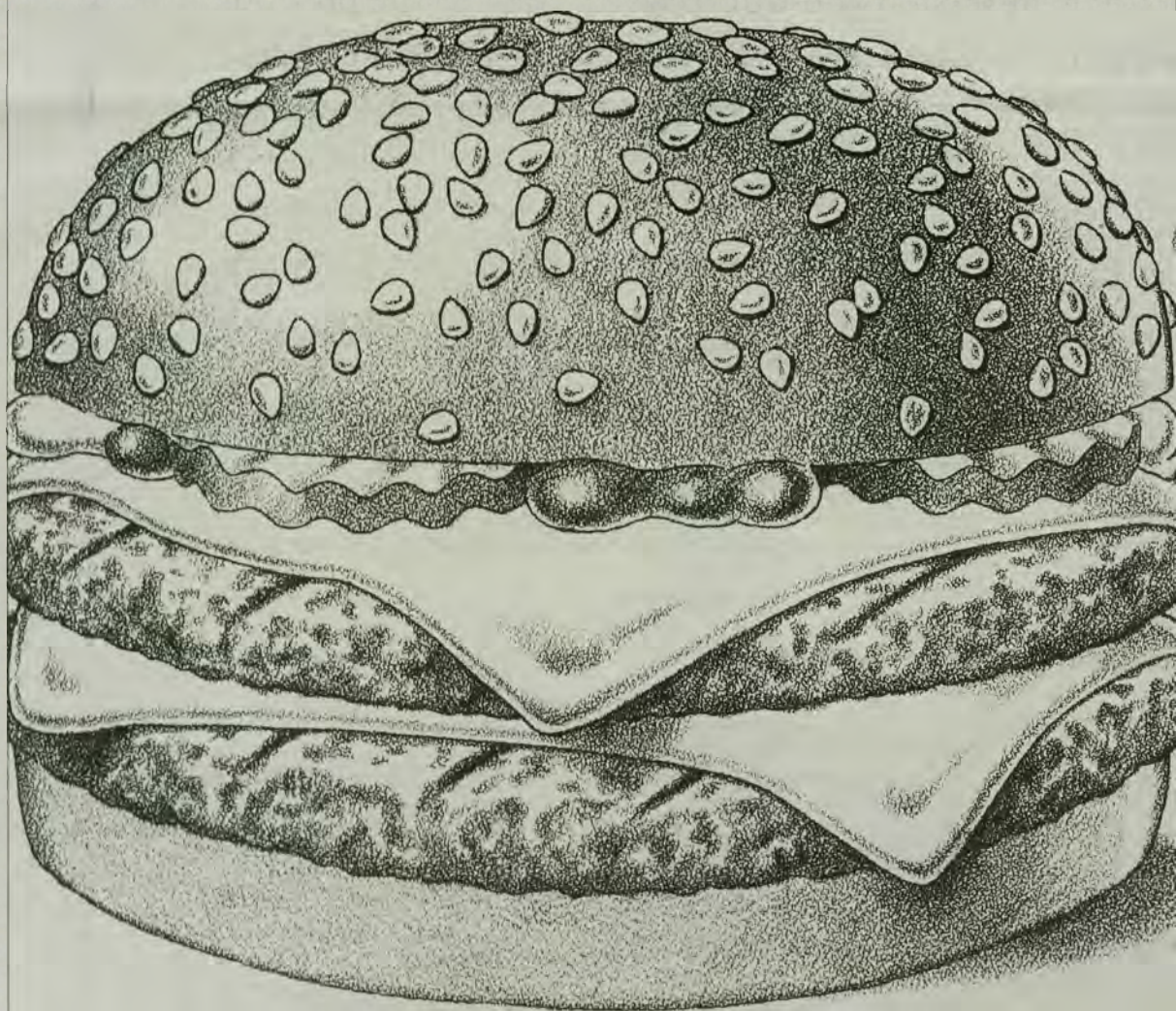
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Pace of life allows no room for study

As DART season and Thanksgiving approach, we can all start looking forward to the two weeks in February when we will actually be able to concentrate on our academic work. These days, with all the breaks and activities that take place during each semester, it is difficult to actually have the classes we are actually taking foremost on our mind.

Jeff Langan

Lula's
Journal

Nobody works in September. Summer vacation just ended. We spend about two weeks talking about the summer, settling into classes and getting into the new football season. By mid-September to early October, the football season is in full swing, and we are already looking forward to Fall Break and whatever that might bring. Along the way, we have to write a paper or two and take a mid-term or two, but these are not important activities — they are blips on the screen compared with the parties, the job interviews, the dances and the clubs.

Of course, after Fall Break, you might say, we can really concentrate on classes. Not so fast! It takes a week to recover from Fall Break. Moreover, late October and early November provide important other diversions on top of the parties, the dances, the football games, etc. Everybody spends lots of time planning their classes for next semester. Ironically, we haven't even spent much time thinking about the ones we are currently taking, and we already start scheming about what to take next. As if concentrating too much on current classes would lead to serious mental disorders.

Of course, worrying about next semester's classes takes us right up to Thanksgiving week, which as a whole is a wash. Some people are even going home the Friday before Thanksgiving. Even if there are classes Thanksgiving week, turkeys and family reunions are foremost on our minds.

Then, we return from Thanksgiving. Now it's time to buckle down. In reality, however, the secular Christmas season has begun. (Isn't it ironic that the secular Christmas season ends with the Jan. 1 sales and then the winter depression hits, whereas the Christian Christmas season doesn't actually begin until Dec. 25 and takes us well into January? I bet it would be psychologically healthier, and of course spiritually healthier, to live according to Christian standards on this one. What better way to deal with the dead of winter?) Finals, given all the hustle and bustle of early December, become nothing more than a blip on our radar screen.

So we all take a month-long Christmas break. At the beginning of the break, we tell ourselves that during that period we will review and read all of those things we failed to review and read during the semester. We will even get a jump start on what is coming up next semester. Unfortunately, that usually turns out to be a pipe dream.

Jan. 15 rolls around, and it's time to get back to school. As in the first semester, it takes a week or two to settle down after the break, which brings us to the dreaded month of February. Outside of Valentine's Day, there are few distractions. So, we can all plan on two or three weeks in February in which classes are foremost on our mind.

Then March arrives. With March

comes melting snow, spring break and March Madness. Classes soon become another blip on the radar. After spring break, we get to DART again (see above) and make room picks for next year. That takes us to mid-April, which of course also takes us to Easter.

After Easter, we are usually so close to the end of classes that nobody really takes finals seriously. Yes, we take them and everyone gets frantic over them, loses sleep, drinks too much caffeine, etc., but at bottom, that's just a show. What's really on everybody's mind is getting home, getting to that internship, getting to those travels or getting to that service project.

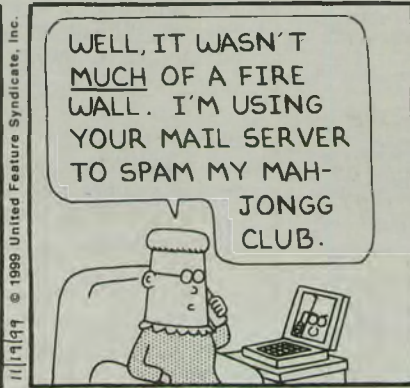
This is a problem because we spend the hours, days, weeks and months of our lives as students dreaming about and doing everything else but what is the most important thing in the present — getting a liberal education.

The current pace of life leads us to waste our time, to never really get out of our education what we should get out of it. It sets a dangerous pattern for living life because we will always find ourselves unhappy, anticipating that change, that move in the future that will set everything right. Or we will always look back on our past, regretting the time that was wasted, the time that we let slip by. Is our time here more than a bunch of activity interrupted by a two-week period of a chance to study?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do."

Dylan Thomas
American poet

Notre Dame needs conscience clause

In an earlier column, I mentioned the need for a conscience clause for athletes and coaches at Notre Dame with regard to contracted apparel. Such a clause, placed in every contract with an apparel manufacturer, would read something like the following: "If a coach or athlete after careful examination and discernment cannot in good conscience wear the officially contracted apparel, he or she may wear a reasonable, situationally appropriate alternative." My concern that there be such a clause has arisen from reflection on the problem of the working conditions of those who manufacture the apparel and the recognition that these conditions may provide problems of conscience for a coach or athlete. I say this without making specific judgments about Adidas or Champion companies at the present time and without anticipating making a negative judgment in the future.



Todd David Whitmore

The Common Good

The case for such a conscience clause rests on three points. The first concerns the primacy of conscience in the moral life. A traditional way of articulating this primacy is through the case of the ignorant conscience: It is better that a person of erring conscience follow the dictates of that conscience than for that person to do the objectively right thing when he or she thinks it is wrong. It is best that the person do what he or she thinks is good or right. Thomas Aquinas discusses the point by saying that the will "at variance with reason, whether right or erring, is always evil."

More recently, the Second Vatican Council speaks of conscience as our "most secret core and sanctuary," where we are alone with God, who summons us to "do good and avoid evil." To obey one's conscience, "is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged." This does not mean that what our conscience tells us is always right, only that it should be obeyed. While conscience "frequently errs from invincible ignorance without losing its dignity," if we ignore our own considered judgments of what is good and evil, we cut at the core of the moral life.

Some thinkers add the qualifier that it is better that the person be coerced to do what is judged (by others) to be right in cases where following the erring conscience would lead to "scandal," that is, would bring shame upon the person and the Church. I will return to this.

The second point is the secondary or instrumental nature of our licensee's relationship to sport. This is not to say that contracting with the apparel companies does not have significant benefit for our sports teams —

for instance, allowing us to hire a high-powered coach with the incentive that he or she can draw non-salary income from such contracts. It is simply to point up the fact that such money is not intrinsic to the performance of the sport. At best, the income from such contracts is what is called an "extrinsic good." Moreover, not wearing the apparel of a particular company can hardly be considered a scandal.

In cases where there is conflict between what is intrinsically good and what is instrumental, the former ought to be allowed to take precedence. Moreover, I am told that Notre Dame allowed Pat Garrity to wear Nike shoes (with the swoosh covered) for reasons of comfort. If we can allow alternatives for comfort, it seems that we can allow alternatives for conscience.

The third point is that a legally explicit conscience clause will help avoid scandal. Earlier in the semester, James Keady spoke at Notre Dame. He argues that St. John's University forced him to resign as assistant soccer coach when he refused to wear Nike apparel. St. John's counters that it did not. The parties went beyond disagreement to calling each other untruthful. Without judging who has the story right, it can be viewed as a scandal whenever members of the Body of Christ call each other liars. A conscience clause would have avoided this situation.

Analogy with the question of conscience regarding war can further clarify what is at stake. As late as 1956, Pope Pius XII said that lay Catholics could not be conscientious objectors; war is too grave a matter to leave up to individual conscience. The Second Vatican Council changed this to allow for conscientious objection — that is, the legal recognition of the objection to all wars. Since then, the Church has been pressing for legal recognition of "selective conscientious objection": the objection on "just war theory" grounds that some wars may be just, but the one in question is not. Without such legal recognition, selective conscientious objectors are treated as criminals.

An athlete or coach could be an economic selective conscientious objector: While affirming the market economy in general, he or she may still object to the specific practices of a particular company. Without the legal recognition of this view, such a person is left to the whims of his or her coach or athletic director.

Perhaps even more significantly, no such conscience clause would communicate to the world that our university regards relations with the apparel companies to be a matter more grave than war.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doherty, dumb freshmen and dining hall activism

Unlike most letters to the editor, I will not try to use big words in an attempt to make myself look smart in front of my fellow classmates. Instead I'll get right to it. I have three reasons for writing:

1) Freshmen: STOP WRITING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. You are FRESHMEN. Read the letters of people who have been on campus long enough to know where the bathrooms are in the classroom buildings. While you are at it, learn when not to start the wave at football games. Hint: Unless we have a higher number than the other team on the scoreboard, there is no reason to do the wave.

2) Biology department: Clone a football version of basketball coach Matt Doherty. If the athletic department wants to see an example of the type of person who should be leading our football team, they should look no further than one of the other offices in the JACC. Doherty earns the respect of his players simply by demanding the effort that the fans deserve to see. If this were the case with the football coaching staff, we would not be hanging on the possibilities of playing in a bowl game named after an Internet site.

3) Clean Plate People: How much money

was used to print out the flyers that I used for a napkin in the dining hall last night? My suggestion is to take that money and buy those poor people food instead of worrying about snatching my half-eaten apple or muffin.

When I go to the dining hall, I generally take four or five plates of food in the hopes that one of them will have something edible on it. The way I see it, if I won't eat it, they won't either.

Also, who are you kidding when you say, "The food we didn't eat or touch could have fed a hungry person in South Bend?"

Correction: The food we do not touch is served to us the next day with a different name, and please don't fool yourself into thinking that the cost of a meal plan will suddenly go down next year either. The cost of the meal plan will go up next year regardless of whether or not I grab a burger and a taco tomorrow as a backup plan just in case the Shepherd's Pie doesn't quite do it for me.

Blake Kirkman

Sophomore

Keenan Hall

November 17, 1999



A message for the players

Tomorrow's game is your last game at Notre Dame this year and the last game forever for the seniors. Stop and think about it: You will never again play at the place that you have given yourself to — your blood, sweat and tears, yes your all — for four years of your life! You have worked so hard, so incredibly hard, for so long that it is unthinkable to leave any shadow of a doubt in your mind that you did all of that for nothing — to simply walk away at the end when it matters most. This game will last only one hour on the game clock, but the memory of it — good or bad — will never be erased for as long as you breathe.

To give less than 200 percent on the field will invite your own conscience to replay this game with Boston College over and over again throughout the coming years like a beating drum with the question droning on and on: Was I the one who let my teammates down? If I had pushed myself just a little bit harder, would we have won that game?

What difference does it make? It's only one game, isn't it? Well, for one thing, it is Senior Day, and for the seniors, this is it. The culmination of four years: It's like the stone in a ring — one day, the centerpoint of a entire career, that reflects every other game and every other day since you committed to come here — all rolled into one. Yes, the word is committed because you chose Notre Dame, and when you did, you committed to laying it all on the line right here and nowhere else.

Maybe it has been better than you ever imagined; for some I know that is true. Perhaps it has been a mixed blessing, as life so often is. But either way, this is your family (even families have squabbles), and this is you — you and Notre Dame will be entwined forever!

It is important to go out on a high note — for the seniors, for each other and because it is the right thing to do. Any off-the-field or sidelines difficulties are totally irrelevant. Five or 10 years from now, no one will remember much, if any, of that. They will simply say: "That was a great game," or "You guys stunk that day." In the Notre Dame spirit, it is much more important to leave zero in your tank at the end of the game than to win the game. But

you know that if the first is true, the win will be there.

Everyone — friend or foe — has said of this team: "They play with incredible heart; they will not quit. You can never count them out!" I am a writer, and I wanted to write about this team this year. At first, it was because they might win more than the media expected, but then it was the story of a team with amazing guts and pride; the ones who would not quit! A team of strength, a team of character, a team of fighters to the end "what though the odds be great or small." In other words, despite the record, a truly great Notre Dame team, one worthy to take its place with other great Notre Dame teams this century, who were all part of the greatest collegiate team — unquestionably — of this era.

I still do want to write that of this team because I still believe it to be true, despite the misgivings of some after the Pitt game. I hope that it will be proven in the next two games that you did never quit! But you should not do it for the fans who love you, nor the coaches who have themselves made huge sacrifices, with little to show for it (by Notre Dame standards), but for the seniors and each other.

You have paid dearly with great efforts on and off the field; the students and fans know that. You cannot walk away now; you've spent far too much, and you should collect on that. No, you can't cash in with an National Championship, or even a great record, but you can collect on something more valuable: your HONOR and self-esteem.

Watch "Braveheart" again, and ask yourself the same question: Will you someday wish that you could go back onto the field at Notre Dame and give just the smallest bit more that you held back, so that it could have been a Victory? For your sake, I hope not.

As Knute Rockne once said in a halftime speech, "Look you guys, it's football. You've played this before; you know what to do. Now go out there and just beat 'em!"

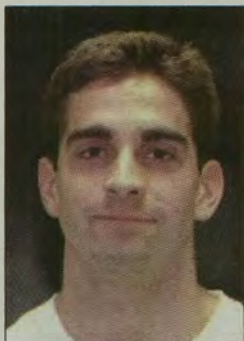
John E. Moore

Wilbraham, Mass.

November 17, 1999

SCENE ASKS

Seniors: What was the highlight of your four years of ND football?



"Watching Lou Holtz's display of class as he exited the University he idolized since childhood. That's Notre Dame class."

Luke Brennan
Dillon Hall

"Beating defending national champion Michigan here at Notre Dame in the first game last year with ESPN on campus."

Cheryl Berg
Welsh Family Hall



"Being a naive freshman who thought the Notre Dame football team was the most awesome team ever ..."

Kristin Gerber
Welsh Family Hall

"The final game in the old stadium and under Coach Holtz, when ND trounced Rutgers."

Micah Murphy
Keough Hall



"Senior year. USC. Fourth quarter revenge of the Irish."

Katy Soby
Welsh Family Hall

"Having a quarterback that runs with the ball because Ron Powlus never did."

Lindsay Richardson
Le Mans Hall



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SMC bites

Abandoning good ol' Michiana, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir, trades the glamour of New York City, while performing in Carnegie Hall.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Even before the music begins, pre-rehearsal chatter fills the room in an excited harmony of anticipation, nervousness, preparation and expectation. As each one of the 43 members of the Saint Mary's Women's Choir enters the small basement practice room in Moreau Center for the Arts, the chatter escalates until a buzz of excited sopranos and altos chatter nearly uncontrollably.

The conversation, however, does not circle around harmonies and melodies, new music or even what is to come in the evening's rehearsal. Instead of opening music, women around the room open brochures and keep their folders closed, diligently studying Fodor's travel guide to New York.

Anxiously awaiting to board the plane that will take the choir to Carnegie Hall in New York, New York, tonight's rehearsal is not average.

Yet as the piano strikes its first chord, the chatter quickly translates to notes, each voice contributing to a harmony that is the culmination of a semester's worth of practice.

Culminating a year of anticipation, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir will appear in Carnegie Hall this Sunday at 2 p.m. with the Penn High School Women's Choir and 40 alumnae from Saint Mary's College, under the direction of Women's Choir director Nancy Menk. Invited to the great stage by MidAmerica Productions last fall, the Women's Choir will join Davidson College from North Carolina, directed by former Saint Mary's director Ray Sprague, and a group from Oregon under the direction of Solveig Holmquist in a three-part concert.

And the saying that the only road to Carnegie Hall is "practice, practice, practice" certainly holds true for the group, who has spent the last three weeks ironing out imperfections, fine-tuning each piece and making sure their New York debut is error-free.

"We're trying to achieve a level of perfection more so now than ever," said senior soprano Katie Trnka. "We always try to do that, but with this performance, it's more important than ever."

Perfection means more than just hitting the notes, Trnka explained.

"[Menk] has been stressing dynamics and making sure that certain sections sing without bravado," she said. "She's been nit-picky about the way the music sounds because she knows we can achieve that level of perfection. The audience is going to be able to see all the hard work we've been doing."

Yet preparing the groups for the performance has been nothing out of the ordinary, Menk emphasized.

"I don't think [preparation] has been any different," Menk said. "There has been an extra level of excitement and more talking about what the women will hear in the orchestra."

The women will perform several different pieces during the concert, all of which were arranged for women's choirs and women's voices. The choir will perform Johannes Brahms Ave Maria and sing three different settings of the Magnificat, one composed by Michael Haydn, the second by Ralph Vaughn Williams and a third composed by Libby Larsen.

Composed for Saint Mary's sesquicentennial anniversary in 1994, the third arrangement will hold special meaning for the alumnae and current women's choir, since Larsen will be present for the performance.

"So often, when you commission a piece, that's the end of it," Menk said. "This has been published by Oxford University Press, and now we've been able to really give it some national



The Saint Mary's Women's Choir rehearses Wednesday.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Nancy Menk, director of the Saint Mary's Women's Choir, leads Wednesday's rehearsal.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Welsh Family



Pyros fired up for Welsh



PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS JOE STARK & MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Pasquerilla East returns to the stadium for the fifth straight year and is looking for its third consecutive championship against Welsh on Sunday. The Whirlwind plans to extinguish the fiery Pyro attack and create some sparks of its own by claiming its first interhall title. See page 2 for the teams' outlooks.

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overall record: 7-0
regular season: 5-0
playoffs: 2-0

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overall record: 5-2
regular season: 3-2
playoffs: 2-0

KICK-OFF FORECAST



gametime: 11 a.m. E.S.T.
weather: Partly cloudy and in
the high 40s

WOMEN'S INTERHALL CHAMPIONSHIP

PE puts perfect season on line against Welsh

♦ **The Whirlwind looks to put damper on the Pyros' fifth straight trip to stadium**

By **RACHEL BIBER**
Sports Writer

The season-finale showdown featuring the Whirlwinds of Welsh and the Pyros of Pasquerilla East is sure to be a fierce battle, but only one team will experience the glory of a win inside Notre Dame Stadium — and both teams want it badly.

Pasquerilla East rides into this season's final game with a flawless record, remaining undefeated in the regular season and sweeping through the playoffs virtually unscathed.

There is almost no need to mention the obvious foundation of the Pyro team — quarterback Elizabeth Plummer has dominated the highlight reels and has almost single-handedly lead an offense that has been impossible to extinguish.

But Plummer knows her team has to perform to its best ability on Sunday against Welsh to pull out a win.

"I think they are going to match up well against us," Plummer said. "We are going to have to play our best game to walk away with a victory."

Pasquerilla East will play in the stadium for an astonishing fifth straight time, and hopes to come away with its third straight interhall title.

When Pasquerilla East and Welsh met earlier this season, the Pyros had no trouble handing their opponents a defeat, but Pasquerilla East coach Dong Min is not dismissing the talent that the Whirlwinds have displayed throughout the season.

"They just have five or six girls that are incredible athletes," Min said. "We'll just have to play as a team."

The Pyros have not hit a low point all season, playing up to high expectations in each game.

Consistently solid play by

Pasquerilla East will create a tremendous obstacle for the Whirlwinds.

Min is putting his team through a routine week of practice in order to get another routine result.

"We feel pretty good," Min said. "We are just trying to prepare and match up with their team."

If dedication by the coaches is a deciding factor in Sunday's championship, then the Whirlwind definitely has the edge.

The three Welsh coaches, Dave DePoister, Brian Sweet and Brian Bouton, sacrificed the hair on their heads after their team advanced to the final.

Sweet even inscribed a "W" on his head while DePoister models an "F," showing their true commitment to the Welsh Family team.

Loyalty and confidence are things that the Whirlwind coaches are certainly not lacking.

"I think they are going to match up well against us. We are going to have to play our best game to walk away with a victory."

Elizabeth Plummer
Pasquerilla East quarterback

"We've been practicing hard to time everything," Sweet said. "We are pretty pumped up about the game."

Welsh comes into Sunday's game after posting a 3-2 regular-season record and notching

playoff wins against Badin and top-ranked Breen-Phillips.

The Whirlwinds need to pull together and upset this weekend to overcome the favored Pyros.

If they can string together another impressive offensive showing they will have no problem repeating a successful performance.

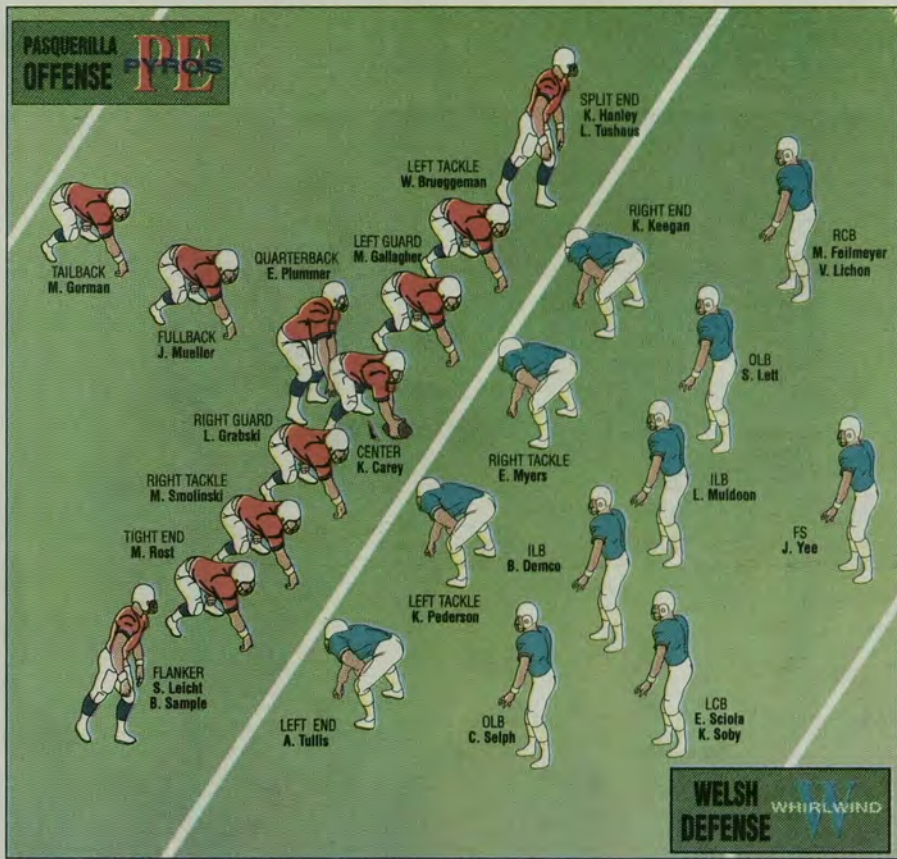
After scoring 36 points in the playoffs, Welsh left no doubt that it is capable of putting points on the board.

Whirlwind quarterback and co-captain Katie Rak sees focus and intensity as keys to unlocking a win on Sunday.

Welsh is also very aware of the imposing Pyro defense that it will have to overcome in order to bring home the championship.

"Their defense is excellent, but we are going to have to get past their defense sometime," Rak said.

"If we keep our heads up and play like we've been playing, I think we are going to be all right."



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Pasquerilla East

Sophia Barbados	LB
Ann Benjamin	DB/S
Christie Bodnar	LB
Wendy Brueggeman	OL
Kristen Carey	C
Susie Fanning	DB
Meghan Flaherty	LT
Stephany Foster	DL
Meghan Gallagher	OL
Melissa Gorman	RB
Laura Grabski	OL
Kerry Hanley	WR
Alison Healy	LC
Robin Horning	LB
Stacey Leicht	WR
Gina Locklar	DL
Brita McCullough	DL
Molly O'Rourke	DB
Donata Parillo	RC
Elizabeth Plummer	QB
Molly Rost	TE
Bridget Sample	WR
Meg Smolinski	TE
Lindsey Terifay	RT
Stephanie Trautman	DL
Laura Tushaus	WR

Coach: Min Dong
Asst. Coaches: Doug Kraft
Clay Remley

Welsh Family

Bethany Barker	FB
Lisa Bentley	OL
Alex Callan	RB
Becky Demco	LB
Stephanie Eden	RB
Maria Feilmeyer	CB
Colleen Harkins	FS
Leanne Guerra	CB
Claire Hess	DL
Kelly Keegan	DL
Sarah Lett	RC
Vanessa Lichon	RC
Candy Marcum	OL
Lauren Muldoon	CB
Elizabeth Myers	DL
Colleen O'Connor	OL
Karli Pederson	DL
Michelle Porier	OL
Katie Rak	QB
Erica Sciola	CB
Katie Soby	CB
Courtney Selph	LB
Allison Tullis	DL
Jennifer Yee	FS

Coaches: Casey Bouton
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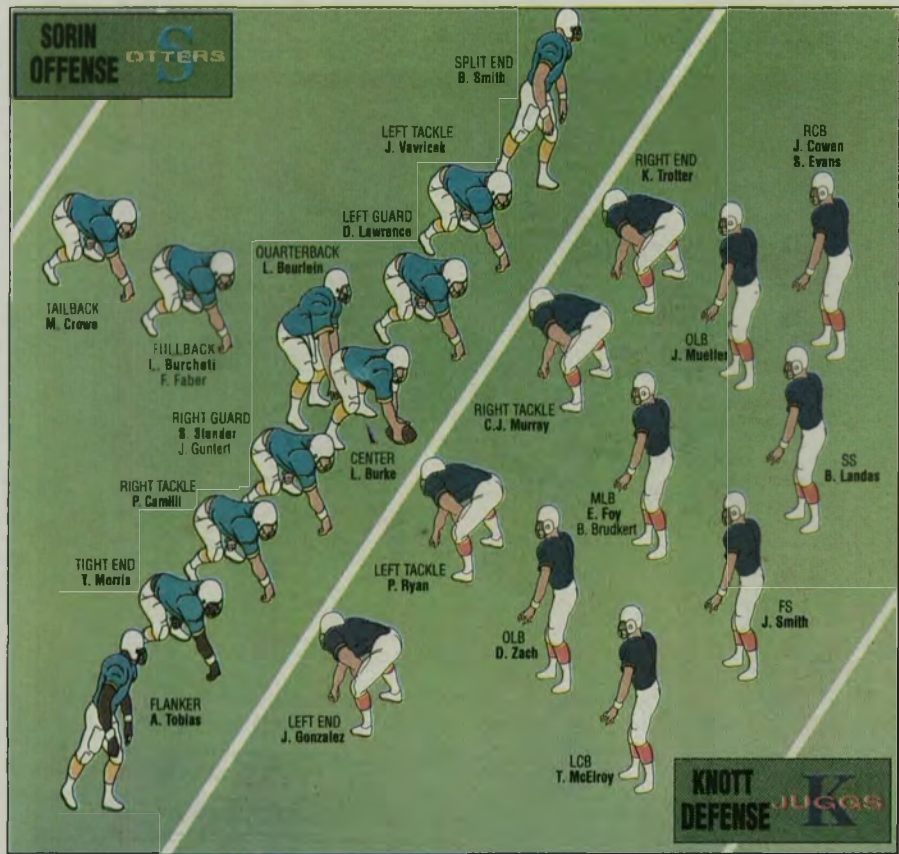
Pyro quarterback Elizabeth Plummer goes deep in the pocket during the regular season. Plummer will try to lead PE to its third straight title Sunday.

JEFF HSU/The Observer



MEN'S INTERHALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sorin looks for revenge against Knott in clash of opposites



Juggernaut tallback Pat Virtue runs the ball in Knott's 14-7 win over Sorin during the regular season. The two teams will meet in the stadium Sunday.

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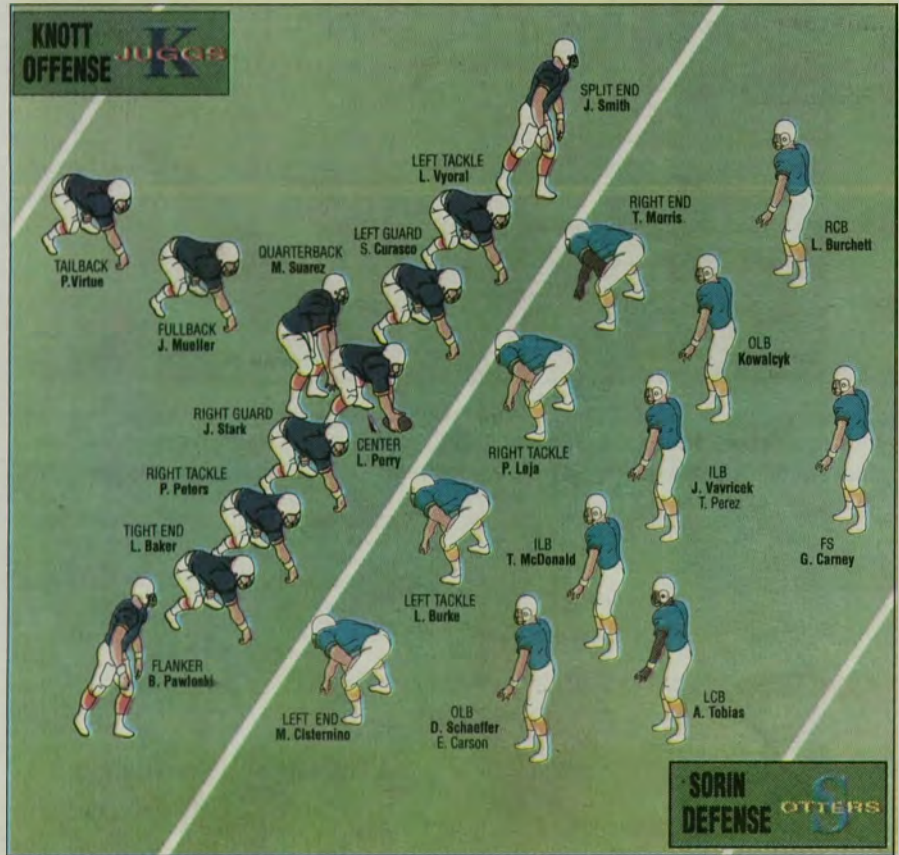
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Larry Burchett	FB/CB	Bart Bruckert	LB
Luke Burke	C/DT	John Cowen	CB
Pete Camilli	RT	Steve Curasco	OL
Greg Carney	OL/FS	Scott Evans	CB
Ellis Carson	OLB	Ed Foy	LB
Mike Cisternino	DE	Jose Gonzalez	DE
Mike Crowe	HB	Kevin Heffernan	KR/P
Fred Faber	FB/LB	Brandon Landas	SS/RB
Joe Guntert	OL	Terry McElroy	CB/WR
Keith Kowalczyk	OLB	Joe Mueller	FB/LB
Doug Lawrence	LG/OLB	CJ Murray	NG
Pete Leja	DT	Brian Pawloski	WR/QB
Tim McDonald	ILB	Lou Perry	C/LB
Trevor Morris	TE/DE	Pat Peters	OL
Tony Perez	LB	Paul Ryan	DB
Dan Schaeffer	OLB	Jonathan Smith	WR/FS
Brent Smith	CB	Joe Stark	RG
Scott Stender	SE	Mario Suarez	QB
Antoine Tobias	FL/CB	Kyle Trotter	DE/TE
Jim Vavricek	LT/ILB	Pat Virtue	TB
		Lee Vyoral	OL
		Dan Zach	LB

Coaches: Mike Crowe
Fred Faber

Coach: Mario Suarez
Asst. Coach: Tom Weiler



◆ The Juggernaut defense plans to stop Otters' potent attack

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

A championship and the bragging rights that go along with it will be on the line this Sunday as the Sorin Otters battle the Knott Juggernauts on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium in what looks to be a clash of opposites.

The matchup pits the Otters' potent passing attack against the Juggernauts' stingy defense, which is arguably interhall's finest. Both squads come into the contest sporting identical 5-1 records, with Knott taking the only head-to-head meeting by a score of 14-7. That win came in sloppy conditions, with the inclement weather helping to quell Sorin's lethal air attack. Otters' captain Fred Faber is hoping that Sunday's weather provides for far better playing conditions.

"The weather hurt our passing game when we first played them," said Faber. "We'll be hoping for a nice day, because then they won't be able to stop us."

The offense of which the Sorin captain speaks is without doubt the league's finest. Led by quarterback Luke Beuerlein and wide receiver Greg Carney, the Otters have put up huge numbers all year. Beuerlein's exceptional mobility and laser-like accuracy make him an especially valuable commodity.

Having played brilliantly in postseason wins over Keenan and Siegfried, the Sorin quarterback enters Sunday's title tilt at the top of his game.

Beuerlein will be looking to air it out early and often, as the Otters will stick with the downfield passing attack that has brought them so much success.

Beuerlein will look most often for his favorite target, Carney, who has enjoyed a spectacular freshman season. Carney has averaged more than one touchdown per game.

His knack for coming down with the ball when surrounded by defenders means Beuerlein will not hesitate to look for him even in double coverage. The Otters will spread the field early in hopes of freeing up Carney for the big play late.

Antoine Tobias, the other half of Sorin's stellar receiving tandem, will be called upon to draw defenders away from Carney.

With starting running back Faber out of the game with a knee injury, the Otters

will once again go with the rushing tandem of Mike Crowe and Larry Burchett. Both backs have shown the ability to make the occasional big play, and will add another dangerous dimension to the Otter attack. Knott captain Mario Suarez is understandably leery of Sorin's passing game, but feels his defense is up to the test.

"Their quarterback is phenomenal," said Suarez. "And that receiver of theirs, Carney, is a freak of nature. We do have the best defense though, and if we shut down Beuerlein, we win. It's that simple."

Looking to stymie the Otters, who will be making their third consecutive appearance in the league's ultimate game, will be a stingy Juggernaut defense led by an impressive linebacking corps.

Linebackers Ed Foy, Dan Zach and Joe Mueller will be looking to make Beuerlein's day a miserable one, as they will attempt to apply constant pressure.

The Knott defense also comes into the season's last game on a high, having completely shut down the Fisher attack, blanketing them 7-0 in semifinal action.

Offensively, Knott will be forced to make some adjustments as quarterback Mario Suarez is out with a rib injury. Taking his place will be Brian Pawloski.

"We've been working on getting him acclimated to the offense all week," noted Suarez.

Knott runs a very diversified offense and has the capability to doom its opponent with either the run or the pass. The Juggernauts will look for running back Pat Virtue and wide receiver Jonathan Smith to make the game-breaking play.

"They have the league's most balanced attack," said Faber. "Defensively we are just going to make sure that everyone knows their assignment and stays in their lanes. They do a lot of different things. We just have to be ready."

The Otter defense will be anchored by linebacker Doug Lawrence and defensive end Mike Cisternino, both of whom played well in a semifinal victory over Siegfried.

John Taggart and Greg Carney are also capable of making the big defensive play.

Both captains are extremely confident of their team's chances.

"If we score twice, it's over," said Faber. "They won't be able to hang with us. We've lost the past two years, and now it's time to get a win."

"If we shut down Beuerlein, we shut down their whole offense. Carney can't get the ball if we shut the quarterback down," noted Suarez. "I think we can do it."

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FINISH THE JOB



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After losing in the stadium for two years in a row, Sorin hopes to make "three times a charm" versus Knott on Sunday. Jugg seniors, however, have their own need for stadium vindication, having fallen in Flanner football's final game in the 1996 championship. See page 3 to see how both teams look to finish the job.

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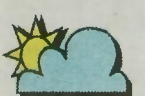
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weather: Partly cloudy and
in the 40s

big apple

y's Women's Choir takes on the glitz and
ming at prestigious Carnegie Hall



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evening in preparation for its visit to Carnegie Hall in New York City.

exposure. It's a special thing that the composer is going to be able to be there to see that."

While the choir has performed all of the pieces they will sing at Carnegie Hall at last week's fall concert, the addition of the Penn High School women's choir, alumnae voices, and a full orchestra will add dynamic to the performance not seen before by many of the vocalists.

The three groups, who have never performed or rehearsed together before this weekend, will have eight hours of combined rehearsal time before Sunday's performance, only one of which that will be with the orchestra.

"I'll feel better about the performance after I've heard the orchestra," Menk said. "I rehearsed with the Penn High School women last week, and the alumnae have been learning the music on their own."

The addition of the 40 alumnae will add a sound that is both further developed and provides depth to the choir, she said.

"The alumnae voices are more mature," said Menk. "It will be nice to add that to both the current women's choir and the Penn choir. [The alumnae] can add lower notes and some depth to the music."

But after a semester of rehearsal and anticipation, the group will have little to worry about mastering except stifling their nerves, vocalists said.

"I've been to Carnegie Hall before, but never to sing ... It's an amazing experience. I've never pictured myself on stage there before ... getting that rush of performing there ... it's going to be something special."

Katie Trnka
senior, soprano

"Other things are good, but this has to be really good," said freshman alto Meghann Robinson. "I know I'm going to be nervous."

For Trnka, the sheer excitement of seeing Carnegie Hall as a performer — not as a member of the audience — will be her motivation.

"I've been to Carnegie Hall before, but never to sing," she said. "It's an amazing experience. I've never pictured myself on stage there before ... getting that rush of performing there ... it's going to be something special."

But for a group of which several have never entered the Big Apple, the excitement of seeing the metropolis will be excitement enough away from the stage.

Planning to visit NBC's Today show and get camera time with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer, explore the tourist attractions of the city, and perform for East Coast alumnae Friday evening at a reception, the trip will provide "enough free time" for a vacation as well, according to Menk.

But even with the excitement in the Big Apple, the group hasn't lost focus of why it's going.

"All the great musicians have performed there," said alto Kathy Steinlage. "People tell me how awesome it is ... I know that I'm going to be nervous."

And with ticket sales going for \$68 apiece, who wouldn't be?

SCENE ASKS

Seniors: What was the lowlight of your four years of ND football?



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"Last year when they threw the octopus and fish among the student section."

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Welsh Family Hall



"J.J. getting hurt in [the] LSU game."

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off-campus



"The day marshmallows were outlawed."

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Welsh Family Hall



"The day Bob Davie became head coach."

Micah Murphy
Keough Hall



NCAA FOOTBALL

Football players aid in rescue

Associated Press

Some of their classmates were dead or dying. There was no time to think about football.

When word circulated across the Texas A&M campus Thursday that nine students were killed and dozens more injured in the collapse of logs stacked for the traditional bonfire before the Texas game, Aggies football players rushed to help.

"We wanted to assist in any way possible," offensive lineman Semisi Heimuli said. "Several players got together and came out to the site and told the people we could move logs and help in any way possible."

Shocked by the wave of grief that swept over College Station, A&M coach R.C. Slocum canceled practice, concerned more about the tragedy than the Nov. 26 game against rival No. 6 Texas.

"The importance of a football game pales in comparison," Slocum said. "Our only concern right now is for those students, their families and friends. All in our Aggie family are in a state of shock."

Texas A&M sports information director Alan Cannon said most of the football coaching staff and team went to the accident site. The players did what they could to help the rescuers, who toiled late into the night trying to clear the jumbled stack of logs that a day earlier stood 40 feet tall.

"I think the tragedy and the kids and families are much bigger than the tradition [of the game]."

Mack Brown
Texas football coach

"Some of the logs were very, very heavy. I'm proud of the rest of the players for coming out and helping. It's a very sad day in Aggieland," Heimuli said.

"Our students are outstanding and have supported us through thick and thin. They've always been there for us. I'm a senior and I've seen some great times and some not so great. But without fail our students have stood ready to help our football team. It was the least we could do."

Cannon said the coaching staff will decide Friday when the team will practice again. In Austin, Texas coach Mack Brown declined to discuss the upcoming game, saying it would be inappropriate.

"If the game was Friday, I don't know that anybody could play," Brown said. "For me to think about losing a child is very difficult."

"I think the tragedy and the kids and families are much bigger than the tradition [of the game]," he said. "I don't think it's appropriate today to talk about anything other than those kids."

The Longhorns football team had a moment of silence after practice.

"We said a quick prayer

for all the families," quarterback Major Applewhite said. "It shows you how insignificant a football game really is compared to a precious human life."

Some Texas players and staff will organize a campus blood drive to help the victims, the school said.

Thursday's accident is likely to spark calls for the bonfire to be abolished. Dallas Cowboys rookie linebacker Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M's career-leading tackler and last season's Lombardi Award winner, said the tradition is riveting.

"You would drive by and see those guys out there working all night long, putting the time and effort into it. It's unbelievable," Nguyen said. "The tradition is so big at that school. People don't really understand."

"Yeah, there's a lot of risk in what they're doing, but now you see that anything can happen. Now you've got to sit back and evaluate and see whether it is worth it."

Dallas Cowboys special teams coach Joe Avezzano, an assistant coach at A&M from 1985-88, said it's too early to make such a decision.

"It is a sad day, but in terms of history and tradition, I'm sure very trustworthy people will make the right decision," he said.

Thursday's meet between women's swimming teams from Texas A&M and North Texas was postponed.

"This has been a very emotional day for everyone," first-year coach Steve Bultman said.

TENNIS

Williams advances to face Hingis in semis

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Venus Williams was at ease. It won't be so easy in her next match.

He Yorkshire terrier "Pete" sat in her lap Thursday night as she calmly answered questions following her 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) quarterfinal win over Austrian Barbara Schett at the Chase Championships.

Williams advanced to face Martina Hingis in a rematch of the U.S. Open semifinal, which Hingis won in three sets.

The lap dog is named after her favorite player, Pete Sampras, and she used Sampras-like serves — the fastest clocked at 116 mph — to down Schett.

"I've been working on my serve," said Williams, who had nine aces. "I didn't take any opportunities from myself by losing a serve. I only had one break, but that's OK."

She'll need to break Hingis, who dispatched of Mary Pierce, 6-1, 6-2, in a crisp 58 minutes Thursday night.

Williams, who leads Hingis 3-2 head-to-head this year, knocked off the top-ranked player twice in the past two months, most recently on Hingis' home turf, a 6-3, 6-4 victory at the Swisscom Challenge in Zurich on Oct. 17.

Williams will need a strong serve and steely nerves to beat Hingis, the winner of 26 career titles and five Grand Slams. Williams admits her Grand Slam singles losses may have

hinged more on a lack of psychological than physical strength.

"I've just got to, when it comes down to doing it ... take that step," Williams said. "I can't be moving backwards."

Williams, who hurdled the net at the changeover of the tiebreaker against Schett at 4-2, won the match after a forehand crosscourt winner, a wide approach by Schett and a service winner. She finished with 31 winners to 13 for the seventh-seeded Schett.

The 19-year-old Williams has won six titles this year and improved to No. 3 in the world. With sister Serena, she captured the French and U.S. Open doubles titles.

This week marks her debut at the Chase Championships, but she hasn't been studying Hingis' play on the Madison Square Garden carpet.

"I didn't see any of her matches, a little bit when I was passing by," Williams said. "At least when I go out there, I'm going to play well. I'm going to go for it."

Hingis, the defending champion, has an 8-5 career record against Williams. But this year, she's been winning more in the United States.

"I've been beating her in the States, she's been beating me in Europe," Hingis said. "So it's kind of funny the way it came out. It's fun playing her because she is one of the best players on the tour right now. So it's always a motivation and challenge to go out there and try to beat her."

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BASEBALL

Castro, Chavez mix politics with baseball

Associated Press

HAVANA

Fidel Castro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez geared up for a friendly baseball game Thursday as their budding friendship and new political alliance deepened.

Chavez promised to pitch for the Venezuela side and Castro was managing the Cuban team in the game between retired veteran baseball players from the two countries.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said his nation's starting pitcher was a "closely guarded secret," leading to speculation the 73-year-old Castro might take the mound — at the very least to throw out the first ball.

Cuba's team will count on veterans of world- and Olympic-championship teams.

Venezuela's will include former major leaguers Tony Armas and Vic Davalillo.

But behind the playful competition at the Latinoamericano Stadium, a political alliance appears to be forming.

The strengthening of the bond between Castro his Venezuelan admirer comes as some of Cuba's ties with some of its staunchest allies seem to be cooling over concerns about human rights.

During this week's Ibero American Summit in Havana,

Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico, long Cuba's most faithful friend in the Western Hemisphere, linked the sovereignty so prized by Castro with the need for democracy and human rights.

"There cannot be sovereign nations without free men and women, men and women who can fully exercise their essential freedoms: freedom to think and give opinions, freedom to act and participate, freedom to dissent, freedom to choose," Zedillo said Tuesday night at the closing session of the gathering of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking nations.

Chavez, who won his country's 1998 elections, had a different view than Zedillo.

"Democracy is talked about a lot," Chavez said in comments carried Thursday by the Cuban Prensa Latina news agency. "It was talked about in Venezuela for 40 years and it was a big farce, a big lie. The rulers were masked, robbing and betraying the people."

Speeches at the university are usually formal, restrained affairs. But on Thursday, Castro and Chavez traded jokes and praise, laughing and slapping one another on the shoulders like old friends.

No matter what the result of the game, Chavez said, "every step and every drop of sweat" would be a contribution toward the "the mission of uniting our people more every day."

NBA

Sprewell ready to take on Warriors

Associated Press

Spree said he was sorry.

Once. OK, twice, maybe three times.

Enough so that he's lost count.

"I think I've apologized over and over again," Latrell Sprewell said Tuesday. "I don't see why I have to apologize again."

This was in Denver, four days and 1,200 miles before Spree's current team, New York, was scheduled to stop off on its swing out West and beat up his old one, Golden State. Games against the Jazz in Utah and the Suns in Phoenix were sandwiched in between, but they were just that — games, not vendettas.

The Warriors were different. Spree wants a bite out of them, he wants to "crush" them.

"I'd just love it," he said, "if we just killed them."

Nearly two years after he grabbed the coach by the windpipe and threatened to kill him, after being drummed out of the NBA and then ordered back in, after choking his own career on one coast and resuscitating it on the other, Sprewell is coming back to Golden State, his victory nearly complete.

All that remains is for him to drop 30 or so points on the Warriors in a lopsided win, to remind everybody from coach P.J. Carlesimo to general manager Garry St. Jean to

owner Chris Cohan why they put up with so much grief in the first place.

And to remind the organization that powerless as it seemed when arbitrator John Feerick reinstated Sprewell in March, 1998, they wield even less power now. They can't even force an apology from Spree. Nobody can.

Not his old coach, his new one, or even the Madison Square Garden suits who sign his hefty new paychecks. They couldn't get a straight answer from Spree on why he didn't show up for training camp on time. Ditto for NBA commissioner David Stern. But that's not the worst of it.

With each passing day, with every additional minute of face time, Sprewell argues for a new version of events, one that blurs fact and fiction a little bit more. The only thing sports fans revile more than villains are losers, and Sprewell is shedding both of those skins.

Everything else about the story looks and sounds different, too. The Spree who choked Carlesimo is no longer around. He's been replaced by the one with snapshots from last season's NBA finals, a new attitude and a new \$60 million contract. The Spree who comes into our living rooms now through his play and carefully constructed commercials is a fierce competitor, not a madman. That Spree didn't jump, he was pushed over the edge by a

coach, then left to free-fall by an organization that could have saved him.

"Bitterness, hatred, whatever you want to call it, it's there," Sprewell said. "I think they could've handled it better. It happened behind closed doors in practice. No one knew. I don't know how it got out. It was an in-house thing and could've stayed that way." Carlesimo's side of the story gets told less and less. The day Sprewell showed up to make his first public apology a knot of teammates stood in support behind him. Carlesimo knew then the more points he scored with the public, the less chance he had of hanging onto his credibility among players in the league.

Asked about Sprewell's recent remarks, Carlesimo passed on the opportunity to respond one more time. "The last thing I want to do is revisit something that happened a couple of years ago."

The jury may still be out on Carlesimo's in-your-face approach to his work, but the results are in. And after two losing seasons, he will be lucky to see one more in Golden State through to the end. After that, the consensus is that he'll call in some chits and wind up working in television. There, he'll be remembered less as the guy who took Seton Hall to a Final Four once, or Portland to the NBA playoffs several times, than the guy Sprewell choked in a fit of rage.

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NFL

Brown, Carter set for battle on field

Associated Press

DENVER

After seven seasons of exchanging harsh words, icy glares and taunting gestures with Dale Carter, wide receiver Tim Brown knows what to expect from his matchups with the combative Denver Broncos cornerback.

"They're always nasty," Brown said Thursday as the Oakland Raiders prepared for their Monday night game against Denver.

"Like I told him after the last game, 'You know you play nasty. I've got to play nasty mainly to protect myself out there.' Those shots to the back of the legs that he gives guys is something that hopefully the league is going to look at next year."

Hearing complaints about his aggressive play is nothing new for Carter, who has a reputation for jarring tackles that belie his 6-foot-1, 188-pound frame.

Though legal, Carter's hits sometimes connect with an opponent's knee, the back of the leg or the helmet, prompting accusations of cheap shots and headhunting.

"Whatever, man," Carter said. "If I do [hit from behind], oh well. I'm just playing football, going 110 percent. Whatever somebody has to say about me don't even matter, man."

Chances are good that Brown and Carter will have more to say to each other Monday night when the Raiders (5-4) try to end a four-game losing streak to the Broncos (3-7).

The two tangled in Oakland six weeks ago, with the most noticeable confrontation coming after Brown flipped the ball toward Carter's head near the end of Denver's 16-13 victory.

Brown said the move was unintentional, but it would explain the mind game that goes on between the two

perennial Pro Bowl players.

"I don't necessarily consider him a dirty player, but I think you can get him to the point where he can play dirty," Brown said. "If you make a couple of plays on him, or you get to talking a little trash to him, I think he'll take a shot at you. He'll go headhunting on you every once in a while."

Carter's reputation for rule-bending tactics are familiar to the Broncos, who signed him to a four-year, \$22.8 million contract in the offseason.

In 1996, Carter lined up as a wide receiver in the fourth quarter of a 34-7 Denver victory over Kansas City and proceeded to throw a meaningless block at the knees of Broncos cornerback Lionel Washington.

As Washington remained on the ground after the hit, Carter laughed and told the Broncos to get their teammate off the field. Washington missed the next two games with a partially torn knee ligament, but Carter was not fined.

While not defending his ruthless play three years ago, Carter said aggressive play is simply part of his game.

"I'm just going after guys, period," he said. "I'm not targeting any certain spot to hit anybody. I'm not trying to play football like that. I will guarantee you this — when I get out there, I'm going to be playing 110 percent, regardless."

Brown wants to see that effort reduced to 100 percent. He said he plans to ask the NFL's competition committee to review Carter's tackling methods.

He may be playing right into Carter's hands.

"That must be love," Carter said. "That's nothing but love. I'm going to be scared now."

"Anytime you have a guy out there worried about what you are doing, that helps. I wouldn't say that you have fear, but you know that he's thinking you are coming after him every play."

Buffalo linemen lead league

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

They pave paths to glory for others. Then they pick up their lunch pails and go home.

But life isn't all work and no play for the Buffalo Bills offensive linemen. Winning makes toiling worthwhile.

"It's a thrill," Bills right tackle Robert Hicks said. "I love blocking people. I love to hit people."

Buffalo is one of the better teams in the league, and the offensive line is a big reason why.

A lineman can't pick up a stat sheet after a game and see how he's done. A lineman doesn't have stats. He has to look at other people's numbers.

"As a lineman you measure success by two things: sacks and rushing yardage," Buffalo center Jerry Ostroski said. "If you can keep guys off the quarterback and allow him to make plays, you've done your job; if you can allow your run-

ning backs to gain yards, you've done your job."

The running game has amassed a league-high 1,345 yards while averaging 134.5 yards per game, second to Sunday's opponent, the New York Jets (136.2). The Bills are ninth in the league in total offense and 15th in yards passing per game.

Buffalo has three players among the AFC's top 20 rushers: Antowain Smith (537), Jonathan Linton (402) and quarterback Doug Flutie (355). The line has allowed only 17 sacks, well below the NFL average of 23.9, part of which is due to Flutie's elusiveness.

"I never look at the stat sheet," Hicks said. "I look at the scoreboard, and then I look at the guys I faced. If they haven't had a good game and we've won, that's a great day."

The Bills have won three games in a row, have rushed for 492 yards in those three victories, and have not committed a turnover in two games.

The Bills have never played

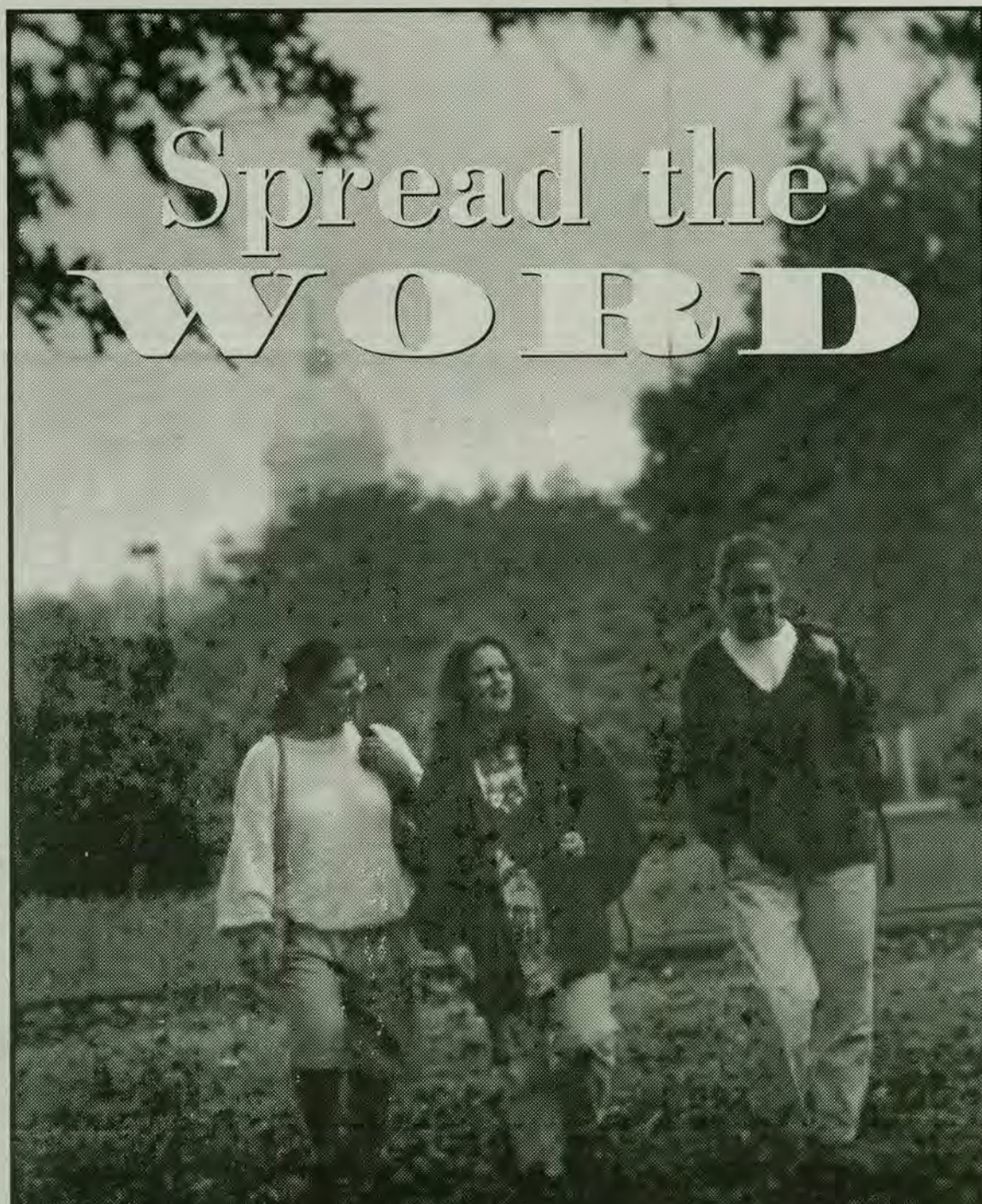
three straight without a turnover.

"We'll see what happens this weekend," Ostroski said. "We got on a streak there where it seemed like the first play from scrimmage we were giving up turnovers and getting behind. If we score first and limit turnovers, we can get on our roll and get the running game going."

The Bills line has run into walls, too. The Bills last season allowed a league-high 25 sacks through their first four contests, in which Buffalo quarterback Rob Johnson was battered continually and absorbed 23 of the sacks. Johnson lost his starting job after being injured in the fifth game of 1998, against the Colts.


The linemen came under scrutiny early last season and refused to talk to the media until after the Flutie-led Bills got rolling again. Bills second-year line coach Carl Mauck apparently still would prefer a root canal to an interview with a reporter.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rodriguez catches MVP award from AL

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

Already considered the best catcher of his generation, Texas' Ivan Rodriguez solidified a spot among the greats Thursday by being winning the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

Rodriguez edged Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez to become just the ninth catcher in either league to win baseball's top individual honor, joining the likes of Johnny Bench and Yogi Berra.

"That means a lot," said Rodriguez, the first MVP catcher since Thurman Munson of the Yankees in 1976. "I respect those guys a lot. To be compared to them is something special."

Rodriguez earned the comparisons by hitting .332 with 35 homers, 113 RBIs, 116 runs and 25 stolen bases. He became the first catcher with 20 homers and 20 steals in the same year and he's the first AL backstop to have 30 homers, 100 RBIs and 100 runs in the same season.

This was the third straight year he's set a personal best in average and homers, and it's the second straight year he's had bests in RBIs and steals.

"I prepared myself in the off-season with weights and running to make myself stronger physically and mentally," Rodriguez said. "I told my trainer I was going to hit 30 home runs this year and I hit five more."

Rodriguez was able to dedicate his off-season to a fitness routine because it was the first time he didn't play winter ball in his native Puerto Rico. The Rangers got him to agree to that while negotiating his contract.

"It helped keep me in shape and more fresh for the season," said Rodriguez, who earned a \$250,000 bonus for winning the MVP. "But I just

love to play baseball."

Rodriguez broke into the majors at age 19, mostly because of a powerful arm. The extra baby fat he carried earned him the nickname Pudge, which stuck.

Now sporting a rock-solid physique and a few days shy of turning 28, Rodriguez has become a complete player.

He just won his eighth Gold Glove and his sixth straight AL Silver Slugger award for being the best hitter in the league at his position.

He's popular, too — fans have voted him to start the last seven All-Star games.

"Talking about all phases of the game, along with being durable, what he's done at his age, I would argue, that he's the best," said Texas manager Johnny Oates, himself a former catcher. "Since I was old enough to know major league baseball, there's never been any catcher who can do more as well as he does."

The list of MVP catchers is a roll call of some of the best who've played the position: Bench, Berra, Munson, Elston Howard, Mickey Cochrane, Roy Campanella, Ernie Lombardi and Gabby Hartnett. Munson and Elston Howard are the only ones not in the Hall of Fame.

The only thing missing from Rodriguez's resume is a championship. Texas won the AL West in three of the last four seasons but has yet to get out of the first round.

"They're going to put a good team together to go to the playoffs next season," Rodriguez said. "Probably next year is going to be the year."

Rodriguez is the third Ranger to win the award, joining recently traded Juan Gonzalez (1998, '96) and Jeff Burroughs (1974).

Martinez, the unanimous AL Cy Young winner, had one more first-place vote than Rodriguez, marking only the fourth time that's happened.

Martinez barely misses MVP

Associated Press

BOSTON

Taking his MVP loss in stride, Pedro Martinez had a message for voters who left him off their ballots: Pitchers are players, too.

Martinez missed a chance to become the 10th pitcher to win the MVP and Cy Young Award in the same year when he finished second to Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez on Thursday.

The Boston Red Sox pitcher received eight first-place votes to seven for Rodriguez but was outpointed 252-239. Two of the 28 voters from the Baseball Writers' Association of America said Martinez was not among the top 10 most valuable players in the league.

"I'm not disappointed at all. Everybody that was in the pile was good enough to be MVP so I don't hold anything against anybody," Martinez said during a conference call.

He disagreed, though, with the idea that starting pitchers should have less chance of winning the MVP award because they play just once every five days.

"We're all players," Martinez said. "What would they do without us? What would they do without pitching?"

The Red Sox would have been in trouble without him.

Martinez had one of the best seasons ever by a starting pitcher, leading the Red Sox to their second straight playoff berth. He was 23-4, leading the majors in wins and a 2.07 ERA that was 1.37 runs lower than the second-best in the league, New York's David Cone. And he led the AL with

313 strikeouts.

That performance earned him a unanimous selection Tuesday as the AL's Cy Young winner. And he said then that adding the MVP award "would mean a lot, probably more than this Cy Young alone because I've already achieved that."

Sorry, Pedro.

George King of the New York Post and La Velle Neal of the Minneapolis Star Tribune left him off their ballots.

"I feel a pitcher should just not be an MVP," Neal said. "To win that award, it should be someone who's out there every day battling for his team. It's nothing personal against Pedro."

King was on vacation in the Caribbean and could not be reached.

Former San Francisco pitching star Juan Marichal, sports minister in Martinez's native Dominican Republic, disagreed with the choice of Rodriguez. Martinez gave his first Cy Young Award, won in 1997 with Montreal, to Marichal, who was his mentor.

"It's an injustice," Marichal said. "Pedro was the most distinguished player in the big leagues in 1999 and deserved to be Most Valuable Player."

"It's regrettable," said another Dominican star, the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa. "I was sure that Pedro would win and, in any event, I think Manny Ramirez had more of a chance of defeating him."

Cleveland's Ramirez and Roberto Alomar tied for third.

But Martinez said he wasn't upset: "I don't hold anything against anybody. There's nothing I can do. If they don't want to vote, it's up to them," he

said. "I don't really care what they [writers] do. I help them whenever I can."

It's the second time a Red Sox star missed an award because of a writer's omission.

In 1947, Ted Williams won the Triple Crown but lost the MVP to the Yankees' Joe DiMaggio 202-201 because Boston Globe writer Mel Webb, who didn't like Williams, left the player off his ballot.

"When Ted Williams won the Triple Crown, he didn't win the MVP award, either," Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette told Martinez at the start of the conference call. "So you're in good company."

"I got what I wanted, so don't worry about it," Martinez told Duquette.

His most important reward was his contribution to his team's success, he said. Twice, he kept the Red Sox alive in the playoffs.

He pitched the last six innings, allowing no hits, in the decisive fifth game of the first-round series against Cleveland. And he beat Roger Clemens for Boston's only win against the Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

Martinez also was the MVP of July's All-Star game at Fenway Park, striking out four MVPs and a home run champion in two innings.

"I can't be greedy," Martinez said. "It's good enough what I got and he is equally as good. He did something unbelievable, too, for a catcher."

Rodriguez was the first catcher with 30 homers, 100 RBIs and 100 runs in the same season.

He hit .332 with 35 homers and 113 RBIs.

HORSE RACING

Man pleads guilty to endangerment charges

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

The man arrested for running onto the track as thoroughbreds raced down the home stretch of a Preakness race pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of reckless endangerment.

Prosecutors said they are recommending a three-year suspended sentence for Lee Ferrell and five years probation as part of a plea bargain agreement.

The incident occurred three races before the nationally televised Preakness Stakes on May 15.

Ferrell, 22, has said he does not remember the incident. His attorney, Frederic Heyman, has described Ferrell as a troubled person

who has been diagnosed as suffering from manic depression.

As the horses rounded the track, Ferrell made his way to the track from the infield, went over a fence separating the fans from the turf course, staggered to the inside rail, which he pounded with his fist before ducking under it, and walked onto the track.

As the horses approached him, he stood with his fists clenched and arms upraised. As the horses charged by on both sides, Ferrell could be seen in videotape replays apparently punching at two horses.

Police originally charged Ferrell with trespassing, reckless endangerment, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and alcohol-related offenses.



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Majerus blames ESPN for second-round game site

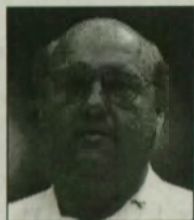
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Rick Majerus is not happy to be in Kentucky for the second round of the Preseason NIT.

Don't get him wrong. He's not upset that his 16th-ranked Utah team won its opener Tuesday over Arkansas State.

And he doesn't mind playing No. 14 Kentucky, even though the Wildcats have knocked the Utes out of the NCAA tournament four times this decade,



Majerus

including a victory in the 1998 national championship game.

It's that when he committed his team to play in the 16-team Preseason NIT, Majerus was promised the Utes would play at home in the first and second rounds.

Instead, Utah, winner of five straight Western Athletic Conference titles and national runnerup two years ago, plays at hostile Rupp Arena on Friday night, with the winner advancing to the semifinals in New York next week.

Majerus blames the schedulers at ESPN, which is broadcasting the tournament.

"I'm upset about it," he said Thursday. "It was driven by TV. ESPN doesn't want us on TV, or doesn't want us back in New York."

"The business decision was

maybe they felt we don't have the television audience," he said.

"Maybe there aren't a lot of Mormons in New York. Maybe they sell a lot of beer ads, and we don't appeal to that audience. We're not a pizzazz team. We don't go airborne for any dunks."

Officials at ESPN did not immediately respond to a request Thursday for comment on Majerus' charges.

If the Utes are to buck the odds and make a Madison Square Garden appearance, they'll have to get by Kentucky, which advanced with a 67-50 win over Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

"When you can sub five at once" — as Kentucky coach Tubby Smith did during that win — "you know you've got talented players," Majerus said.

Freshman big man Marvin

Stone debuted with 12 points for the Wildcats, while center Jamaal Magloire had 11 points and nine rebounds. Smith was concerned, though, that Penn grabbed 13 offensive rebounds to just 11 for Kentucky.

"Against Utah, we'll have to play a much better game, especially in some of the boxing out and rebounding, because they're very aggressive, very strong on the boards," he said. "I didn't see any of the gang rebounding that we're going to need against a Utah team."

The Wildcats also were tentative offensively, shooting just 40.7 percent from the field.

"We didn't have much fluidity to [the halfcourt offense] and that's probably coaching, because we haven't had a whole lot of time," Smith said. "We're going to have to make some

adjustments in our motion offense to maximize our players' potential."

The Utes opened with a 76-43 home win over Arkansas State on Tuesday, getting 14 rebounds from Alex Jensen and 14 points and seven boards from Nate Althoff. Against Kentucky, Utah will again be without starting forward Hanno Mottola, who is recovering from a torn knee ligament he suffered in a preseason exhibition.

ESPN did not broadcast the Utah-Arkansas State game — more fuel for Majerus' grudge — forcing Kentucky to scramble for a tape of the local broadcast to watch on Thursday. One of those assisting in the effort was former Wildcat Scott Padgett, now a rookie with the NBA's Utah Jazz, who sent a videotape by overnight mail.

MLB

Robinson toys with Cubs' coaching offer

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Hall of Famer Frank Robinson is considering whether to join the Chicago Cubs as a bench coach under new manager Don Baylor.

Baylor said Thursday from his California home that "it's not a done deal yet," adding that if Robinson does decide to take the job "it should happen in the next 24 or 48 hours."

"We're pretty square on everything financially, but everybody

has families and things. That's about where we are," Baylor said.

Should Robinson join the team, the Cubs would have two Hall of Famers on their coaching staff. Billy Williams, a bench coach under Jim Riggleman, was retained and will be the first base coach. Robinson was an MVP in both leagues — 1961 with the Reds and 1966 with the Orioles when he won the Triple Crown. He was baseball's first black manager in 1975 with the Indians. He also managed the Orioles and the Giants.

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NBA

Wizards snap seven-game losing streak with win over Raptors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Isaac Austin had season-high 20 points and 13 rebounds Thursday night as the Washington Wizards stopped a seven-game losing streak with a 92-81 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Michael Smith and Mitch Richmond, reduced to a reserve, each added 12 for Washington, which hadn't won since its Nov. 2 season opener.

The Wizards were attempting to avert their worst start since beginning the 1966-67 season 1-10.

Vince Carter led the Raptors, who had won five of six games to take the Central Division lead, with 23 points.

He has scored 20 or more points in seven straight games, breaking the franchise record set by Marcus Camby in March 1997.

Carter led a fourth-quarter comeback, scoring six points in an 8-0 run that got the Raptors within 83-79 with 1:27 to play.

Toronto, trying to tie a franchise mark with its third consecutive road victory, has seven more November games to break the team record of five opening-month victories.

Wizards coach Gar Heard, who promised to shake up his underachieving starting line-up following a 22-point home loss to Philadelphia on Tuesday, made only one change. Rookie Richard Hamilton, the team's third-leading scorer, replaced six-time All-Star Richmond, who was averaging only 8.9 points per game.

Smith, another of the Wizards' first five rumored headed to the bench, started and scored 12 first-half points as Washington led by as many as 12 in the second period.

The Raptors ignored coach Butch Carter's pleas to engage Washington in an up-tempo game for much of the first half.

But Brown hit three of four 3-point attempts and Vince Carter had six of his 16 first-half points over the final 5:21

and Toronto trailed 50-44 at halftime.

Milwaukee 99, San Antonio 88

Ray Allen had 26 points and Dale Ellis scored all of his 13 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the San Antonio Spurs.

The matchup of the NBA's highest-scoring offense and its stingiest defense remained tight until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Bucks' offense began clicking and San Antonio's inside combination of Tim Duncan and David Robinson couldn't shut it down.

Milwaukee and San Antonio were at 68 entering the fourth quarter, but the Bucks held the Spurs to six field goals in the fourth while ending the game with a 14-5 run.

The Bucks improved to 4-0 at home and took over first place in the Central Division with the win, while San Antonio has lost two of three after starting the season 6-1.

Duncan had 29 points and 14 rebounds, but also made seven turnovers.

Robinson added 21 points, but the defending champions missed nine free throws in the second half and faded in the closing minutes.

Milwaukee's 99 points, though 10 below its season average, were the most the Spurs have allowed all season.

Ellis' 3-pointer from right in front of Spurs' bench with 1:24 to play put Milwaukee up 92-84, and Sam Cassell hit another 3-pointer 40 seconds later to seal the win.

Glenn Robinson had 22 points for Milwaukee, while Cassell added 19. Terry Porter had 11 points and was the only other San Antonio player in double figures.

Milwaukee never trailed after the first quarter, even though the finesse-oriented Bucks allowed themselves to be goaded into playing the Spurs' physical style. The referees also did their part to slow down the tempo, calling 28 of the game's 48 fouls on the Bucks.

But Milwaukee stayed ahead thanks to Robinson's shooting,

and the Bucks made a 7-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, taking an 81-74 lead with 7:08 to play on Danny Manning's short jumper.

San Antonio closed to 83-80 with 3:51 left, but Ellis scored five quick points to end the threat.

Robinson hit his first seven shots and scored 20 points in the first half, but Duncan scored 18 and the Spurs trailed just 45-44.

Sacramento 128, Houston 110

Jason Williams had 23 points and 10 assists as the Sacramento Kings used a 17-1 burst in the fourth quarter to beat Houston, ending their 11-game losing streak to the Rockets.

The Kings won their fourth game in a row and the Rockets dropped to 0-6 in Compaq Center, their worst home start ever.

The Kings had to overcome a season-high 31-point performance by Hakeem Olajuwon, who had three blocks giving him 2,001 for his career.

He became the first player in NBA history to record 2,000 blocks and 2,000 steals.

Houston led 103-96 with 10:20 to go before the Kings surged to take a 113-104 edge with 5:44 left. Predrag Stojakovic had seven points in the run and finished with 20 points. The Rockets went 7-09 without a basket until Charles Barkley broke the drought

with 3:09 left.

The third quarter turned into a wide-open running show with Vlade Divac scoring 12 points in the quarter and Corliss Williamson hitting 10 for an 89-88 lead.

The Rockets got off to a quick start, breaking from a

9-9 tie with a 24-8 run that gave them a 33-17 lead with 2:54 to go in the first quarter. Olajuwon had 11 points in the period.

Barkley had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Rockets and Steve Francis has 16 points and 11 assists.

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NHL

Two first-period goals propel Lightning past Penguins

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Kevin Hodson made 26 saves and Robert Petrovicky and Pavel Kubina scored first-period goals as Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 on Thursday night.

The Lightning have won four straight at home, the franchise's longest streak since a five-game run in 1996-97.

German Titov spoiled Hodson's shutout bid, scoring with just under three minutes left. Titov has three goals and six points during a five-game points streak.

Jaromir Jagr returned to the Pittsburgh lineup after missing most of the Penguins' last game because of an upper leg injury. He failed to record a point for the second straight game after opening the season with a 15-game points streak.

The injury in the thigh area just below his right groin sidelined the NHL scoring leader for all but three minutes against Buffalo on Tuesday night.

Hodson made a pad save on Martin Straka on a first-period breakaway, and robbed Titov from point-blank range in the third.

Petrovicky scored a fluke goal midway through the first peri-

od. The Lightning center scored from in-close after a shot by Andreas Johansson missed the net, hit the end boards and wound up in front of the net. Kubina scored on a backhand shot late in the period.

The Penguins had the first five power-play chances of the game, but failed to score each time. Pittsburgh finished 0-for-6 overall.

Pittsburgh's Jan Hrdina and Aleksey Morozov also returned Thursday night. Hrdina missed 12 games because of a sprained ankle, and Morozov was sidelined for eight games by a charley horse injury.

St. Louis 3, Florida 0

Pavol Demitra scored two goals in a 1:04 span in the third period as the St. Louis Blues beat the Florida Panthers.

Roman Turek made 27 saves for his first shutout of the season as the Blues ended the Panthers' four-game winning streak in a game matching two of the NHL's stingiest defenses. Florida, which leads the Southeast Division, has allowed 45 goals in 19 games, and the Blues have given up 43 in 19.

The Panthers had killed off 17 straight power plays before Demitra scored on a slap shot that appeared to deflect off

Florida defenseman Lance Pitlick, then trickled past Sean Burke at 5:18. Robert Svehla was in the penalty box for pulling down Jochen Hecht, and Hecht got the second assist on the play.

Demitra made it 2-0 on a breakaway at 6:22, taking a long rebound of a shot by Florida's Jaroslav Spacek at center ice and beating Burke from the side of the net. Demitra had five of the Blues' 15 shots the first two periods and has 10 goals, tying him for the team lead with Pierre Turgeon.

The Blues missed a chance to make it 3-0 with 3:14 to go when Terry Yake's backhand was just wide on a penalty shot. He had been pulled down by Svehla on a breakaway.

Yake had the Blues' last penalty shot, on Jan. 26, 1999, and also missed that one against San Jose's Steve Shields.

St. Louis didn't have to wait long for another goal, though, as Michal Handzus' empty-netter made it 3-0 with 2:27 remaining.

The Blues are 4-1-1 in their last six games against Florida and 6-1-1 in their last eight home games overall.

Both teams had to be weary after playing on the road the previous night. The Panthers checked into their hotel in St. Louis at 4:30 a.m. Thursday after beating Colorado 2-1 in Denver, while the Blues got home at 2 a.m. after a 3-2 victory in Toronto.

Before the game, Blues left wing Geoff Courtnall retired due to the lingering effects of his second concussion in less than a year.

Dallas 1, Philadelphia 1

Mike Modano scored with 30.7 seconds left in the third period to give the Dallas Stars a tie with the Philadelphia Flyers.

With goalie Ed Belfour lifted for an extra attacker, Modano pushed a backhand shot off Philadelphia goalie John Vanbiesbrouck's pads for the Dallas forward's seventh goal of the season.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Stars outshot the Flyers 3-2 in overtime, but the Flyers missed the best opportunity when Daniel McGillis fired wide of the goal from the slot.

Daymond Langkow scored a first-period goal for the Flyers, 4-0-1 in their last five home games and 10-2-2 since opening the season 0-5-1 start — the worst in franchise history.

The injury-depleted Stars are 0-1-2 in their last three, and 2-5-2 in their last nine.

Langkow scored his fourth goal of the season at 4:56 of the first period, taking a centering pass from Chris Therien near the boards and lifting a wrist shot over Belfour.

Vanbiesbrouck stopped 24 shots, including close-range attempts by Mike Keane in the first period and Modano in the third.

Belfour, recovering from a strained groin, made 19 saves for the Stars, who stopped the NHL's best power play in four attempts.

The Stars were again thwarted in their bid for the franchise's 1,000th victory. They won 758 games in 26 seasons in Minnesota, and 241 games since moving to Dallas seven years ago.

Boston 5, New York Rangers 3

Jason Allison, Boston's scoring leader last season, scored his first goal of the season as the Bruins beat the New York Rangers.

Joe Thornton had an empty-net goal and two assists to push his team-leading points total to 19.

Anson Carter added a goal and an assist, and Hal Gill and Shawn Bates each scored his first goal of the season to help Boston extend its winning streak to three games.

Byron Dafoe (4-1) made 24 saves for the Bruins, 9-1-2 in their last 12 games and 5-0-3 in their last eight home games.

The Rangers scored three consecutive goals after falling

behind 4-0, cutting the deficit to a goal when Adam Graves scored with just under five minutes to play. Theo Fleury missed a chance to tie it with a minute to go when his shot hit the post.

The Bruins also beat the Rangers on Saturday. After that game, there was speculation that Rangers coach John Muckler's job was in jeopardy, with former coach Mike Keenan ready to step in.

Carter and Allison scored 1:42 apart in the second period.

Carter opened the scoring at 6:42, flipping the puck past goalie Mike Richter after a backhand attempt by Thornton.

Allison made it 2-0 when his slap shot trickled through Richter's pads. Gill scored on a slap shot from the blue line to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead at 16:09 of the second period.

The Rangers mounted a comeback in the third period when Jan Hlavac and Mike Knuble scored just under three minutes apart.

Hlavac converted a pass from Petr Nedved, and wristed a shot over the right shoulder of Dafoe. Knuble cut the lead to 4-2 when his slap shot beat Dafoe inside the left post.

Bates scored the Bruins' fourth goal when he backhanded a shot past Richter while falling on the ice.

Richter made 20 saves for New York.

San Jose 4, Ottawa 1

Vincent Damphousse and Dave Lowry scored late in the third period as the San Jose Sharks beat the Ottawa Senators.

Damphousse scored his seventh of the season to give San Jose a 3-1 lead with 3:45 remaining, and Lowry added his first goal of the season with 2:40 left.

Alexander Korolyuk and Marco Sturm also scored to help the Sharks to their first road victory over the Senators.

Owen Nolan moved within two points of Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr in the NHL scoring race with an assist on Damphousse's goal. Nolan has 14 goals and 17 assists.

Kevin Dineen scored for the Senators, who tied the Sharks in four previous home meetings.

San Jose, coming off a 4-1 victory over Montreal on Tuesday night, improved to 2-3-1 on its seven-game road trip.

Dineen opened the scoring 5:19 into the second period, and Korolyuk tied it with 6:20 remaining. Sturm's shorthanded goal gave the Sharks the lead with four minutes left in the period.

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Shay, Klemmer lead Irish into NCAA Championships

♦ Men's squad sets sights on top five finish

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams both head to the NCAA Championships Monday for only the second time in Notre Dame history, led by junior Ryan Shay and senior Allison Klemmer.



Shay

The men have consistently improved all season long, rising from unranked at the beginning of the year to seventh this week.

Their climb in the polls has been sparked by victories at the National Catholic Invitational and Big East Championships, runner-up finishes in the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and NCAA District IV Championships, and sixth-place in the Pre-National Championships in mid-October.

"The first goal is to be in the top 10, with a secondary goal to be in the top five," head coach Joe Piane said. "We're ranked seventh in the nation, so we'd hope to replicate that."

"Our attitude going into the meet is to hold our ranking, which is seventh right now," Shay said. "To be in the top 10 is huge, and to accomplish that is astounding. As a team, we're really confident that we can do that. Our spirits are up and our confidence is up, and that's really good going into a meet like nationals."

Based on their performances so far this season, a top-five to top-10 finish is a realistic goal.

"I think we've definitely got a great shot of if not being in the top five, being in the top 10," senior Mike Greiwe said.

"We've really made some strides this season. It's going to take a strong race from everyone. We're going to have to go out and run intelligently and keep moving up in the pack."

One of the keys to the Irish improvement has been the performances of the third through seventh runners.

"The group that has done the most improvement through the season is John Dudley, Mike Greiwe, Ryan Maxwell and Sean McManus and Marc Striowski," said Piane.

"They are the heart and soul of the team right now," Shay said. "What Luke [Watson] and I do doesn't matter half as much as what those guys do."

Shay and sophomore Watson have been pacesetters for the Irish this year.

"We're basically looking to do as we've done all season, and run together," said Greiwe. "We've got two great front-runners in Shay and Watson, and the rest of us will have to stick together and keep picking people off."

Shay qualified for nationals as a sophomore and is looking to make a big improvement on his finish last year.

He has captured individual titles at several meets this season, including the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and the Big East Invitational.

"To be in the top 10 would probably be my primary goal," Shay said. "Once the race starts, depending on how I feel, to keep moving up as close to the first-place spot as I can get. I don't feel anybody out there is a better runner than me. Whether I win or not doesn't prove someone's a better runner. It just means maybe on a given day they were."

Shay and Watson could make a big splash in the meet. To be All-Americans, they must finish among the top 25 U.S. citizens in the race.

"I think both Shay and Watson have a shot at being All-American," Piane said.

"I know what he [Watson] does in practice, and there's no reason he shouldn't be

"To be in the top 10 is huge, and to accomplish that is astounding. As a team we're really confident that we can do that."

Ryan Shay
Irish runner

there right with me," Shay said.

The men will run 10K as at the district meet.

The increased distance should help the Irish, as the regular season races are run over an 8K course.

"We've always trained for 10,000-meters," said Piane.

The women's squad is running in the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1993.

They placed third at districts and received an at-large bid Monday based on their performance during the season.

"I think a good realistic goal would be to be in the top 20, and I think we're going to have to run very, very well to do that," women's head coach Tim Connelly said. "If we compete as well as we did back at the Big East meet, I think we can do that."

The Irish were somewhat surprised to qualify for nationals because the NCAA selection committee had to go through Michigan, the second-place finisher at districts, to get to the Irish.

"As a team, we're going into this race as underdogs," said Klemmer. "No one's looking for us to do anything at all. We're going to go out there and run as well as we

can, so there's no pressure." Freshman Jennifer Handley is excited to be running in the NCAA Championships.

"We're kind of just excited to be going," Handley said. "We don't really have any expectations of where we're going to be. Last meet, we had a lot of pressure on us to qualify, but this time we're just going to go out and run and have fun."

Klemmer, an All-American in track, is aiming to match that honor Monday in cross country.

She placed sixth in the district meet, qualifying for nationals as an individual.

"I am shooting to be All-American," Klemmer said. "I think I'm going to have to run a really great race, but I'm definitely capable of doing it."

Connelly is not certain which runners besides Klemmer and Handley will be going to the starting line for

the Irish, as several athletes have fought injuries and illnesses over the past couple weeks.

Seven other runners will go to the meet in Bloomington, Ind. — seniors Nicole LaSelle, Erin Luby, Patty Rice and Valerie Siqueira; juniors Chrissy Kuenster and Erin Olson; and freshman Kari Eaton. Five will compete, depending on who is in the best condition to run at race time.

"If we have any goal as a team, it would be to run together, because teamwork is what got us there," said Rice, who will run her final cross country meet Monday. "Just looking around and seeing the people we've been working with for four years at the finish line, I think, is going to heighten the experience."

The Irish won the National Catholic Invitational earlier this season.

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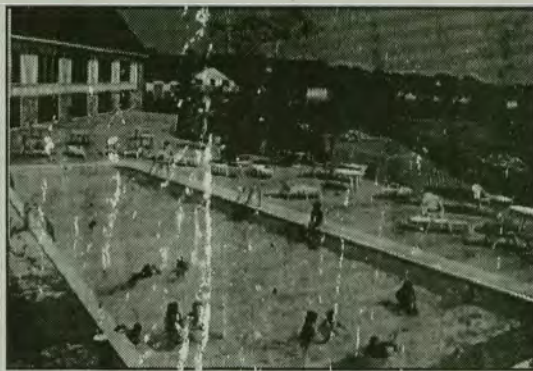
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish head to MSG for NIT semifinals

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's basketball team knew they were going to Madison Square Garden, but they didn't expect to be headed there this soon.

The Irish are guaranteed a spot in the Big East Tournament held annually at the Garden in March, but a 107-96 victory over Siena last night sends Notre Dame to the world's most famous arena next Wednesday to take on the winner of the New Mexico St.-Arizona game in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

"It's really special," head coach Matt Doherty said. "I've played in the Garden, I've been an assistant coach in the Garden and now I'm going to be the head coach of Notre Dame at Madison Square Garden. The hair is raising up on my arms as I speak. That's happened a lot these past few days."

Doherty has put Notre Dame basketball back on the map in a matter of two games. He already knocked off two NCAA Tournament teams from a year ago and has the Irish believing they can win.

"I think our confidence comes directly from coach Doherty. It's something we didn't have last year and

there's a whole different attitude surrounding this team," said Troy Murphy, who had 31 points in Thursday's victory. "We think we can go out there every game and win. I know it wasn't that way last year. We think we can win and we're prepared to win. We play hard and that can be directly attributed to coach Doherty."

Doherty believes that instilling confidence in his players is the only way for his team can live up to its potential.

"I don't joke with them when I say that when we beat Ohio State, we're going to walk off the court and celebrate in the locker room. That's not games," Doherty said. "You have to have that mindset. We have to change their thinking. When we go into Ohio State, we have to be like we're Notre Dame and we plan on winning."

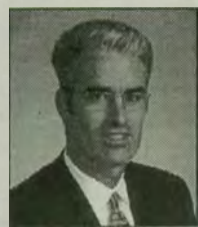
Doherty was so sure the Irish would beat Ohio State, he scheduled the team's travel arrangements around it.

"That's the reason we bussed back [from Columbus]," Doherty said. "We didn't want to wake up at five in the morning and catch a flight out of there because we're playing on Thursday [after we win]."

Doherty saw the confidence in his team in the final moments of the game against Ohio State.

"Late in the game if I didn't feel confident I would have called a timeout," Doherty said. "But I looked into those players eyes and knew at least we'd get a shot off."

Every Irish fan knew where that shot wound up.



Doherty

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since that day, when Touchdown Jesus guided Boston College to victory that Notre Dame has never reached the expectations associated with 11 national titles and seven Heisman winners?

No one knows.

But what is clear about the last six seasons is that this is not your father's Notre Dame football. Unless of course, your father grew up in the Gerry Faust years.

In the six years from 1994 to the present, the Irish have posted a 44-25-1 record and have never won a bowl game. Their highest ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 poll was 11th in 1995.

Including this year, the Irish will end the season unranked for the third time in six years.

Since the 1993 season, only one player (cornerback Bobby Taylor in 1994) has been named a consensus first-team All-American. They've had two first round NFL draft picks, Renaldo Wynn in 1997 and Luke Petitgout last year. No Irish player has been in serious consideration for the Heisman since 1993.

It all started with the Boston College game.

A week earlier, the 9-0 and second-ranked Irish had won the "Game of the Century" 31-24 over top ranked Florida State. With a win over the Eagles, the Irish would play for the national championship. The Eagles had other plans.

Boston College's motivation the week prior to the Nov. 20 game came a year earlier, when the Irish beat the Eagles 54-7. With his team ahead 37-0 in the third quarter, Irish head coach Lou Holtz called for a fake punt.

Punter Craig Hentrich ran for the first down.

Holtz claimed that the reason he faked the punt was because he wanted to make sure every team that the Irish would play later on in the season would have to prepare for the fake.

The Eagles coaching staff and players had a different spin on the fake punt.

"They really rubbed it in our face the year before," Gordon said referring to the fake. "It was a motivator. Even in the off season we were really preparing to play them again."

Boston College raced out to a 24-14 halftime lead behind quarterback Glenn Foley's three touchdowns.

With 11 minutes left in the game, the Eagles led 38-17. But the Irish reeled off 22 straight points for a one-point lead.

The Eagles had the ball on their 25-yard line with 1:09 left in the game.

Foley misconnected on his first two pass attempts, including a near interception by linebacker Pete Bercich. Playing the game of his life, Foley completed his next four passes to set up Gordon's attempt.

"Every week in practice we did a two-minute drill," Gordon said. "We were especially ready that week because we had been doing it in practice."

The Irish called a timeout to put the pressure on Gordon. What Gordon realized was that this wasn't a regular timeout.

"That one timeout at Notre Dame took about 10 minutes because it's on TV," Gordon said. "They really tried to ice me. That's the one thing you can't practice."

While the Notre Dame and Boston College players were on their knees, praying for their team's victory, Gordon had other plans.

"After watching it on television, I'm glad that I didn't look over at the sidelines," Gordon said. "Everyone was on their knees, holding hands and praying."

"I was just out there getting ready to kick," Gordon said. "The only guy I talked to was my holder (Foley). No one else wanted to talk to

me."

Foley gave him some good advice.

"He was really playing it off like it was no big deal," Gordon said of Foley. "He said it was just like practice. He loosened me up a little bit which was good."

While getting ready to kick, Gordon recalled watching tapes of Notre Dame's field goal block team during the week.

His main concern was with Taylor and his ability to jump over the line to block the attempt.

"They had a lot of grubbier kicks where a guy [Taylor] jumps up in the middle," Gordon said. "I wanted to get the ball up before he [Taylor] jumped so I went a little quicker than I normally do."

He did. Barely.

The snap from center was a little high but Foley handled the mishap.

"I kicked it a little funny because he didn't really get it down the way I like it," Gordon said. "The trajectory wasn't the height that I usually got. I had a feeling it was good but I wasn't 100 percent sure."

Immediately after the ball went through the uprights, Gordon knew he was part of something special.

But first he had to get off the field.

As Notre Dame Stadium fell silent, Boston College celebrated on the field, with Gordon on the bottom of a sweaty pile of players.

"I had no idea the whole team would jump on top of me," Gordon said. "I couldn't breathe. It was chaos."

An ex-soccer player, who played in high school against ex-Notre Dame kicker Kevin Pendergast, Gordon never kicked in a football game before coming to Boston College.

But his left foot will always be a part of college football lore.

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"It's not by design," Doherty said. "I did it because at Ohio State it was the first game, it was on ESPN. I didn't want the freshmen to get rattled. I wanted ballhandlers. I wanted to control the ball as best I could."

Carroll was a huge factor for the Irish, scoring eight points in a two-minute span in the second half.

He shot seven of nine from the field, including two for two from three-point range.

"We left Matt Carroll open for a ton of shots," Siena head coach said. "It seemed he made 100 of those tonight. To me, he was the unexpected contributor tonight."

Carroll hardly played at Ohio State and did not score the entire game.

"He [Doherty] told me before the game that we had two point guards in there that had a lot of experience, and that it was my first game and national television. He was more comfortable and confident with them in the game," Carroll said. "I was a little surprised, but I can't dwell on that. When I got my chance to go in there, I'm going to be ready, no matter when it is or for how long it is."

Carroll's big plays gave Notre Dame a 17-point lead and helped rile the crowd.

"I think when you're tired, a little bit beat up, when they [the crowd] got going, that gave us some extra burst of energy that we needed," Doherty said. "The kids feel so good because

the students are reacting positively to them."

"It's like our sixth man out there," Ingelsby said of the crowd.

The Saints started to come back several times in the second half, but the Irish never let them get too close.

"Tonight they shot the ball exceptionally well," Hewitt said. "I thought there were a couple times in the second half when we had them on the brink, but we didn't make a good shot here, didn't make a good decision there. Overall, I thought they hung tough when we made our runs at them."

With 10:14 to go in the game, the Irish were leading 81-63. Siena mounted a seven-point comeback behind a Faison runner, an Isaiah Stewart shot and a Jim Cantamessa three-point-

er.

By 7:29, the lead had been cut to nine.

"Tonight I was real impressed because Siena made a couple runs at us, cut it to nine, and our kids didn't flinch," Doherty said. "I never felt like they were getting nervous."

Graves and Murphy were the major figures in the closing minutes. Graves scored nine of the final 24 points, and Murphy added seven.

Murphy was the leading scorer for the Irish with 31. Freshman Jere Macura pulled down seven rebounds, and senior point guard Jimmy Dillon dished off 12 assists. The Irish host St. Francis in a non-tournament game Sunday at 2 p.m., before facing the winner of today's Arizona-New Mexico

State game in Madison Square Garden Wednesday.

"The biggest thing we have to battle is distraction," Doherty said.

Game Notes

♦ Notre Dame scored more than 100 points for the first time since a 101-98 victory over Syracuse in February 1992, the first year of the John MacLeod era.

♦ The bench contributed 30 points for Notre Dame.

♦ The Irish shot 60 percent compared to the Saints' 44 percent.

♦ Murphy was 15-18 from the foul line.

♦ Swanagan spread his talents, tallying nine points, six rebounds and four assists for Notre Dame.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cincinnati adds Sanders to Reds' roster

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Deion Sanders was added to the Cincinnati Reds' 40-man roster Thursday, a procedural move made in case he ever decides to play baseball again.

Sanders has remained under minor league contract with the Reds since he returned to playing cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys full-time in 1997.

If the Reds hadn't purchased Sanders' minor league contract and added him to the 40-man roster, he could have been taken

by another team in the Rule 5 draft. The move Thursday basically ensures that if Sanders ever decides to return to baseball, the Reds will keep the rights to him. Sanders is close to Reds general manager Jim Bowden and visited the Reds last season, sitting on the bench for a game at Cinergy Field.

Sanders played center field and batted leadoff for the Reds in 1994-95 and again in 1997, when he decided it was too difficult to be a two-sport star. The Reds gave him permission to leave late that season to become a full-time football player.

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HOCKEY

Dunlop makes early mark on Irish squad

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

As the Notre Dame hockey team struggled through a slow start to the 1999-2000 season, there have been a few bright spots.

An Irish rookie, however, shows signs of brilliance.

Freshman center Connor Dunlop, from St. Louis, Mo., has appeared in all 12 Irish games and is tied for the team lead with seven points (one goal, six assists).

While Dunlop has had a hard time putting the puck in the net at the early stages of this season, he found other ways to make an impact and help the Irish around their season.

"He distributes the puck very well," Irish assistant coach Andy Slaggert said of Dunlop, who leads the team in assists. "His play opens up the ice for his teammates and he is also a very physical player for his size, which a lot of people don't expect. He makes his line better by the way he sees the ice and distributes the puck."

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound Dunlop has a strong hockey past. His father, Blake Dunlop, played 11 seasons in the NHL, including stints with Minnesota, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Detroit.

Connor played two seasons for the USA Developmental Program, totaling 46 goals, 56

assists and 85 penalty minutes in 136 games. He was also named alternate captain for the USA under-18 national team.

Dunlop's experience and leadership has not gone unnoticed by the Irish coaching staff.

He has seen significant playing time on Irish power plays, penalty kills and at the end of games when the Irish need to win crucial face-offs.

"Connor is a winner," said Irish assistant John Micheletto. "He has the mentality that he wants to be out there in big situations. He knows what he needs to do to make the team win."

Dunlop has played well during the recent Irish sweep of Alaska-Fairbanks, hitting the crossbar during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory last Friday.

"Anytime a freshman steps up his scoring it motivates the other players, especially the upperclassmen," said Micheletto. "Everyone plays harder and they count on him to contribute."

Dunlop is proving why his Notre Dame class is one of the nation's best.

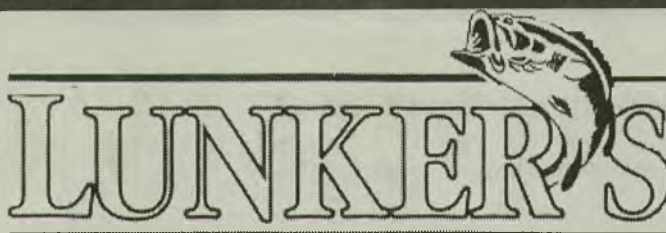
"His future will be determined by him," said Slaggert. "His potential is limitless, at the college level and possibly beyond. We are trying to recruit competitors like him and we will have a lot of success if we do that. Coach Poulin has improved the skill level dramatically and we want to continue that trend to make us better."

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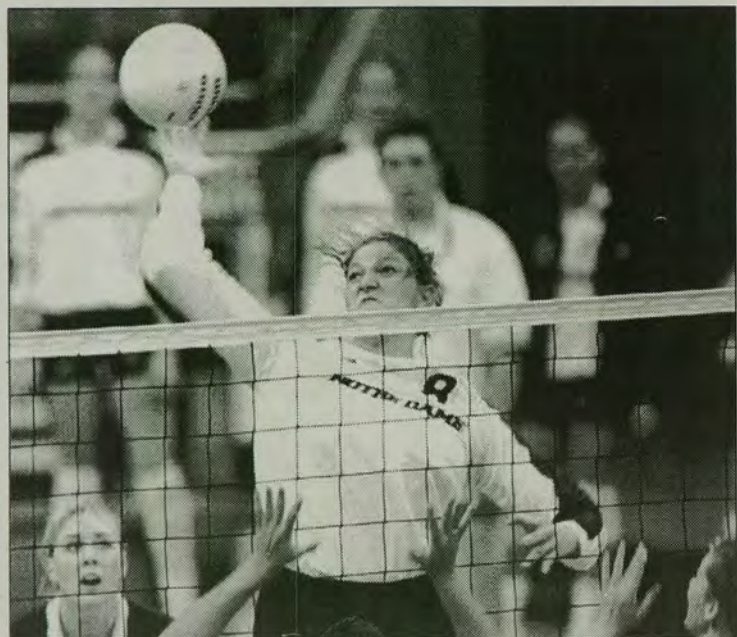
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VOLLEYBALL



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Mary Leffers, shown here in the Irish win over the Mountaineers, was named the Big East Player of the Year.

Leffers nets Player of the Year honors

Special to The Observer

After setting conference records for blocks and hitting percentage, senior captain Mary Leffers was named the 1999 Big East Volleyball Player of the Year Thursday evening at the conference's annual award banquet.

Leffers was joined by junior setter Denise Boylan on the all-Big East first team, while junior Christi Girton and sophomore Kristy Kreher were named to the all-conference second team.

Leffers, a middle blocker, set Big East records for most blocks and highest hitting percentage in conference matches and is currently ranked fifth nationally in blocks per game.

A three-time Big East Player of the Week, Leffers recently became the 10th Notre Dame player to reach the 1,000 kill career mark and currently holds the Irish record for career

hitting percentage with a .303 mark.

She joins past Notre Dame Big East Players of the Year in 1995 winner Jenny Birkner and two-time winner Jaimie Lee, who won in 1996 and 1997.

Joining Leffers on the all-conference first team was Boylan, who ranks fourth in the Big East in assists per game in both conference and overall matches.

A 1999 preseason all-Big East selection, Boylan has led the Irish to a .290 hitting percentage and a phenomenal .359 hitting percentage in Big East matches.

Boylan recently recorded her 3,000th career assist in the team's last regular season home match against Syracuse and ranks second in Notre Dame history in that category.

Girton was named to the all-Big East second team for the second year in a row after earning all-rookie honors in 1997.

Irish prepare for Big East tourney

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team travels to Pittsburgh this weekend for the Big East tournament.

The Irish claimed the top seed and a first round bye after finishing the regular season atop the conference with a perfect 11-0 record. Second place Georgetown, who the Irish narrowly defeated last Sunday to claim the regular season title, also drew a first round bye in the six-team tournament.

The Irish will play their match Saturday afternoon against the winner of the Rutgers-Connecticut match.

A victory on Saturday would place the Irish into the Big East finals on Sunday. Notre Dame is the five-time defending Big East champion and can capture its eighth consecutive NCAA Tournament bid with a win in the final. The Irish have never lost a Big

East Tournament match since joining the conference in 1995 and boasts a 9-0 all-time record.

Heading into the tournament, the Irish will look to Mary Leffers and Christi Girton to lead their offense. Girton is first on the team with a 3.96 kills per game average, while Leffers averages 3.28 kills. Junior captain Denise Boylan runs the offense from her setter position, averaging 11.9 assists per game.

Defensively, Notre Dame will look to Girton, Kreher, Emily Shiebout and Keara Coughlin. The four teammates combined to lead the Irish to an average of 13.63 digs per game, compared to their opponent's average of 12.14 digs per game. If the Irish face Connecticut on Saturday, they will have to shut down senior middle blocker Chanice Harris, who averages 3.39 kills and 1.62 blocks per game.

Notre Dame defeated the

Huskies in three games this year, 15-9, 15-11, 15-7, and also defeated them last year in the second round.

If Rutgers wins on Friday, the Irish will have to contend with two offensive forces. Scarlet Knight outside hitters Kera Carter and Lola Opadiran both average more than four kills a game.

Rutgers enters the tournament as the fourth seed, after finishing the season with a 15-13 record and an 8-3 mark in Big East play. The Irish beat Rutgers 15-7, 15-9, 15-7 earlier this year and hold a 6-0 all-time record against the Scarlet Knights.

Georgetown will face the winner of the Providence-Syracuse match on the other side of the bracket. The two teams left after Saturday's matches will face each other at noon on Sunday.

The NCAA selection show will follow the tournament one week after the tournament concludes Nov. 28 at 10 p.m.

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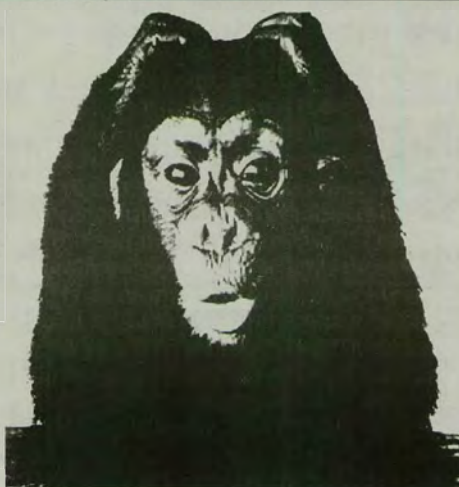
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SWIMMING

Undefeated Irish face tough competition at Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Shifting gears from dual-meet competition, the Irish women's swimming and diving team heads to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis this weekend for the Minnesota Invitational.

After notching a 6-0 record in the early fall season, the invitational gives the women a chance to evaluate race patterns in a championship environment.

"This really gives us the opportunity to focus on specific events," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers. "It is a critical meet in terms of how we swim our races. We compete better in a championship

environment. This serves as a dry run for championships, to make sure that we have the right athletes in each event."

Coming off wins against Pittsburgh, Miami of Ohio and Kenyon College last weekend, the Irish will battle 14 teams in Minneapolis.

Returning to the meet after a third-place finish behind Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1998, Notre Dame will find its stiffest competition in No. 15 Wisconsin, No. 16 Minnesota, No. 17 Tennessee, No. 24 Illinois and Iowa State.

"Minnesota is clearly favored to win the meet," said Weathers. "We simply won't have the numbers to compete with them. Obviously, they won't want to get beat at home."

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Bailey Weathers
Irish head coach

The Irish will look to seniors Laura Shepard, Elizabeth Barger, Shannon Suddarth and Allison Lloyd to pull big finishes.

Barger and Suddarth each notched first-place finishes in last weekend's tri-meet, with Barger capturing first in the

400-medley relay and Suddarth winning the 200 breaststroke.

"Our older kids have traditionally been our leaders at this meet," Weathers said. "Because we take a smaller travelling squad, that's really important."

Diving will also be a point of strength, following a 1-2-3 finish at the invitational last year.

Senior Gina Kettlehorn and sophomore Heather Mattingly will team up for top Irish diving finishes.

Half of the Irish squad will be rested for the meet, improving chances for a strong finish.

"Usually, we do rest some kids before this meet," Weathers said. "This gives

them a chance to race in a championship environment and recover before exams to do well academically."

Trials for the Minnesota Invitational begin this morning.

Meanwhile, the men's swimming and diving team looks to post its first victory at home tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Dueling Western Ontario, the Irish enter the meet at 0-3 on the season.

The last meeting between the two schools took place on Oct. 27, 1997, with the Irish winning eight of 10 events.

The meet, which is the oldest collegiate dual meet in the United States and Canada, has been won by Notre Dame 33 of 34 times.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles focus on improving in opener

By KATIE McVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team looks to improve as it opens the 1999-2000 season

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against the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets in the Marcia French Tournament at 6 p.m., Friday, in Berea, Ohio.

The Belles finished last season with a 4-20 record. This season offers them an opportunity to grow as individuals, as a team and as a varsity program.

"Last year we were very young and inexperienced," returning starter Julie Norman said. "At the end of last season, we saw a glimpse of what we could do. This year we are going to pick up where we left off and really improve."

The Belles will face the Yellow Jackets under the guidance of head coach Dave Roeder and assistant coach Doug Fox. Saint Mary's returns seven starters to the court, including six sophomores. The Class of 2002 will be key to the Belles' program this year.

"First and foremost, the sophomores are going to be the most significant part of our team this year," Norman said. "Now that they have a year of experience under their belts, they can really help

rebuild this team."

Roeder added, "We aren't going to make as many mistakes this year because we are a more experienced team."

The Belles are focusing on defense this season.

"We are working on defense because we don't want to go 4-20 this season," Roeder said.

Saint Mary's is currently ranked 9th in the MIAA; they plan to use that ranking to their benefit.

"We are really going to surprise some people this year," Norman said. "The ninth-place ranking offers us a challenge to go out there and show people what we can do."

The Belles are ready for a challenge and they will find it in Baldwin-Wallace. Under the guidance of head coach Cheri Harrer, the Yellow Jackets are looking for their fifth consecutive berth to the Division III National Tournament. They return 10 letter winners from last year's team.

"We've been going over Baldwin-Wallace's offense and their press breaker," Norman said. "We've been working on all the little things so that we will be ready on Friday."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish gear up for season opener against Toledo

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team begins its quest for a national championship when it opens the regular season against the Rockets of the University of Toledo Saturday.

Returning four starters, as well as four out of five of the team's top scorers, from last season, the Irish enter the season as a team to beat.

Notre Dame currently is ranked seventh and ninth in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA preseason polls, respectively. While the Irish were ranked in the top 10 in national polls for 16 consecutive weeks last year, this season marks the first time they have started a season ranked in single-digits.

The Irish have seen floor time twice this season, earning victories in two home exhibition matches earlier this month.

Freshman guard Alicia Ratay made her mark on the team early, as she led the squad in scoring in both contests. Ratay and her potent three-point shot will replace the only gap in the Irish starting line-up from last year — the vacancy left by three-point record holder Sheila Macmillan.

Senior Niele Ivey returns to the court against the Rockets after a season-ending ACL

injury sidelined her in last year's NCAA tournament. Ivey and Ratay, along with Danielle Green, Imani Dunbar, Monique Hernandez and Amanda Barksdale will combine for a productive back court.

At the post, junior center Ruth Riley will continue to anchor the Irish offense. Well on her way to breaking into the 1,000 point club this season, Riley will be a pivotal player both on offense and defense.

Last season Riley led the Irish in scoring, averaging 16.6 points per game and rebounding, bringing an average of 8.4 balls down a game. She also set a school record with 101 blocked shots on the season.

Sidelined by an injury to her right ankle which she sustained during practice last week, Riley will most likely return to the court in Saturday's season opener.

Junior forward Kelley Seimon will also play a crucial role for the Irish this season.

The Irish travel to Toledo, looking for a repeat of last year's match-up, when they downed the Rockets 82-64.

Led by senior center Jennifer Markwood, the Rockets offense will center around the post position. Markwood anchored the squad last season, averaging 10.5 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

The Irish and the Rockets are even in their series at 2-2.

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a presence and a calming force on the field. All the players look up to her and respond to the way she plays."

Against Stanford, freshmen Nancy Mikacenic and Vanessa Pruzinsky started in on the back line for the Irish without much experience. Since that game, Mikacenic has been moved to midfield to accommodate Grubb while Pruzinsky has developed into a strong defender and earned Big East Rookie of the Year honors.

Two more freshmen have worked their way into the Irish lineup as the season has progressed. Ali Lovelace and Ashley Dryer are quick, explosive players who add depth and excitement to the Irish attack. Lovelace has been especially hot lately, scoring three goals in the Big East Championships.

The Cardinal has juggled its lineup during the season as well. Senior Ronnie Fair has moved from the back line to the midfield for the Irish while Peggy Myers and Allyson Marquand are starting for Stanford.

The Cardinal advanced to the third round thanks to a victory over Cal Poly, 3-1. The Irish



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Forward Meotis Erikson dribbles the ball past a Dayton defender in the second round of the NCAA tournament.


earned a berth in the third round after defeating the Dayton Flyers, 5-1. The exhibition game gave both teams a glimpse of the opponent's talent and some of its strategy, but neither team should expect the results to be the same, according to Waldrum.

"I think the only thing it will do for both of us is let us see up close what kind of talent each

team has," Waldrum said. "Both of us will have a better idea of what each other has, but I don't think the result of that game will have any bearing with what's going to happen on Friday. I think it is going to be a great game and it will be a battle to the finish."

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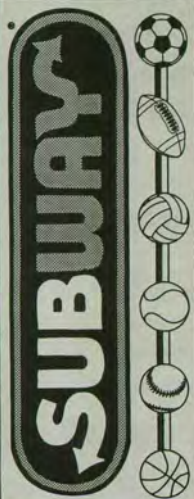
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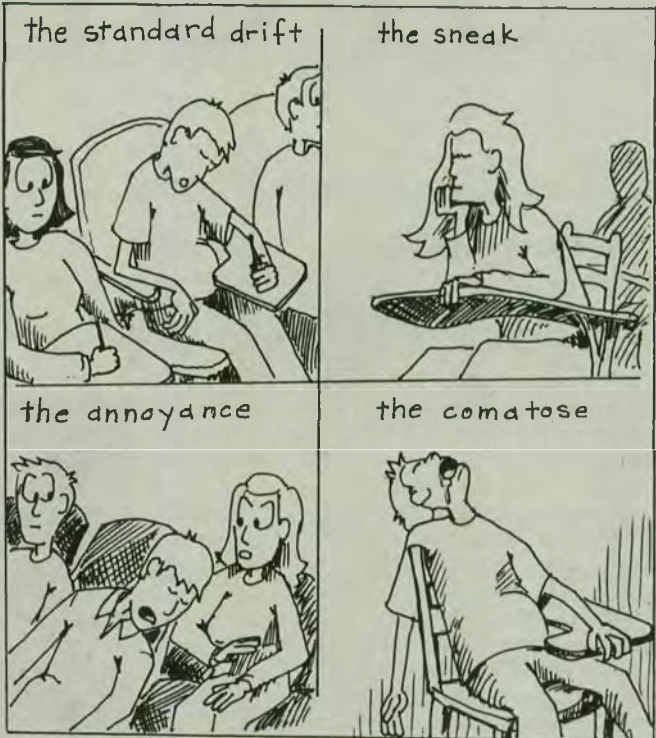
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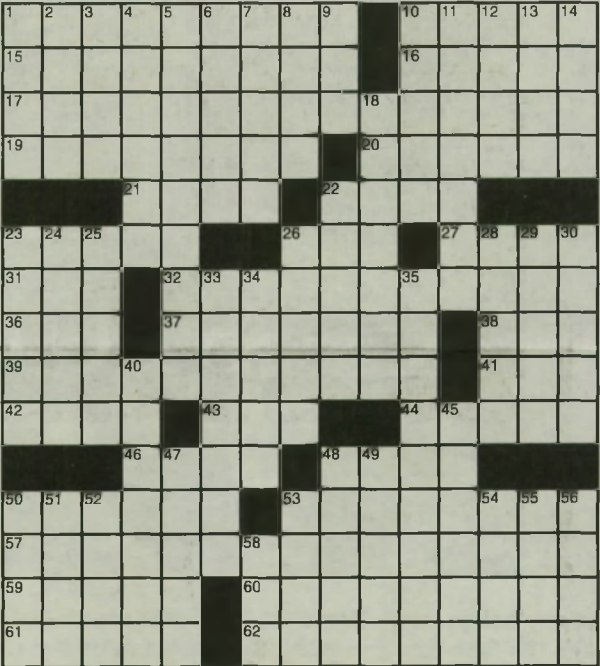
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish light up court in 107-96 win over Siena

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The excitement is running high for Notre Dame men's basketball.

First-year head coach Matt Doherty has led the Irish to a 2-0 start and the semi-finals of the Pre-season NIT with a 107-96 win over Siena last night.

"The balance tonight was key because they really couldn't focus on any one player," sophomore forward Troy Murphy said. "They opened it up so much for Harold [Swanagan] and I to operate inside by their three-point shooting and that's what's been winning games for us — their three-point shooting."

Murphy, sophomore forward David Graves, senior guard Martin Ingelsby and freshman guard Matt Carroll spread out the offense for Notre Dame, all scoring in double figures.

Murphy set the tempo for the Irish early, scoring seven of the first 10 points for the blue and gold to put them up 10-7.

The Saints used a full-court press against the Irish, which forced 11 turnovers in the first 11 minutes, keeping the game close.

"I was disappointed that we didn't execute, but we'll work those kinks out," Doherty said. "I think we've got to just be strong handling the ball and be more decisive."

The Irish took the lead for good with nine minutes remaining in the first half, but senior forward Marcus Faison kept the Saints in the contest. He was the go-to guy for Siena, putting up 13 points and snagging four boards in the first stanza.

At halftime, the Irish were ahead 50-41, thanks to nine players scoring in the even Irish attack.

Several freshmen had significant playing time, much more than in Notre Dame's 59-57 win at Ohio State Tuesday.

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The Irish fight for the ball in Notre Dame's 107-96 win over Siena in the second round of the preseason NIT Thursday. The contest marks the first time the Irish have scored more than 100 points since 1992.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish meet Cardinal in round three

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Writer

Four months ago on a sweltering August night, the Notre Dame women's soccer team defeated the Stanford Cardinal, 4-0, in an exhibition game. Tonight, on a cold November night, those two teams meet again in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

But Irish head coach Randy Waldrum doesn't believe the exhibition game will play any role in tonight's game because both teams have evolved throughout the season.

"I think we are probably both different," Waldrum said. "At that point in time in the season we were both looking at different positions and trying to get a

handle on things. I don't think that anything that happened at that point in the season will have any bearing Friday night."

The Irish have completely juggled their lineup since August. Senior captain Jen Grubb moved from the midfield back to her more natural defense position. Waldrum said Grubb's move has made the team more organized on defense.

"It helped solidify some organization things we were struggling with early on," Waldrum said. "Mainly with her leadership qualities that she brings to the table. She had been doing a great job in the midfield and that's ideally where we wanted to put her but based on her leadership capabilities we thought she would be better in the back. We didn't do that until five or six

games into the season and that will be something different."

While Grubb changed positions early in the season, senior Jenny Streiffer moved from forward to midfield later in the season. Junior midfielder Anne Makinen was not even in the lineup back in August, when she was training with the Finnish national team. Makinen is another leader who makes the Irish a more explosive team, according to Waldrum.

"I think Anne adds a whole new dimension to your team," Waldrum said. "She is certainly one of the best players in the country and probably one of the best players in the world. I think most national team coaches would tell you that. She has such

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FOOTBALL HISTORY

Gordon dashes ND's title chances in '93

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

David Gordon currently makes his living as a general contractor, building houses in Connecticut.

The destroyer of a perfect Notre Dame season is now a successful builder.

How appropriate.

Exactly six years ago on Saturday, Gordon, then a Boston College junior place kicker, ruined Notre Dame's chances for their 12th national title when he connected on a 41-yard field goal with five seconds left. It was

the longest kick of his career.

Gordon still vividly recalls that November afternoon when he went from a little known kicker to a national figure.

"The gold from Touchdown Jesus was the only thing I could really see," Gordon said earlier this week on the phone. "It was getting really dark and the sun was setting."

"I always pick a spot to aim at," Gordon added. "And Touchdown Jesus was my spot."

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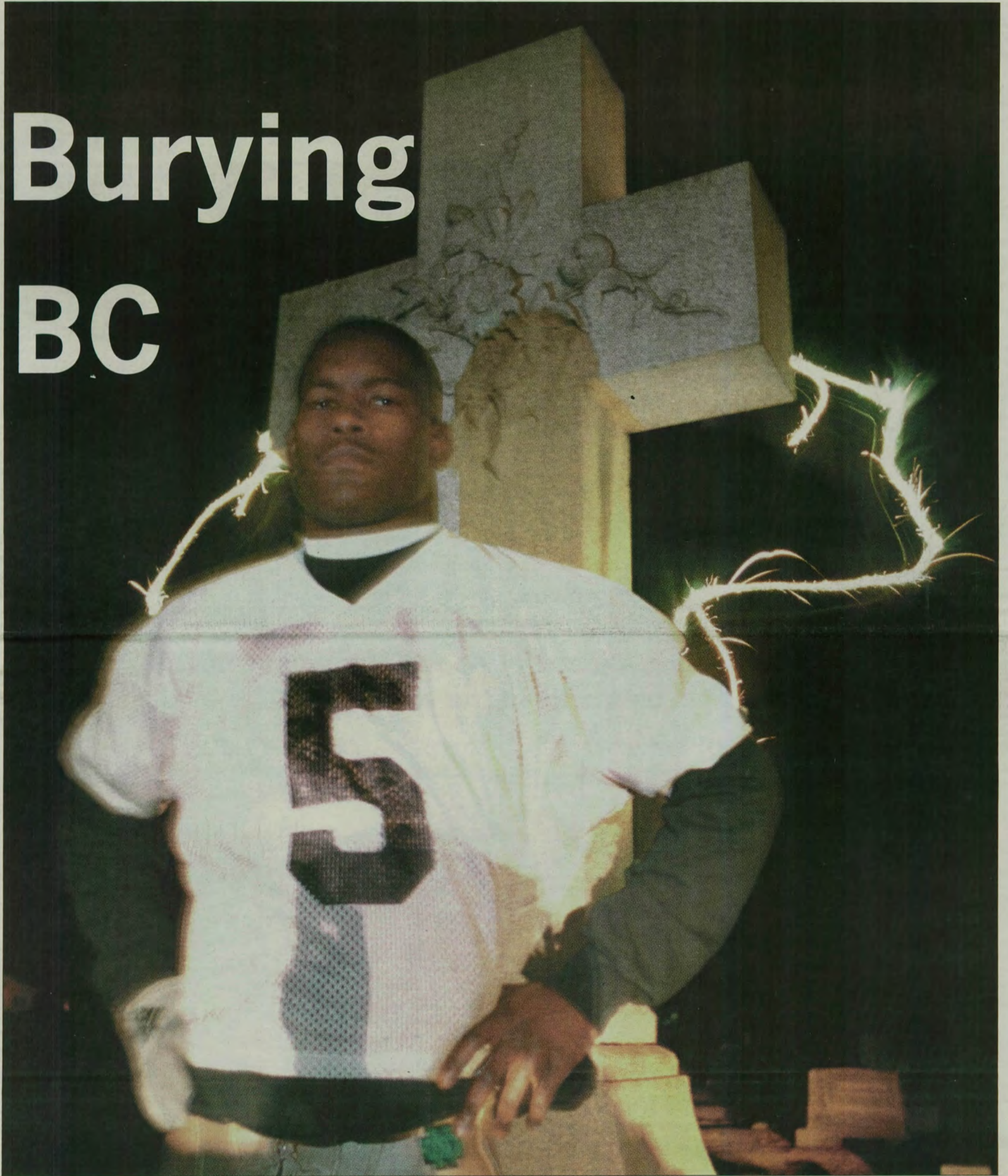
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Senior free safety A'Jani Sanders has shown flashes of brilliance this year with his devastating hits and tendency for the big play. His 76 tackles lead the Irish from his strong safety position. For more on the heart of the Irish, see page 5.

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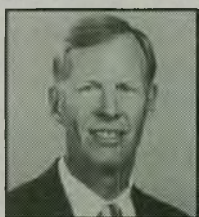
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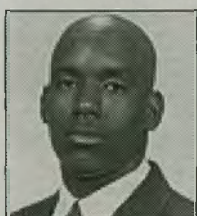
Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"I assume we will be heading into an angry place."

"It's important to be a better team at the end of the season than you were at the beginning."



Tom O'Brien
Eagles head coach



Bobby Brown
wide receiver

"We've got a couple more games to play. We can't quit now. We started it, we've got to finish it."



A'Jani Sanders
strong safety

Bowl bid on the line for Irish

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish, coming off a disappointing loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers last weekend, return to Notre Dame Stadium for their final home game of the season when they take on the Eagles of Boston College Saturday.

Looking to scrape together enough wins to be eligible for a bowl game, the 5-5 Irish cannot afford another loss in their two remaining games.

"Obviously this is a big game for us," said head coach Bob Davie. "Boston College comes in 7 and 2. We have got a chance to finish this season on a positive and that is our goal right now."

Numerous injuries to the Irish in the past few weeks have left the squad without much depth on the sidelines. Despite the possible loss of several key players for this week's matchup, Davie is confident that the Irish can earn their sixth win of the season over the Eagles.

"We have enough players and game plan to go beat Boston College," said Davie. "... If you look at it closely, on defense, our starting defensive unit is pretty much intact. Our problem's really the depth and the backups where there are none and then it trickles into the special teams. Offensively, it is a concern because we have three new linemen in there ... We need every ounce of juice we have on this football team."

In addition to the loss of left tackle Jordan Black and tailback Terrence Howard after the Tennessee game, the Irish will also be without left guard Jim Jones and right tackle John Teasdale this week.

Julius Jones, Deke Cooper and Anthony Denman have not practiced yet this week, but are still scheduled to take the field Saturday.



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Joey Getherall, shown here against Pittsburgh, and the Irish must win their last two games to become eligible for a bowl.

Boston College comes to Notre Dame riding high after a 34-17 routing of West Virginia, which vaulted the Eagles into the national rankings, for the first time since the 1994 campaign, at the 25th spot.

The Eagles have much riding on this game — a win would virtually secure the squad a spot in either the Gator or Insight.com bowl in the postseason.

If the Irish plan to come away with a victory, they will need to shut down Boston College's quarterback Tim Hasselback and the Eagle offense.

"They do throw the football down the

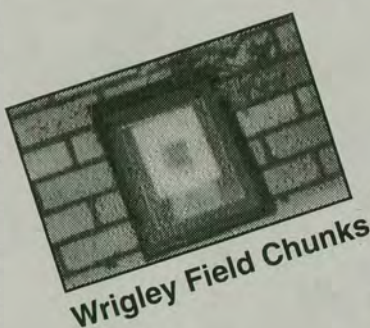
field. They do throw it vertically," said Davie. "They have got a talented group of receivers; particularly No. 11 is a guy that I think is an explosive player and the quarterback is playing well."

Hasselback and No. 11 wide receiver, Dedrick Dewalt, have combined to make a potent duo throughout the season. Hasselback has thrown to Dewalt for 36 receptions and three touchdowns in nine games.

Notre Dame has an 8-2 edge in its series with Boston College and has come out on top in the teams' last four meetings.

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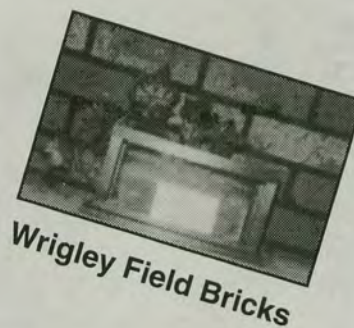
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EYE ON THE ENEMY

Eagles to test depleted Irish secondary

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

An injured and exhausted Irish secondary faces another stiff test this week from a group of explosive wide receivers Saturday when the Eagles visit Notre Dame Stadium.

Boston College has three players — DuJuan Daniels, Jamal Burke and Derrick Crittenden — who average nearly 20 yards per reception. That is bad news for an Irish secondary that was torched for four plays of more than 20 yards against the Panthers last Saturday. Considering that the Panthers only completed 10 passes on the day, those four big plays stand out even more.

Those big plays allowed the Panthers to have great success against the Irish on third down. The Panthers were successful on 46 percent of their third down conversions. If the Irish cannot stop the big play and stop the Eagles on third down, they will not be able to stop the explosive Boston College offense.

"I have a hard time winning when opponents are 46 percent on third down," Davie said.

Daniels could be the most explosive of the Eagles receivers. Since moving to offense before Boston College took on Navy, Daniels has caught seven passes for 139 yards including a 64-yard touchdown catch against the Midshipmen.

"They have got a talented group of receivers," Davie said. "Particularly No. 11 [Daniels] is an explosive player."

In addition to the speedy threats of Daniels, Burke and Crittenden, the Eagles also have a steady receiving threat in Dedrick Dewalt. Dewalt has caught 36 passes for 496 yards and three touchdowns so far in 1999.

Trying to stop this talented and deep group will be an Irish secondary that is bruised and battered entering the final home game of the season. Free safety Deke Cooper missed practice time this week and might not be 100 percent for his last home game. Cornerbacks Deveron

Harper and Clifford Jefferson are also banged up but expected to play. Starting strong safety A'Jani Sanders is also expected to play through his bumps and bruises.

While the starters in the secondary are healthy enough to play, the nickel and dime backs are devastated by injuries and suspensions. Brock Williams and Lee Lafayette are off the team due to discipline reasons while freshmen Jason Beckstrom and Albert Poree, sophomore Shane Walton and juniors Justin Smith and Ron Israel are all expected to miss the game.

Due to all the injuries, Davie moved Sanders to the nickel back in passing situations and used freshman Gerome Sapp as the strong safety. Sophomore Donald Dykes also played some in nickel situations. Both Sapp and Dykes' inexperience, however, was exposed by the Panthers.

Although they are injured, Davie does not plan on changing the Irish defensive scheme.

"It is too late in the season to start doing a whole lot of different things," Davie said.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

A'Jani Sanders tackles Dedrick Dewalt in last year's victory over the Eagles. Dewalt averages four catches per game for Boston College and has accumulated nearly 500 yards through the air.

fast facts

ABOUT
BOSTON COLLEGE

- ◆ Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
- ◆ Enrollment: 14,600
- ◆ Founded: 1863
- ◆ Colors: Maroon and Gold
- ◆ Nickname: Eagles
- ◆ Conference: Big East
- ◆ Fight song: "For Boston"
- ◆ Six years ago Saturday, Boston College defeated Notre Dame to spoil a chance of a national title in 1993.
- ◆ Boston College and Notre Dame are the only two Div.-I Catholic universities playing college football.



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Schedule

Aug. 28	KANSAS	W 48-13
Sept. 4	at Michigan	L 26-22
Sept. 11	at Purdue	L 28-23
Sept. 18	MICHIGAN STATE	L 23-13
Oct. 2	OKLAHOMA	W 34-30
Oct. 9	ARIZONA STATE	W 48-17
Oct. 16	USC	W 25-24
Oct. 30	NAVY	W 28-24
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	L 38-14
Nov. 13	at Pittsburgh	L 37-27
Nov. 20	BOSTON COLLEGE	
Nov. 27	at Stanford	



Bob Davie
head coach

third season at
Notre Dame

career record:
21-14
at Notre Dame:
21-14
against Boston
College: 2-0

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	Amaz 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	Jarious 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	239	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
68	Matt Brennan	OT	6-6	305	SR
69	Mike Gandy	OG	6-4	292	SR
70	Jim Molinaro	DL	6-7	240	FR
71	Neil Ambron	OL	6-7	275	FR
72	Ryan Scarola	OL	6-5	303	SO
74	Rob Mowl	OG	6-5	295	SR
75	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	299	JR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-6	306	JR
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: offensive line



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Tight end Jabari Holloway (87) and guard Mike Gandy (69) are two of the healthy members of a depleted offensive line that faces the Eagles this week.

Line battles injuries, youth

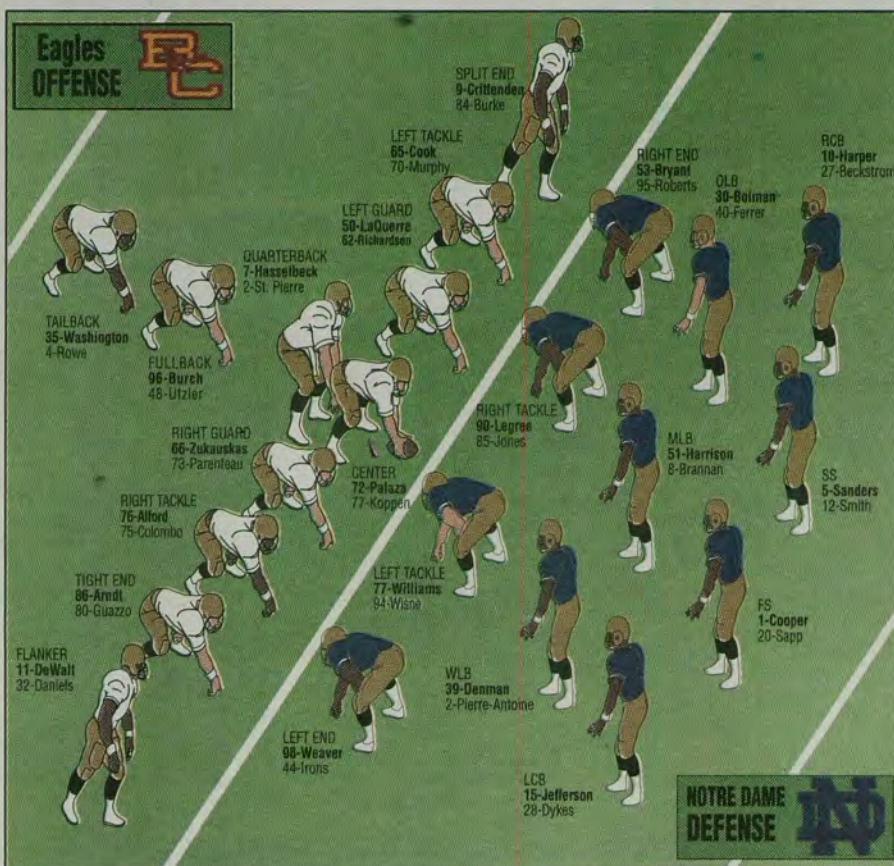
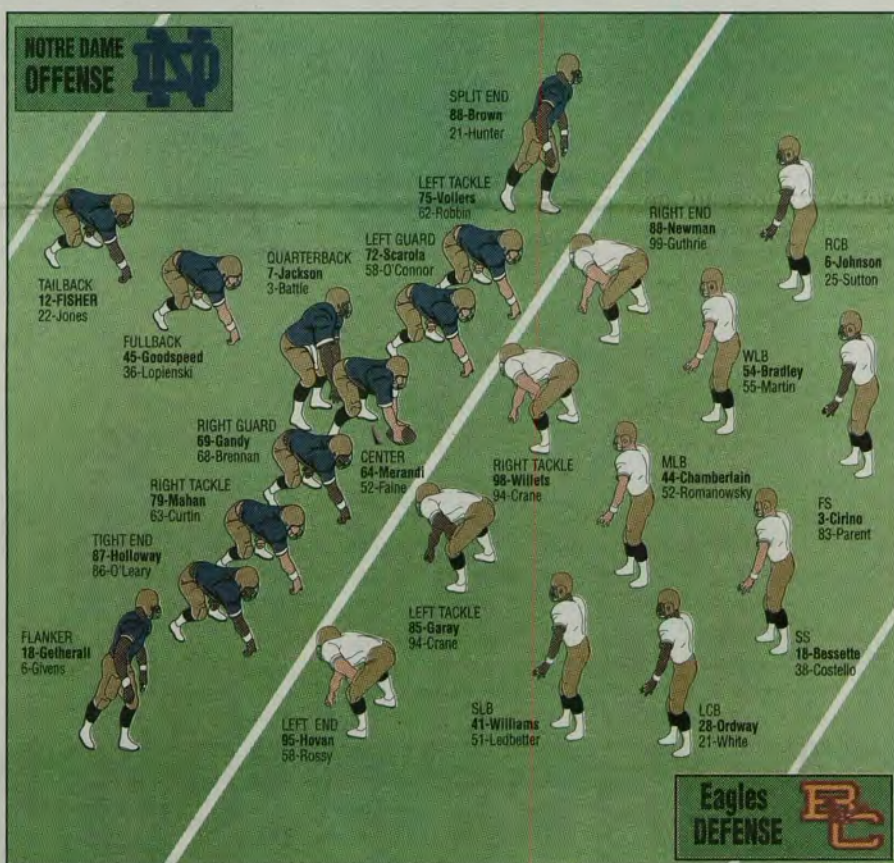
Observer Staff Report

The Irish entered this season with inexperience along the offensive line. With just one returning starter from 1998, Notre Dame had to completely rebuild its front wall.

Throughout the season, the line has shown some improvement but still had a long way to go. First-year starters Jim

Jones, John Teasdale, Jordan Black and Mike Gandy had finally started to gel with returning starter John Merandi before disaster struck.

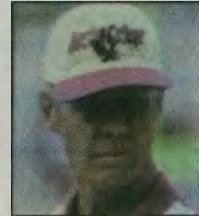
Jones, Teasdale and Black are all out for the year with injuries. In their place, Ryan Scarola, Sean Mahan and Kurt Vollers have gained starting assignments. These three new players must step up for the Irish offense to have any success Saturday.



1999 EAGLES

Schedule

Sept. 4	BAYLOR	W 30-29
Sept. 18	at Navy	W 14-10
Sept. 25	at Rutgers	W 27-7
Oct. 2	NORTHWESTERN	W 33-22
Oct. 9	at Temple	L 24-14
Oct. 16	PITTSBURGH	W 20-16
Oct. 23	MIAMI	L 31-28
Oct. 30	at Syracuse	W 24-23
Nov. 13	WEST VIRGINIA	34-17
Nov. 20	at Notre Dame	
Nov. 26	at Virginia Tech	



Tom O'Brien
head coach

third season at
Boston College

career record:
15-16
at Boston College:
15-16
against Notre
Dame: 0-2

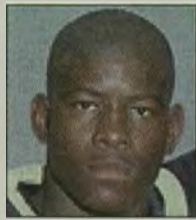
Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	William Green	RB	6-1	220	FR
2	Brian St. Pierre	QB	6-3	201	SO
3	Pedro Cirino	DB	5-11	201	SR
4	Carlton Rowe	RB	5-10	211	SR
5	J.D. Schmidt	QB	6-3	225	FR
6	RaMon Johnson	DB	5-11	188	JR
7	Tim Hasselbeck	QB	6-2	212	JR
8	Jason Smith	WR	6-0	193	JR
9	Derrick Crittenden	WR	6-0	183	SR
10	Kevin Kiley	QB	6-3	200	FR
11	Dedrick Dewalt	WR	5-9	175	SO
12	Keith Hemmings	QB	6-3	213	SR
13	William Poole	DB	5-11	185	FR
14	Greg Ruder	QB	6-3	210	JR
15	Kenney Gaskins	WR	5-9	166	SO
16	Greg Toal	LB	6-0	200	FR
17	Steve Dapra	WR	5-11	177	JR
18	Doug Besette	DB	5-11	205	FR
19	Dave Robbins	QB	6-0	210	JR
20	Derrick Knight	RB	5-9	185	FR
21	Trevor White	DB	5-10	180	FR
22	Nick Chakmakian	LB	6-2	225	JR
23	John Match	PK	6-2	208	SR
24	Ralph Parent	WR	6-2	206	SO
24	Hi Mom	BC	1-2	201	MD
25	D.J. Sutton	DB	5-8	158	JR
26	Curtis Bolden	DB	6-1	221	SO
27	Paul Cook	DB	5-11	190	FR
28	Jonathan Ordway	DB	5-10	178	SO
29	Chris Barnes	WR	5-10	178	JR
30	Emmerson Phillips	DB	6-0	192	SO
31	Derek Hixon	RB	6-3	220	JR
32	Dujan Daniels	WR	5-11	170	FR
33	Brandon Kelly	DL	6-2	253	FR
34	Mike Sutphin	PK	6-3	203	JR
35	Cedric Washington	RB	5-10	201	JR
36	Brian Flores	DB	5-11	195	FR
37	Ernie Pimpo	LL	4-3	460	FC
38	Kevin Costello	DB	5-9	180	JR
39	Matt Tower	RB	5-9	212	SO
39	High Tower	T/A	6-9	260	BS
40	George White	DB	6-1	197	SR
41	Marco Williams	LB	6-1	211	SO
42	Joe Mickens	LB	6-0	219	JR
43	J.P. Cornella	FB	6-1	215	FR
44	Frank Chamberlin	LB	6-1	250	SR
45	Josh Ott	LB	6-1	195	FR
46	David Coppola	WR	5-10	191	SO
47	Kevin McMyler	P	6-1	192	JR
48	Ryan Utzler	FB	6-1	236	SO
49	Matt Smith	RB	5-11	189	SO
50	Paul LaQuerre	OL	6-3	291	JR
51	Jerome Ledbetter	LB	6-2	210	FR
52	Andrew Romanowsky	LB	6-2	227	SO
53	Todd McKniiff	DL	6-4	253	SO
54	Scott Bradley	LB	6-1	219	SO
55	Steve Martin	LB	6-2	232	JR
56	Joe Winkels	DE	6-5	285	SO
57	John Colontelle	LB	6-0	220	JR
58	Derric Rossy	LB	6-3	241	SO
59	Anthony Possemato	DL	5-11	195	SO
60	Bill Ohi	OL	6-1	200	JR
61	Phil Martin	C	5-6	130	FR
62	John Richardson	OL	6-3	279	SO
63	Mike Callahan	LB	6-5	266	SO
64	Keith Leavitt	DL	6-8	290	FR
65	Michael Cook	OL	6-5	310	JR
66	Paul Zukauskas	OL	6-6	318	JR
67	Rudy Dipietro	OL	6-5	300	FR
68	Adam Anderson	P	4-11	125	SO
69	Frankie Wilpert	OL	6-6	275	FR
70	Dan Murphy	OL	6-6	268	SO
71	Leo Bell	OL	6-6	275	FR
72	Butch Palaza	OL	6-4	298	SR
73	Mark Parenteau	OL	6-5	290	FR
74	Jim Connor	OL	6-5	270	FR
75	Marc Columbo	OL	6-8	298	SO
76	Darnell Alford	OL	6-4	339	SR
77	Dan Koppen	OL	6-3	288	SO
78	Augie Hoffmann	OL	6-2	315	FR
79	Matt Knapp	OL	6-5	308	FR
80	Mike Guazzo	TE	6-3	248	JR
81	Josh Cervi	TE	6-3	241	SO
82	Robert Ellis	TE	6-4	261	JR
83	Shaun Toof	WR	5-11	173	SO
84	Jamal Burke	WR	6-0	196	SO
85	Antonio Garey	DL	6-4	287	SO
86	Bryan Arndt	TE	6-4	255	SR
87	Frank Misurell	DL	6-5	225	FR
88	Adam Newman	DL	6-5	250	SR
89	K.J. Turkson	DB	6-0	195	SO
89	Sean Ryan	TE	6-5	258	FR
90	Tom Martin	DE	6-5	250	FR
91	Mickey Ryan	SNP	6-8	350	SO
92	Adam Grace	DL	6-3	258	JR
93	Leonard Bennett	OL	6-0	235	FR
94	Kevin Crane	DL	6-4	267	SO
95	Chris Hovan	DL	6-3	290	SR
96	Ryan Burch	RB	6-3	248	JR
97	Pat Knaib	DL	6-3	248	JR
98	Mike Willetts	DL	6-4	261	SR
99	Petey Dalum	MD	6-5	350	DID
99	Sean Guthrie	DL	6-4	245	SO

Weekend warrior plays through pain

♦ Senior safety brings energy and enthusiasm to the Irish secondary

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor



Sanders

position: strong safety
year: senior
awards: SuperPrep and Prep Football Report All-American as senior in high school
notables: had interception returns for touchdowns against Arizona State in 1998 and 1999, leads Irish in tackles with 76

If one player on the 1999 Irish football team exudes energy and enthusiasm, it's senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders.

"It's just a mental thing," Sanders said. "I just try to stay positive all the time because if I don't, all these injuries I've got, they're going to get to me, and I've got to stay above that. I've got to play and be there for my teammates when they need me."

If any one player shows his love of the game by leaving it all on the line week after week despite countless injuries, it's Sanders.

If anybody can fire up the fans and student body as the first one to raise his helmet in front of the crowd, it's Sanders.

If any player resists the temptation to give up when times are tough, consistently motivating his teammates to keep fighting, it's Sanders.

"I think he helps motivate them," secondary coach Lou West said. "The biggest motivation that he does is through his actions."

Although Sanders has played with injuries for much of the past two years, he doesn't use aches and bruises as excuses.

"If I could play healthy, I'd probably play better, but playing with injuries, that's part of the game," Sanders said. "You learn that from Little League all the way up. You just learn to play with injuries and you go with what you've got."

Notre Dame coaches recognize Sanders' resilience as going above and beyond the line of duty.

"He's been a warrior," head football coach Bob Davie said. "He is going to be wearing a cast this week. He is a guy that has been beat up all year. Actually, he has been beat up for two years, but he is a warrior all the way."

Highlighting the Notre Dame defense with a team-high three interceptions and 76 tackles, Sanders is a role model for the younger guys on the team.

"Being a senior, he's done an outstanding job of leading not only the secondary, but the defense," West said. "Every little thing that he does is very important."

"I look at myself as being a leader for the younger guys," Sanders said. "It's been rough and people want to quit at times, but you've got to realize, we're out here to play football and that's what we came to do."

We started losing — hey, we've got a couple more games to play. We can't quit now. We started it; we've got to finish it."

Although the Irish, predicted to be among the top 25 teams in the nation, slipped to a 5-5 record, they're not ready to pack it in yet.

"We're shooting for something," Sanders said. "It hurts when you lose, of course, but we're all competitors and that's the competitive spirit in us. Yes, we came to Notre Dame for a great education, but we also came to play football and we've got two more football games left. That's exactly what I plan to do — play football."

"We've got to try to send the seniors out with a bang, you know, win the last game. This one is going to stick in your mind forever," Sanders added.

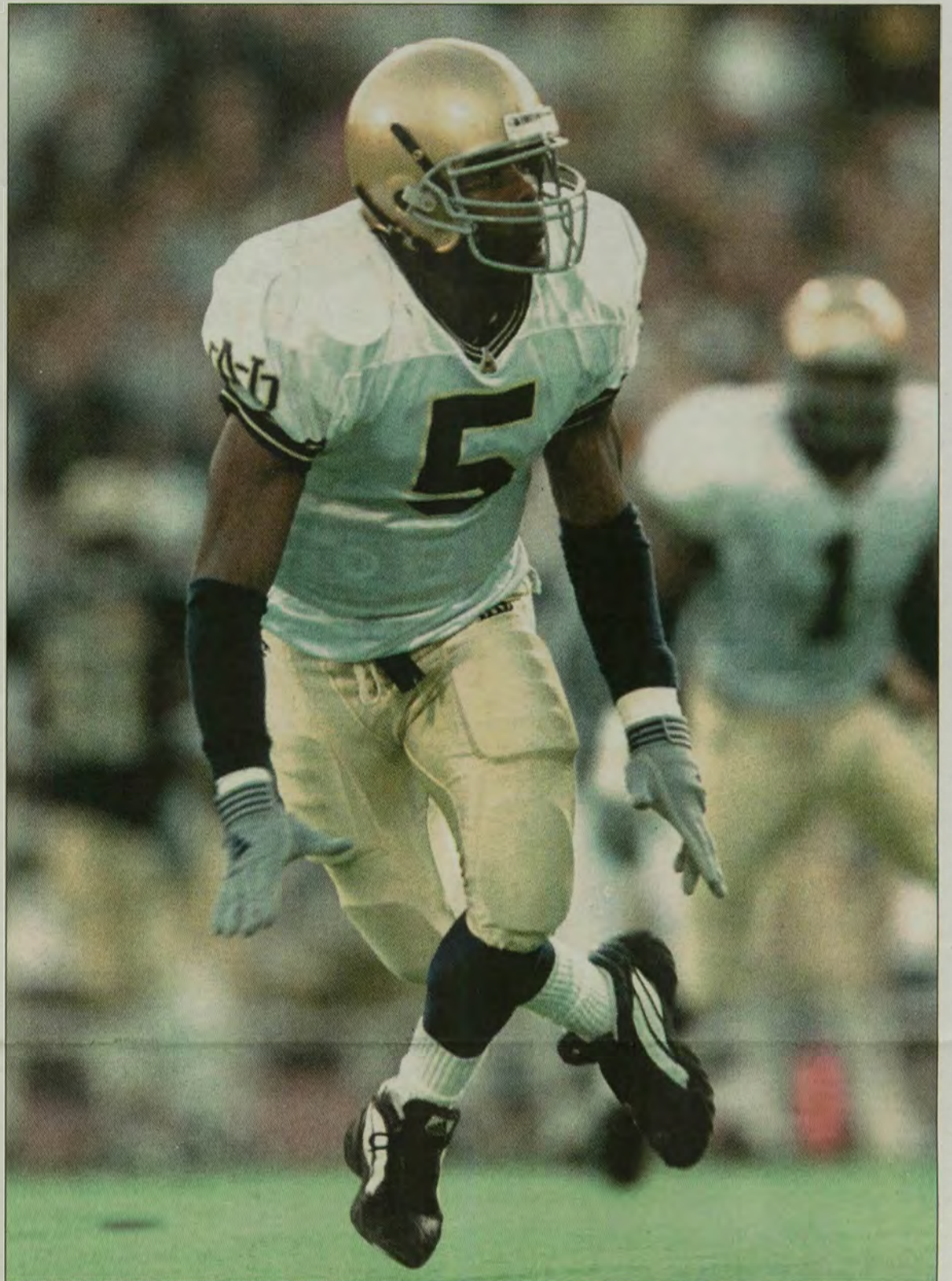
The Irish can become bowl-eligible with victories over Boston College and Stanford. To finish the regular season with consecutive wins, they will need to come back from the disappointment of two straight losses on the road.

"Everything changes week to week," Sanders said. "You can't worry about the week before or the next week or the week after."

You've got to go out there and play for this week. That's what I'm doing, playing for this week. And if we come up short, I left it on the field. I left it right there for you. That's it, my last game in Notre Dame Stadium."

Sanders, redshirted his freshman season, relies on some of his fellow seniors for motivation. In particular, he and free safety Deke Cooper push each other to play at the highest level of competition.

"Last year, we were competing for the same position and it was like, anything you can do, I can do better," Sanders said. "We just kind of kept that same thing going when Coach [Davie]



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders drops back into coverage in last Saturday's game against Pittsburgh. Sanders will play his final game in Notre Dame Stadium when the Irish host the Eagles Saturday.

put us at two different positions. So if Deke makes a play, I want to make a play, too, and I think that keeps us pretty strong together, keeps the secondary together."

"We try to motivate each other," added Sanders. "When he's down, I try to pick him up, and when I'm down, he tries to keep me up."

That teamwork helps Sanders and Cooper to make key plays on the field, the best example coming Oct. 9 against Arizona State.

In that game, both Sanders and Cooper recorded key interceptions, as did senior cornerback Deveron Harper.

"I think he had a great year," said Davie. "Each and every week he plays — I think he has been outstanding."

Sanders' 28-yard interception return for a touchdown was reminiscent of last year's showdown with the Sun Devils, in

which he also snagged an interception return for a touchdown.

"Coach always says run to the ball. I just run to the ball," Sanders said. "Wherever the ball is, that's where you're going to see No. 5."

During his career for the Irish, Sanders has captured eight interceptions and recorded 210 tackles.

Although he also played basketball, soccer and track as a prep student in Houston, Tex., football has always been his main love. If things work out, Sanders hopes to continue playing in the NFL after leaving Notre Dame.

"I would hope that would be every college player's aspiration — to play football after college," Sanders said. "I've been playing football since I was 5. I wish I could play until I die."

"He is certainly a young man that will give all that he has and do all that he can to keep play-

ing," West said.

If a pro football career should fall through, Sanders will have a Notre Dame education and degree to rely upon. He earned a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester as a sociology and computer applications major.

"If football doesn't work out, then I got a great education here," Sanders said. "I'm lined up to graduate. I'm sure I'll feel pretty accomplished in that."

As Sanders gets ready to don an Irish uniform in Notre Dame Stadium for the final time as a player Saturday, he recognizes how much Notre Dame football means to him.

"Probably the first time I ran out of the tunnel," Sanders said of his best athletic moment. "Now that I think about it, the last time is coming up soon, so it'll probably end up being Saturday when I run out of that tunnel."

up close &
personal
WITH A'JANI SANDERS

birthdate: Oct. 31, 1976
hometown: Houston, Tex.
major: Sociology/CAPP
dimensions: 5-foot-10, 197 pounds
if I could play another position on the other side of the ball it would be: quarterback

a word to describe him on the field: hitter
a word to describe him off the field: real
greatest accomplishment off the field: being prepared to graduate

greatest personal athletic moment: First and last time running through the tunnel at Notre Dame Stadium.
People who have helped him most at Notre Dame: God, friends and family

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Michigan State head coach Nick Saban leads his No. 15 Spartans against the Penn State Nittany Lions Saturday in a game that could decide the fate of many Big Ten teams and their bowl hopes.

PSU looks to salvage season against MSU

Observer Staff Report

In his final press conference ever in the Beaver Stadium media room before renovation takes place, Joe Paterno sat under the lights and answered questions.

But the things the Penn State coach was talking about, mainly on how his team will rebound from another loss, did not light him up.

And he made sure the media knew of his displeasure at his weekly press conference Tuesday.

"I know you guys don't like to hear this, but Michigan State might be the best team we play this year," Paterno said. "Michigan State is really playing well. Look at the last two football games. Their defense is No. 1 versus the run and their offense is dangerous."

"Obviously, that doesn't light me up."

But Penn State's rushing attack did light up the box score against Michigan in its 31-27 defeat on Saturday.

The only problem is that it only was lit up seven times in 60 minutes of football, as the Nittany Lions rushed for an all-time low in the Paterno era.

Not since UCLA held the Lions to a meager 35 yards in 1966 has a Penn State ground attack fired so many blanks.

With another seven-yard rushing day, the Lions can almost guarantee seeing their name lit up on the marquee of a bowl game — in Tampa or San Antonio.

"Good defenses," Paterno gave as an explanation of the Lions rushing woes this season. "They are forcing you to throw the football 40 times in a game. That doesn't light me up."

No. 1 Florida State at Florida

Unlike some of Saturday's rivalry games, Florida-Florida State needs no gimmick. It's not The Game or the Big Game or the Apple Cup. There are no barrels, baskets or buckets on the line, either.

When the top-ranked Seminoles (10-0) and third-ranked Gators (9-1) meet in The Swamp, they'll play for one prize — a ticket to the national championship game.

In four of the past six seasons, the

Florida-Florida State winner has played for the national title. The teams even met for the title in the Sugar Bowl after the Seminoles beat the Gators in the '96 regular season.

Florida State won its only national title in 1993, while Florida won its championship in '96.

"We are looking forward to the game, a typical game," Gators coach Steve Spurrier said. "FSU is usually 10-0 or 9-1, we are usually 9-1. We have been 10-0 a couple times coming into it. Each team has an opportunity to keep on going in the national picture."

If the Seminoles win, they are a virtual lock to finish first in the final BCS standings, which determine the teams in its national title game (the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4). If the Gators win, they would then need to win the SEC title game on Dec. 4 to put themselves in a strong position to play for another championship.

No. 21 Georgia at No. 16 Mississippi

After tumbling seven spots in the poll following another loss, No. 21 Georgia will try to salvage the remainder of its season when it heads to Oxford to take on No. 16 Mississippi.

Georgia (6-3, 4-3 SEC) leads the overall series, 24-12-1, and has won the last two contests.

The Bulldogs will try to bounce back from a dismal showing against Auburn last week in which they trailed 38-0 early in the second half before scoring three times in a 38-21 loss.

Georgia had hoped a victory over the Tigers would result in a New Year's Day bowl bid. Instead, the Bulldogs may be content with any bowl, having lost two in a row and facing their last two games on the road.

After playing Mississippi, the Bulldogs will have to deal with in-state rival Georgia Tech.

Georgia's defense, which has struggled all season, will have to do a better job this week. Ranked last in the 12-team conference, the unit allowed Auburn quarterback Ben Leard to pass for a school-record 416 yards and a record-tying four touchdown passes a week ago.

AP Poll

	team	record	points
1	Florida State (63)	10-0	1,746
2	Virginia Tech (6)	9-0	1,656
3	Florida	9-1	1,599
4	Nebraska	9-1	1,523
5	Wisconsin	9-2	1,495
6	Texas	9-2	1,328
7	Tennessee	7-2	1,296
8	Alabama	8-2	1,288
9	Kansas State	9-1	1,206
10	Michigan	8-2	1,085
11	Marshall	10-0	1,006
12	Mississippi State	8-1	947
13	Penn State	9-2	853
14	Georgia Tech	7-2	825
15	Michigan State	8-2	805
16	Mississippi	7-2	749
17	Minnesota	7-3	680
18	Southern Miss.	7-3	508
19	BYU	8-2	486
20	Purdue	6-4	357
21	Georgia	6-3	310
22	Arkansas	6-3	288
23	East Carolina	8-2	213
24	Texas A&M	7-3	99
25	Boston College	7-2	89

other teams receiving votes: Louisiana Tech 116, Oklahoma 96, Miami, Fla. 49, Stanford 49, Oregon 29, Wyoming 23, Illinois 19, Oregon State 18, Washington 5, Auburn 4, Hawaii 4, Western Michigan 4, Kentucky 2, Louisville 2, Virginia 2, Boise State 1

ESPN/USA Today Poll

	team	record	points
1	Florida State (58)	10-0	1,474
2	Virginia Tech (1)	9-0	1,410
3	Florida	9-1	1,347
4	Nebraska	9-1	1,310
5	Wisconsin	9-2	1,218
6	Texas	9-2	1,104
7	Tennessee	7-2	1,011
8	Alabama	8-2	994
9	Kansas State	9-1	982
10	Michigan	8-2	918
11	Marshall	10-0	859
12	Georgia Tech	7-2	850
13	Penn State	9-2	757
14	Michigan State	8-2	753
15	Mississippi State	8-1	752
16	Mississippi	7-2	547
17	Southern Miss.	7-3	423
18	Minnesota	7-3	407
19	BYU	8-2	372
20	Texas A&M	7-3	345
21	East Carolina	8-2	283
22	Boston College	7-2	260
23	Georgia	6-3	241
24	Arkansas	6-3	143
25	Purdue	6-4	108

other teams receiving votes: Stanford 71, Oklahoma 68, Miami, Fla. 33, Louisiana Tech 26, Oregon 25, Washington 18, Virginia 12, Colorado State 11, Illinois 11, Louisville 10, Hawaii 8, Clemson 6, Oregon State 4, Colorado 3, Wyoming 1

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the inside edge



records: 5-5
A.P. rank: NR
coaches' poll: NR



records: 7-2
A.P. rank: 25
coaches' poll: 22

Series Record

Notre Dame leads

8-2



quarterbacks: Jarious Jackson is throwing the ball well but his running skills have been poor the past few weeks. Tim Hasselback has thrown as many touchdowns as interceptions.



running backs: Cederic Washington is one of the best tailbacks in the country. The Irish are just trying to stay healthy.



receivers: Boston College features yet another group of big play receivers. Bobby Brown had a career day last week for the Irish



offensive line: The Irish are beat up while the Eagles are experienced.

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defensive line: Grant Irons is banged up but the rest of the line is healthy and must get a better pass rush than they did against Pittsburgh. Chris Hovan and Mike Willets lead the Eagles.



linebackers: The Irish backers disappeared against the Panthers. Frank Chamberlin is the veteran in a young group of BC 'backers.

secondary: The Irish are banged up in nickel and dime situations and its starters are battered but can still play. In the final home game of their careers, Deke Cooper, Deveron Harper and A'Jani Sanders will probably make big plays.



special teams: The Irish have had trouble with blocked kicks and missed field goals this year. Sanson, however, returned and kicked well last week.



coaching: Three years ago, Tom O'Brien took over an Eagles team that was at rock bottom. Now he has his ranked team on the verge of a bowl while Bob Davie, who also took over three years ago, is 5-5, unranked and might not make a bowl.



intangibles: It's senior day in Notre Dame Stadium. Some of the greatest wins (Penn State, 1992) and worst defeats (BC, 1993) have happened on this day.



Overall

With 21 scholarship athletes unable to play due to suspensions or injuries, the Irish are short-handed heading into their final home game of the season. The Eagles are hungry to avenge the close loss to the Irish last year.

IRISH INSIGHT

Irish try to avoid embarrassing themselves

Yes, the Irish have hit a new low, but it has little to do with the 10-point loss to Pittsburgh last Saturday.

One loss — even to a sub-.500 team — doesn't cause that type of embarrassment.

You can argue that being 5-5 isn't the cause for the humiliation that Irish fans feel right now.



Anthony Bianco

football columnist

But something is terribly wrong when Notre Dame's motivation in its last home game of the season, against arch-rival Boston College, is a "fear of embarrassment."

Just two weeks ago, the Irish were on a four-game winning streak and had high hopes of playing in a bowl game.

Just three months ago there were predictions of a national championship to close out the millennium.

And just six years ago, we all know which team earned its last-ever No. 1 ranking in 1993.

But embarrassment is the present. I guess the motivation of wearing the golden helmet and playing for the most storied college team isn't that big of a motivator anymore.

Note to students: Don't try this yourselves. For some reason, just working hard enough to avoid being laughed at isn't something that Notre Dame encourages in its students.

We should be so lucky as to see "The Great Embarrassment Motivator" actually work.

But if playing for a national championship, a top-10 spot, or a bowl game isn't going to work, what difference will this goal make against the Eagles?

Whatever the experiment in motivation that the Irish bring this Saturday, it will not go very far without a strong showing in the same areas that have plagued them all season.

If Pitt wasn't a slap in the face for Notre Dame's secondary and the offensive ground game, then nothing short of a parietals suspension will wake them up.

The Irish have allowed their opponents to field a Heisman-



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Freshman safety Gerome Sapp (20) and junior inside linebacker Anthony Denman (39) tackle a Panther in last Saturday's 37-27 loss to Pittsburgh that Bob Davie called an "embarrassment."

like lineup of quarterbacks this season, allowing them to air out for over 220 yards a game.

B.C. will surely use that to its advantage with quarterback Tim Hasselback if Notre Dame's secondary allows them to.

Hasselback has seven interceptions to counter his seven touchdowns but is coming off an excellent showing against West Virginia.

Irish secondary coach Lou West blamed the defensive line

after the Pitt game for giving Panther quarterback John Turman too much time to throw.

Then, Bob Davie blamed offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers for not calling enough running plays.

Looks like "The Great Embarrassment Motivator" has already gotten to some and passing the buck is the only way to save face. Shouldn't concentrating on fixing the problem be

of greater importance than finding out which coach is to blame?

The other problem that became obvious last week is Notre Dame's lack of offense.

They ran for just 72 yards against Pitt. In the four games that Jarious Jackson has rushed for less than 20 yards, the Irish have averaged just over 100 yards rushing.

To make matters worse, the losses of tackles Jordan Black and John Teasdale and guard

Jim Jones to injury will make it harder for Rogers to get things going on the offense.

The last thing the team needs to focus on is the fear of causing Notre Dame embarrassment.

If things continue the way that they've been going, that will take care of itself.

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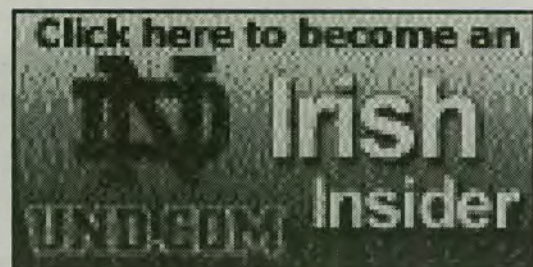


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