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Jet hijacked to Cuba

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — Hijackers seized an Ecuadorian jetliner with 67 persons aboard, directing the flight from Quito to Guayaquil, and after a refueling stop here ordered the pilot to fly to Cuba via Panama. The hijackers allowed 23 men, ten women and four children to leave the plane in Guayaquil in exchange for fuel.

The Community Blood Bank at Indianapolis, which serves 36 hospitals in 22 counties, said its supplies were down 50 percent, with slightly more than 300 units on the shelves yesterday morning. The center declared an emergency today, when it ran down to just 20 units of fresh blood.

The Red Cross in Hammond, Ind., said Monday that blood supplies for much of the state will be "crushed by the snow this week and demand from hospitals and emergency units by Monday. We hope not, but the weather does affect supply. We can't get mobile units out and the donors can't come in."

Allen said the Red Cross' Louisville blood center had just 75 units on hand, compared with a normal supply of 150-300 units. The supply in hospitals served by the center was down about 50 percent, he said, because "we've missed all blood runs this week."

Many regional hospitals reported low blood supplies from emergency donors, Allen said.

The center serves about 50 hospitals, including about 20 across Indiana, south of Bloomington.

Allen said one mobile unit drew about 100 units of blood in Columbus, Ind., Tuesday, about one third of the usual supply. The center currently has no mobile units.

"We should be able to have a normal day again tomorrow (Thursday)," he said.

The Evansville, which was buried under more than a foot of snow this week, the Ohio Valley Blood Bank reported its supplies had dwindled the last two days to about 70 units on hand. "That isn't adequate at this time," said James Shaw, director of the center, which serves ten counties in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

"We're still below normal, but it is at a safe level," she said. "This is not to say we won't be in an emergency state by Monday. We hope not, but the weather does affect supply. We can't get the mobile units out and the donors can't come in."

Insurance discrimination defended during the sub-committee hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) - An insurance industry spokesman conceded yesterday that some of the poorest people have to pay the highest rates for automobile insurance, but he said it is unrealistic to ask companies to solve the problem by overcharging more prosperous persons.

"It is generally true that cars driven by minorities generate the highest insurance losses and are charged the highest auto insurance rates," Donald L. Jordan, assistant vice president of the Alliance of American Insurers, told a Senate subcommittee.

"Unfortunately, the people who have to pay these high rates include the very poor, as well as some of the more affluent segments of our national population."

"Jordan said this creates a dilemma for insurance companies, which are required by law to base their rates on expected loss to but "are subjected to enor­
mous political and regulatory pressure to keep their rates at an adequate level, even if this means deliberately overcharging some people."

"The insurance industry alone cannot resolve this dilemma," he said. "It is totally unrealistic to expect an industry, in a business of operating in a competitive market, to deliberately overcharge some customers in order to be able to sell to other groups of customers at below cost."
Sadat halts peace talks with Israel

By Marian Ulrey
Senior Staff Reporter

A Notre Dame student, a professor's son, was killed in a traffic accident on Dec. 29. He was a student leader in the Notre Dame jazz bands and in his fourth year of work in George Wiskitchen, assistant director of bands. Calone, a drummer, played with the Notre Dame Jazz Combo which won an "outstanding" award at the Collegiate Jazz Festival two years ago and also with the larger Notre Dame Jazz Band. From New Orleans, LA, he was a resident of Howard Hall.

Christopher J. Fagan, associate professor emeritus in economics, died in his home on Jan. 12. Fagan was a Notre Dame faculty member for 40 years. He received his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1939 and his MA from Catholic University in 1929. He completed an additional graduate work at Catholic University in 1930 and served as a prefect of discipline and a member of the University Board of Student Guidance. One of the founders of the Notre Dame Credit Union, Fagan was chairman of its credit committee for nearly 35 years. In addition, he belonged to the American Economics Association, Notre Dame Professors and the Third Order of St. Dominus.

John F. Healy, a Chicago travel consultant and 1930 alumnus, died in current hospital on Jan. 16. He and his wife, Ramona Hayes Healy, have contributed to Notre Dame's student government program in Notre Dame's College of Business Administration. In 1969, they donated $1 million to the University for the construction of the Holy Cross Center to be used for the newly created business administration program. Healy and his wife have also contributed in excess of $5 million to the University of San Francisco, Loyola University and the University of Pennsylvania's residence hall, an eye clinic and an intensive care unit.

Two former members of the Notre Dame Ski Team, Stanley Ripcho and Gordon A. Wilson, died in a private airplane crash on Dec. 30 in the woods of Cleveland, Ohio. Both were members of the University's ski team and were last reported to have been at an area restaurant.

The books to be used next year will be the same ones that were used last year. The only thing that will change is the price.

Eyewitness reports stolen ID's

By Michael Kennahan
Staff Reporter

An eyewitness reported seeing "a few" students take full semester student ID's from boxes left behind at the ACC after registration on Tuesday afternoon. The witness, who remained anonymous, said that while he ran around the track he saw several people rummage through boxes full of ID's that were sitting unguarded in the middle area inside the track.

The witness stated that between about 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. he noticed "that some students were going up and looking through the boxes, taking some ID's up and then taking them away. The boxes were right out in the middle, no one watching them or anything, like they had been left for the trash to pick up," he added.

The witness did not notify Security nor was the Registrar notified. Richard J. Sullivan, University registrar, said that he was not aware of any ID's being reported stolen. Sullivan added that when he asked his staff about the reports, they stated that there had only been a "blank stare" from them.

The boxes were to be put through the compactor. The main fears of University officials are that the stolen ID's may be used to obtain admission into the University by someone who is not a member of the University community (the ID's are valid until May 21 of this year), or that University students who are minors might use stolen adult ID cards in order to gain entrance into area bars. Sullivan requested that any new information about the stolen ID's be brought to the ACC.

The bookstores have provided students with a variety of ways to show off their ID's.
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration revised its proposed national hospital standards yesterday to give local agencies, particularly in rural areas, more flexibility to decide how many hospital beds and what services are needed in a community.

The revised proposal, which follows an outpouring of more than 55,000 letters from congressmen and the public, represents a significant pullback from "mandatory standards" proposed last September when officials predicted they would eliminate one of every ten hospital beds in the country by 1984.

Formally called National Health Planning Guidelines, the proposed standards are the first attempt by the federal government to determine an adequate level of hospital care in the United States. As written and now revised by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), the guidelines say there should be fewer than four general hospital beds for 1,000 population in a community and that the average bed should be occupied at least 80 percent of the time.

There are now about 4.4 beds per 1,000 nationwide and a 75 percent occupancy rate. What makes the new proposal different from the old, as described by HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr. at a news conference Wednesday, is that more room has been made by HEW officials and local hospital administrators that numerous rural hospitals and maternity wards would have to close.

Califano stated that applicants will be made by early April.

Pick-up your RA forms

Tomorrow is the deadline for picking up Resident Assistant application forms, according to Fr. Gregory Green, assistant vice-president for Student Affairs. Application forms are available in the Student Affairs Office, located in Room 315 of the Administration Building.

Green stated that applicants must return the completed forms along with three recommendations to the Student Affairs Office no later than Monday, Jan. 30. Final selection of Resident Assistants will be made by early April.

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Dear Editor:

Over the weekend in O'Shaughnessy Hall, this noble bastion of intellectual freedom, someone has begun to replace the fluorescent light switches with automatic timers. The idea, I guess, is to save energy by making sure that the lights go out after classes are over, whether or not we were absent-minded intellectuals remember to turn them off.

Tuesday and Thursdays, most ants-and-lights-type classes run for an hour and fifteen minutes. The new timers—at least the ones in the classrooms I've seen—can be set for one hour, maximum.

I think there may be a problem here, somewhere. Maybe someone with an engineering degree can figure it out.

I'd like to figure it out myself, except all the lights just went out four-fifths of the way through my graduate seminar, and I can't even see enough to do the figuring.

Bob Kerby
Associate Prof., History

NCAA and KY: where were ND reps?

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to the editor and staff of The Observer because maybe you can get some answers to some questions that no one else seems able to, so far.

We attended the Notre Dame-Kentucky basketball game last Thursday in Louisville for one reason only: basketball.

We were embarrassed by the lack of representation of The Observer at the University of Notre Dame! Although there were many Notre Dame fans who attended (scattered as they were throughout the "neutral" court), who were the cheerleaders—Dallas, of course; the mascot—again, Dallas; the band, who knows? We met some Notre Dame students who were driving a Winnebago to Dallas, too, probably all for the basketball game on their way. If they could, why couldn't some cheerleaders make the same trip, too? After being asked by scores of people in Dallas; do Notre Dame have cheerleaders for foot- ball? (It's true, there is a separate cheerleading squad in the student body, and a separate one in the student body?—scattered as they were just as good, and they certainly encouraged us to promote the free expression of varying opinions on campus.)

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Automatic darkness in O'Shag

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor: Kentucky game). It's strange the answers to some questions that no football team, but can't make a separate cheerleading squad?—can't there be representation at the NCAA tournament?

Mr. & Mrs. Hank Moore
South Bend, Indiana

Editor's Note: Cheerleader Co-Captain Sue Olin told The Observer yesterday that the cheerleaders are unable to form separate squads because maybe you can get some light from Dallas, too. (Or at least they can get more). Some alumnus' eyes.

I would like to offer belated but hearty congratulations to the University of Notre Dame for the magnificent beams of light that each night bathe the golden dome of the administration building in such splendid brilliance. I am certain that this timeless symbol of Notre Dame is well worth many a student's time and money.

Nevertheless, I feel that perhaps the security personnel responsible for this lighting display have erred somewhat in their decision to so brightly illuminate our beloved dome. I feel this way primarily because of the fact that the figure of a potential rapist lurking in the shadows of the bastions beneath the dome is literally spotlighted. Furthermore, the prospect of a potential rapist lurking in the shadows of the bastions beneath the dome is literally spotlighted. If the lighting was concentrated here solely to prevent the figure of Our Blessed Mother atop the dome from being veiled, I feel that such a prevention is unnecessary. The attempted rape of Our Lady of the Lake would be ineffectual at best, merely from the fact that she is well over 15 feet tall, while most rapists are under six feet six inches. In view of these elaborate safety precautions taken on behalf of the dome itself, I feel that perhaps other areas of the Notre Dame and St. Mary's campuses deserve all protective from rapists also. Rumor has it that the possibility of a rape occurring on the road connecting the St. Mary's and Notre Dame campuses is several times greater than the chances of one occurring on the dome.

Accordingly, I have devised a simple, inexpensive, and practical plan to remedy this situation. My solution is this: I propose that four of the six high-intensity lights which illuminate the dome, leave two other lights to shine on only the front of the dome. (Most alumni don't even see the back of the administration building anyway.)

I. Purchase 2000-3000 feet of extension cord. (Available at any hardware store for about $5.75 per 100 foot length. Total cost involved: $230-$2400 feet.

2. Connect the extension cord up to the four lights and place these lights at strategic points along the roadway so that the dome would be flanked by lights. The extension cord could be strung from tree to tree and each light could be suspended over the road by means of a stout cable bolted to a tree on either side of the road. This belief, would keep installation costs as under $100.

The benefits would be incalculable: the rapist that would fool the road would be a deterrent to even the most deviant rapist. And the monetary sacrifice would be minuscule in comparion with the protection of the University.

All my life I have been told by alumni, counselors, and friends that Notre Dame has always demon­ strated an unflagging respect for the welfare of its students. Four months ago, I arrived here with these words ringing in my ears; I have yet to be disillusioned. Accordingly, I understand that this "light protection" system (no intention which I have mentioned above, is an unconscious oversight of the University. Having been made aware of this situation, I am confident that the people responsible for this error in judgement will rectify the situation as soon as humanly possible.
New dining hall system to eliminate long lines
by Phil Russo

Notre Dame students will soon be using a new system in the two dining halls that will not only prevent misuse of identification cards for dining purposes but will decrease the waiting time in food lines.

Robert Robinson, senior food service director for the university, stated that machines will now check I.D. cards, thus eliminating the waiting period in food lines. Robinson said that the new machines will not eliminate the need for student checkers because they will be retained to check the pictures on the cards. This, he said will help prevent misuse of I.D.'s, since workers were previously unable to check both pictures and numbers.

Robinson added that the goals for Saga Food Service include planning the food supply with the machines, making it less likely that the new machines will give one of four responses: "valid," "re-use card," "not valid" and "second use not valid." This will prevent the bearer from entering the dining hall for the second time in a meal period.

They denied there had been an offer to keep the news of missing radium from the public. Dr. Funk, director of the Mississippi Board of Health's Radiological Health division, and an assistant found the radium at St. Louis Junk Co., according to board spokesman Sam Mahby:

"All of the needles are now accounted for," Mahby said.

None of the containers were discovered missing from a locked room at Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital on Thursday. One was discovered in the hospital parking lot.

The others were found after officials remembered that "the hospital commonly sells scrap metal to the company and that the room where the needles had been stored was very dusty," Mahby said.

"Our people assume that the needles inadvertently got into the stuff that was sold to the junk company." said state health officer Alton Cobb. "That's simply not true.

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Firemen miss their dogs

ST. LOUIS (AP) - When St. Louis' fire chief heard dogs from the city's 31 firehouses in the dead of winter, he set firemen on an urgent and citizens howling in protest. By Wednesday, a knocked down a building and all adopted the dogs.

Fire Chief Charles R. Knaprud, evicted the dogs last week, saying he was enforcing a 30-year-old city ordinance against mascots in the firehouses.

He also said he was worried that animals underfoot might delay firemen's response to calls.

And, he said, the dogs could expose the city to legal suits should they bite someone.

But the firemen were having none of it.

They responded angrily that the dogs were made companions during rolls and served as watch dogs when fire fighters were at fires.

The dog fight caught the fancy of the local news media, and the public became involved. Particularly after it was reported Tuesday that four boxers puppies had frozen to death after their mother was turned over in Engine House 38.

Most of the 30 to 35 firehouse mascots are a far cry from the traditional pure white Dalmatians, but that seemed to make little difference.

Hundreds called the fire department, the Humane Society of Missouri and the newspapers, spokesmen for those organizations.

By yesterday, the Globe-Democrat reported, all the dogs had been found in by families in the area.

Detect. Charles Maurer, field director of the Human Society, said his office received more than 300 calls on Tuesday alone.

Knaprud said he received about 76 calls himself - the inane kind - and threats on his life. Then he got himself an unlocked phone number.

Even now, though, the issue does not seem dead.

"It's going to come up again," Alderman Vincent C. Schoenmelk said he would introduce a resolution at the next aldermanic session asking Knaprud not to enforce the eviction order.

Tubes of radium located in junk

MERIDIAN Miss. (AP) - Eight stainless steel tubes holding dangerously dense doses of radioactive radium were found amid the debris in a junkyard yesterday, six days after they disappeared from a hospital.

A few hours earlier, state officials said they had been unable to track down any of the 14 tubes, which is just inches long and holds a ten millimeter long piece of radium.

They denied there had been any stories in local news of missing radium from the public.

"We have the tubes and that's all we know about them. We have to find out where they are and how far they have gone. We have to find out who has the tubes and dispose of them," Morgan said.

Meridian authorities, area physicians and health officials were notified as soon as the lost radium was discovered. The radium is used in the treatment of certain cancers, but can be dangerous when not controlled.

The tubes, or needles, can be opened so a small hole permits escape of the radium's radiation. "I assume anyone can break the tubes," said Mahby.

"I don't know how any one can say there has been a coverup going on," said state health officer Alton Cobb. "That's simply not true.

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Important Notice: The Sunday Mass times at Sacred Heart Church will remain the same this semester:

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The times will not change as had been previously announced.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Future presidents, Republicans as well as Democrats, can have bigger and better inaugurations because of a $700,000 trust fund announced Wednesday by President Carter's 1977 inaugural committee.

Bardell L. Tirana, co-chairman of the Carter committee, told reporters at the White House that the new "Jimmy Carter Inaugural Trust" should provide at least $140,000 to $150,000 every four years to help fund all future presidential oath-taking celebrations.

Tirana said creation of the trust was made possible because the Carter inaugural collected $820,000.

Heisler to present voice recital

Soprano Catherine Heisler will present her senior voice recital in the Little Theatre at Saint Mary's on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Heisler, from Houston, Texas, will be accompanied by Ann Addis, pianist and harpsichordist. Her program will include songs of Handel, Rossini, Wolf, Schubert, Debussy and Britten. Also appearing in the program will be Rachel Rowland, violinist, Joan McCarthy, cellist and Susan Telly, clarinetist.

Heisler's recital is presented in partial fulfillment for a bachelor of music degree in vocal music. She is a student of Susan Stevens, chairman of the music department.

The recital is open to the public without charge.

Welcome to Windom's world

William Windom will appear at WCCO Radio's 10 p.m. p.m. p.m. p.m. p.m., who won an Emmy for his role on NBC's My World, and Welcome to It, will perform selections from James Thurber's reports, stories and fables.

Admission to the Student Union sponsored performance is $1 at the door.

Cleary joins Board of Trustees

Catherine R. Cleary, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the First Wisconsin Trust Company in Milwaukee, has been elected to the University's Board of Trustees.

Cleary, who received an honorar degree in law from Notre Dame last May, becomes the 41st member of Notre Dame's Board, which was created in 1967 when governance of the University was transferred from the Holy Cross religious community to a group of predominantly lay trustees, headed by Edmund A. Stephan, a Chicago attorney. She is the fourth woman currently holding a position on the Board.

A 1937 graduate of the University of Chicago who received her law degree in 1943 from the University of Wisconsin, Cleary practiced law for four years before joining the First Wisconsin Trust Company in 1947. She was made a vice president in 1954, president in 1969, and president and chief executive officer in 1970 and assumed her current position in 1976. Her name is invariably found on lists of the most influential women in American society.

She has been active in a variety of civic, educational and cultural organizations, and is a director of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; the General Motors Corporation; Kraft, Inc.; the Kohler Co. and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.
Chair set up for trustee

A million dollar gift to establish a chair in the memory of her late husband was announced by Mrs. Robert L. Radin, a South Bend bank holding company executive. The gift is being made in honor of the chairman of the board of Associates Corporation of North America, who died in 1976.

Carmichael was a trustee of Notre Dame and American national chairman of its $50 million development campaign which ended in 1971. He held a Ph.D. in public law and government from Columbia University and served four years as president of Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.

"The Carmichael Chair will be a lasting tribute to his contributions to Notre Dame, the surrounding community and the state were immense during his lifetime," commented Mr. Theodore M. Heshburn, University president.

Radin is a member of the Board of Governors of Notre Dame and served as chairman of its $52 million development campaign which ended in Belmont School in Nashville, Tennessee. Her own education was at Wisconsin and University of Illinois.

"The endowed professorship will be named in honor of her late husband was Jackson and Curtis in Chicago, last July," said Radin's association with Notre Dame goes back to that of her father, and it continued with his after her late husband was named chairman of the University's Lay Board of Trustees in 1961.

"She succeeded her father as head of the University's Women's Advisory Council in 1968 and served four years as president of Converse College, Briarcliff Manor, NY and Saint Mary's College.

Active in civic affairs, Radin is a member of the Board of Governors of the United Way of America. A trustee of both Converse College and the Stanley Clark School, having served as president of the board of the school in 1969 and 1971. Her own education was at University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois.

As co-chairman of Notre Dame's current campaign, Radin has traveled extensively, speaking to small groups of potential benefactors of University functions major civic events from coast to coast.

In a recent report, she and fellow trustee, John T. T. Ryan, chairman of the drive, noted that 92 percent of the million dollars had been committed to the campaign since its launching last April. The Carmichael Chair in the 20th endowed chair established up the University since the campaign started.

Carter chooses judge as next director of FBI

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Carter has chosen U.S. Circuit Judge William H. Webster to be the next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a source said last night.

Webster, 53, of St. Louis won a strong recommendation from Attorney General Griffin Bell and Carter agreed with Bell's choice, the sources said. The White House was expected to confirm the formal announcement today.

Webster must win Senate confirmation before taking over the FBI from former FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, who is scheduled to retire Feb. 15.

The choice of the Missouri judge and former federal prosecutor ends an administration year long search for an FBI chief willing to serve a 10 year term, the maximum permitted by law.

Bell had insisted on a 10 year commitment to provide the bureau with continuity in leadership as it continues major changes in its operations and moves away from closures of past wrong doing.

In St. Louis, Webster said he had not been notified of the appointment. "I only know what I've heard over the radio. I plan to go to work tomorrow," he said.

Webster's friends and professional colleagues described him as intelligent, fair-minded and witty. They said he plays an intense game of tennis and that he's more moderate in his political and philosophical views than his short haircut and conservative style of dress would suggest.

A Republican, Webster dabbled in Missouri politics several years ago, but has refrained from political activities. He was appointed a federal district judge in 1971 by former President Nixon. Two years later, Nixon promoted him to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals which handles cases from several midwestern states.

The president and Leon Panetta chose Webster over U.S. District Judge Frank McGarr of Chicago. Bell had narrowed the field to those two after Carter's first nominee, U.S. District Judge Frank Johnson of Montgomery, Ala. bowed out last November because of continuing health problems.

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Before Notre Dame’s 38-10 annihilation of previously unbeaten Texas was over, many Irish enthusiasts were claiming that the National Championship should return to the Golden Dome. Well, on Tuesday, January 3, the Irish were informed that Notre Dame was the unanimous selection for the National Title.

The following Saturday, the Irish travelled to West Lafayette to face the team in Dallas. Many believed this battle would be for the national championship, but turned their early misfortunes around and proved themselves to be the nation’s best. Head Coach Dan Devine recalls the overall season. "After we scored first, and went on to win, 48-10. We were a family that worked, sacrificed and believed in ourselves. It was a team that were really beginning to feel as though things were starting to come together. After we scored the first touchdown, it was a team effort that kept it all together. Most importantly, we were a family that worked, sacrificed and believed in ourselves."

Yes, October 22, 1977 is a day that will not be forgotten for many years. It was a team effort that kept it all together. Most importantly, we were a family that worked, sacrificed and believed in ourselves. The next weekend, the Irish looked good against Michigan State, but records against the Irish. We beat that, but we also had to hope that Texas would defeat Texas A & M the following weekend to insure that they would be the number-one team in the country the day after New Year’s.

Well, the Longhorns did win their battle with the Aggies, but the Irish still had to face Miami. Notre Dame took a 5-0 lead, and then put the game away, 7-0. That contest and were ready for the challenge. Notre Dame scored first, however, minutes later when the Irish missed a long field goal. Notre Dame found themselves trailing 17-7. The final period of play. Once more, this squad displayed their championship drive. It was a team effort that helped us to sacrifice many things in order to win. We came back to school in mid-August ready and willing to make another National Championship team for Notre Dame, but we also realized that the road to being number-one was going to be filled with many challenges and adversities. Once Spring football ended, we were ready for the challenge, and created a team of destiny during the season of 1977-78.

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Notre Dame stampeded Longhorns

Green Machine shocks country, destroys Texas, 38-10, and captures National Title

by Paul Stevenson
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Dallas - The Fighting Irish football team shocked the University of Texas as well as a national television audience via their 38-10 stompade over the Longhorns in the January 2 Cotton Bowl Classic. Notre Dame's victory over the sole unbeaten team plus some major upsets in other post-season competition enabled the Irish to claim the National Championships for the first time since 1973.

The Longhorns received the opening kickoff and attempted a reverse, but their fortunes were not to equal those of Georgia Tech. The Irish defense anticipated the midpoint period and stopped the Longhorns at their own 11. Texas began to move the ball well and was soon faced with a third and one and ten at their own 44. Then, Randy McEachern attempted the option, but pressure from Ross Browner caused an errant pitch and Browner made the recovery at the Texas 32.

The Irish drove from their own 32 and within four plays the Longhorns had advanced the ball to the Notre Dame 25. With two seconds left before halftime McEachern threw incomplete to flanker Ronnie Miksch, but, an interference penalty gave the Longhorns a 17 yard gain and an extra play with time already expired. On that final play, McEachern connected with Mike Lockett with a 13 yard touchdown pass. Reeve's point after narrowed the Irish lead to 21-10.

With that last score, memories of the 1974 clash with Southern Cal began to emerge in the minds of Notre Dame seniors. But, the Irish would not be derailed by the goal that they worked so hard to attain. Although they did not score on their opening possession of the third quarter, Notre Dame moved through quick, efficient sets to set the tone for the remainder of the contest.

That triumph before a record 76,701 Cotton Bowl fans and a national television audience eclipsed the Longhorns from the National Championship picture. However, although the Irish fans believed their team to be the best in the country, the pollsters were the ones that would decide.

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Head Coach Dan Devine led the Fighting Irish to an unbelievable 38-10 thrashing of previously unbeaten Texas to earn himself his first National Championship ever as well as the first title for Notre Dame since 1973. (Photo by Doug Christian)

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This is the way it all ended on January 2, 1978: Notre Dame butchered the Longhorns, 38-10. Notre Dame registered 26 first downs, while Texas managed only 16. The Irish had 399 total yards, while the Longhorns compiled 291.

Heavens carried the ball 22 times for 105 yards while Ferguson had 21 attempts for 102 and was named the game's Most Outstanding Offensive Player.

Montana connected on ten of 25 passes for 111 yards, while being intercepted only once. McAfee had four receptions for 45 yards, while Dave Wayne had three for 38 and Kris Gaines had two for 29.

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