Professor: Thomas should be confirmed

By DAVID KINNEY
Associate News Editor

A number of key factors indicate that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas should be confirmed by the Senate in the coming weeks, according to law school Professor Douglas Kmiec.

Thomas must first gain the approval of the Senate Judiciary Committee, before which he is testifying. The committee attempts to gain information about Thomas's qualifications and background during this two-week hearing.

Thomas has taken the approach of saying as little as possible about cases that he might face if he is confirmed, according to Kmiec, a professor of constitutional and property law and former assistant attorney general of the United States.

Kmiec has continually reiterated that to render opinions without the specific circumstances of each case could put him in an awkward position.

"This lack of substantive opinion during the hearings has led several on the Senate Judiciary Committee to conclude that Thomas is dodging the issues," said Kmiec. "No one would want their case pre-judged."

Others on the committee have attacked Thomas for abandoning opinions that he wrote and spoke about in the past.

Thomas has hurled this obstacle, as well, by adopting the stance that "that was then, and this is now," according to Kmiec.

Kmiec has emphasized that those decisions were written when he was a policy maker and an administrator; now he's a professor.

Kmiec added that, "The storyteller now sees an end to the action and makes it more structured in that context."

One influence on Parisi's life and intellectual development were the conversations that took place at Sunday dinners. In one anecdote, he said that because Robert Kennedy was on a campaign to stop the mafia, that "JFK and RFK are out to get Italians," a view which caused him some problems when he shared them with his seventh-grade class.

Another early childhood memory that he shared was a vacation he took when he was five years old. "It is only a glimmer of a memory, probably because it was retold so many times and not from actual memory," he said.

"The life of the mind is not always intellectual, and not always academic," stated Parisi. "It is not always intellectual, and there are no answers."

"The life of the mind centers around kitchen tables ... reading literature ... and walking in the woods," he said. "It is really a communion, don't miss it!"

"The possibility of a smoke-free campus is being investigated by the Smoking Task Force, a committee established last year to create a policy on smoking at Notre Dame."

"Our purpose is to set a written policy on where you can and cannot smoke at Notre Dame," said Monica Mong, an ND junior and Task Force member.

"What we're doing is deciding the University's policy and making the rules," she added.

The Task Force, composed of students, faculty, and staff, has determined its goal to be "the creation of a healthier environment on campus," according to Mong.

"In my opinion, the ultimate goal is a smoke-free campus, but that's not realistic right now, so we have to ease into it," she said.

In the pursuit of that goal, the Task Force has been considering three smoking policy options for residence halls.

The creation of completely smoke-free dormitories is the first option, but Mong admits that the Task Force has anticipated student opposition to this policy.

The establishment of smoke-free 24-hour lounges in dorms or permitting smoking only in private rooms are the other two options under review, she said.

"The Task Force is awaiting the results of an informal poll of students conducted by the Hall Presidents Council (HPC) this week to clarify student opinions toward smoking on campus."

At last week's HPC meeting, an unofficial vote was taken on the issue of smoking in dormitories and, "at least 75 percent of them were in favor of smoke-free dorms," according to Mong.

In a lone attempt to stop smoking in residence halls, the Sorin Hall Council initiated a referendum last year on the issue of creating a smoke-free dorm. On the referendum, "over 70 percent of Sorin Hall residents stated a preference for no smoking," according to Father Stephen Newton, rector of Sorin Hall.

The new policy, which took effect this semester, restricts smoking to one half of Sorin's front porch, "which is reluctantly tolerated," said Newton.

Newton said he feels other residence halls should follow Sorin's lead in the interim of a University policy on smoking.

"We know too much about the dangers of smoking to simply roll over and let others impose second hand smoke upon us."
Magazines portray the “fearful” man

Mademoiselle, last week’s Chicago Tribune magazine, and every other magazine I pick up are seriously damaging my image of men.

Men, what do you think of a title like “Guy Anxiety: His 8 Greatest Love Fears”? Schwartz, among many other male writers, has decided to enlighten us clueless women with the answers to questions regarding puzzling masculine behavior.

Are you afraid of eating with silverware, washing dishes, crossing the street, being neat, meeting your girlfriend’s friends, having meaningful conversation, changing, not changing, and being happy? In short, are you an indecisive, thoughtless wimp?

Schwartz, who purports to be an expert on the male psyche, seems to think that men are incapable of doing anything more than one might do without being forced to do it: “I feel pressured to. It’s as simple as that.”

The goal is to get Rapunzel to come down. Somehow “Yo!” is the implication that all women go out with chokers and two-foot-long locking hammers. I Do, I Do is about as nonthreatening as they get. And if you’re still not sure whatannerig is, just remember to ask yourself, “Do I really want to be with this man?”

It’s awfully presumptuous of Schwartz to decide what I’m supposed to be thinking about his book. I get my ideas from the Knights’ Tale, where two men fight every other evening in a window that neither of them have been through.

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This Saturday I’ve come to appreciate the finer romances. At the same time I’ve learned not to expect a piece of advice from the Knight’s Tale, where two men fight every other evening in a window that neither of them have been through.

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Security discussed at BOG meeting

BY MAUREEN COLLINS
News Writer

Security issues became a dominant topic at Monday's meeting of the Saint Mary's Board of Governors (BOG). In response to the recent attacks that occurred on Saint Mary's campus, BOG, along with Saint Mary's Security, will sponsor a Security Walk Around today at 8:30 p.m. Students will inspect the campus for dangerous areas in order to submit proposals to help improve these areas.

The walk will begin in Holy Cross Lobby. BOG invites all students to participate.

Security issues will also be a major topic at an open forum sponsored by the SMC Student Government on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. Students are encouraged to bring any ideas or questions they have about improving the campus to this discussion.

SMC Student Government will also sponsor a Security Awareness Week Oct. 6-12. A self-defense demonstration has been scheduled as one of the highlights for that week.

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Senate discusses Du Lac with Kirk

By JOSEPH ADAMS
News Writer

The recent changes to Notre Dame's alcohol policy may drive students off-campus for social gatherings where they could become greater victims of crime, according to some members of Student Senate.

The alcohol policy was addressed in last night's Senate meeting where Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president for Residence Life, explained the nature of the changes and listened to student input about the policy.

There were two major changes to Du Lac this summer concerning alcohol. First, underage students may not publicly transport alcohol and second, the amount of alcohol transported on campus by students of legal age must be consistent with responsible drinking, according to Kirk.

Kirk said that the new policy was developed in response to rectors and faculty who expressed concern over the large quantity of alcohol carried on campus each weekend. The administration felt that this activity promoted underage drinking and was inconsistent with moderate alcohol consumption.

Members of the Senate expressed concern regarding the lack of student input to Du Lac, and specifically, the alcohol policy. Kirk said that although the Office of Student Affairs has sole responsibility for Du Lac, it welcomes student input.

He suggested the formation of a task force composed of students to formulate suggestions about the policy. Student Government organized a task force to accomplish these goals last year, but it dissolved for reasons unknown.

Members of the Senate also expressed concern that the new policy would force students to conduct more social gatherings off-campus.

However, Kirk said the new rules do not affect social gatherings on-campus. He added that the administration had taken this issue into account while drafting the new rules and that the rules are subject to revision if adverse consequences result.

Senators also raised the issue of "personal consumption" and the concern that this new rule might drive students off-campus if they could not provide enough alcohol for guests. Kirk replied that he believed that transporting an amount of alcohol consistent with responsible consumption should not affect student gatherings.

In other matters, the Senate reviewed the Business Board Report for the three student-run businesses on campus: Irish Gardens, Notre Dame Video, and Adworks. Irish Gardens and Notre Dame Video reported losses of $206.64 and $1,412.76, respectively. Adworks reported a profit of $7,967.94.

The Senate also approved by-laws for the election of the Freshman Class Council. Students must have 10 freshmen in their dorm sign a petition in order to represent their dorm. If no one wishes to run for the seat, the rector may appoint someone.

A Business Advisory Council Colloquium on "The Challenge of Education"

Friday, September 20, 1991, Center for Continuing Education,
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1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.: The Role of the Public Sector
Senator Bill Bradley (D., N.J.)
"America's Challenge in the Post-Communist World."
THOMAS enrds confirmation testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas concluded five days of grueling confirmation testimony Monday as the nation's legal establishment said he was an outstanding candidate but not the best possible choice for the high court.

Thomas renewed his pledge not to bring an ideological agenda to the Supreme Court and Democrats continued to complain that he had ducked questions about controversial views he had expressed in the past.

"Whatever you determine, I'd like to reiterate that I've been treated fairly," Thomas told the Senate Judiciary Committee before leaving the ornate Senate Caucus Room.

President Bush telephoned Thomas "and congratulated him on his completion of the hearing," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

The president said that Judge Thomas' testimony showed the American people that he has an outstanding record, is committed to the rule of law, and will preserve and protect the Constitution," Fitzwater said in a statement.

"The president is confident that Judge Thomas will be confirmed," he added.

The head of the American Bar Association's judicial screening panel said that Thomas was an outstanding nominee but not the most qualified candidate.

President Bush had called Thomas the best qualified person for the job who he nominated to succeed Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Ronald Olson said that Thomas was rated "qualified" for the Supreme Court because he was an outstanding candidate being considered for a position as a judicial decision maker, "but not the ideal choice for the Court.

Olson noted that two members of the panel dissented from the rating, primarily because of Thomas' lack of legal experience.

The two dissidents, who found Thomas unqualified, cited his writings and articles in legal journals that "have been criticized by a wide range of individuals," Olson said.

The last five Supreme Court nominees received "well qualified" ratings from the association, including Robert Bork, whose nomination was rejected by the Senate in 1987. Four dissenter on the rating committee felt Bork not qualified, saying they had questions about his judicial temperament.

Democrats continued to complain that Thomas had ducked questions on important issues after disavowing provocative opinions he had expressed on a number of topics when he was an official in the Reagan administration.

"Your vanishing views, Judge Thomas, have become major issues in these hearings," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., told the nominee.

"It's difficult to accept the notion that the moment you put on that judge's robe all the views and positions which you held prior to going on the bench just magically disappear," said Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio and another liberal.

All factors considered, Kmiec said, "the judicial committee appreciates the universal dignity of all men, he said.

"I think it is institutionally very good for the Supreme Court to have someone ... who has experienced poverty, who has experienced struggle and adversity," he said.

All factors considered, Kmiec said, "I think that it is highly likely that he will be confirmed." Kmiec added that should be a take a seat on the high court, Thomas "will be another indication of a changing court.

"The general direction of the court," he added, "will be toward an ideological affiliation, less likely to read into the decisions of the Supreme Court the actual text, he said.

Kmiec added that the court is already on the path toward overturning Roe vs. Wade, the ruling that legalized abortion. If Thomas is confirmed, he will be an insurance vote for those against abortion, he said.

Thomas was nominated by President George Bush in July. The Senate's Committee is in the process of reviewing Thomas' background and qualifications in a two-week hearing consisting of 12 days of hearings followed by opponents and proponents of the nominee, according to the committee rule.

The committee will then vote to recommend either approval or disapproval of Thomas to the full Senate. The Senate later votes to confirm or deny the nominee.

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Aquino makes call for base referendum

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino vowed Monday to call a public referendum and use "people power" to overturn a Senate vote against renewing the lease for a big U.S. Navy base.

Her action could delay a U.S. pullout from the Subic Bay base for months or even years. The base is a major supply and repair station for U.S. 7th Fleet ships in the western Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

The current lease on the base expired Monday. The U.S. government had said the Navy would begin leaving quickly if the Senate rejected the treaty to extend the lease for 10 years. But U.S. officials said Monday a departure would be delayed to await the referendum.

The White House praised Aquino. "We appreciate her efforts. She's trying to engender public support for the treaty," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Aquino's former allies in the "people power revolution" that installed her in office pleaded with her to accept the Senate's 12-11 vote to close the base and end the 9 3-year American presence.

"The great majority of the Filipino people still want the Americans to continue to stay on," she said. "In an interview with NBC-TV, Aquino said a U.S. pullout would harm the country's economy and delay plans to modernize the Philippines military.

The government had said Aquino there was no definite agreement on how long the U.S. bases would remain without a treaty, but she said anti-base senators earlier had proposed a three-year period of withdrawal.

Most Filipinos are believed to support keeping Subic Bay open, although surveys also say about 25 percent of the 61 million Filipinos are unaware of the U.S. presence.

Opposition to the treaty is strongest in the better-educated urban classes.

Opponents said they were not against the United States, but viewed U.S. military bases as an infringement on the Philippines sovereignty. They also complained the treaty provided no firm aid guarantees, and said the proposed rent of $203 million a year was not enough.

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Noriega's trial finally opens

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega, the most powerful man in Panama, was "just another crooked cop" who sold his nation to Colombian cocaine kingpins, a prosecutor said Monday to open the ousted dictator's drug trial.

Pointing to Noriega and calling him a "small man in a general's uniform," lead prosecutor Michael Sullivan said the government would prove Noriega abused his authority to help a flood of cocaine pour into the United States.

Noriega came to the Medellin cartel's attention in the late 1970s when he arrested smugglers and intercepted drug shipments, Sullivan said.

"The cartel chiefs sat down and said they were either going to eliminate him, or they were going to buy him," the prosecutor said. "They decided to buy him."

The defense elected to hold its opening statement until the prosecution rests, which could take months.

Among the first prosecution witnesses was convicted U.S. drug trafficker Max Mermelstein, who was among others expected to outline operations of the Medellin cartel.

Mermelstein is in the federal witness protection program and says there's a $3 million price on his head. He took the stand under tight security.

District Judge William Hoeveler said his face. Mermelstein, who smuggled 55 tons of cocaine to the United States in the early 1980s, traced his involvement in the cartel, whose drug and financial records he eventually controlled.

Mermelstein, who was paid $250,000 by the government for information, said he met in 1981 with cartel leaders Jorge Ochoa and Pablo Escobar in Panama to discuss expanding their business.

He didn't mention Noriega in his testimony but was expected to alter his scheduled return to the stand on Tuesday.

Earlier Monday, prosecutors referred for the first time to two face-to-face meetings Noriega allegedly held with cartel leaders in Panama in 1982 and Colombia in 1983 to negotiate a deal.

According to witnesses who will include the cartel's convicted U.S. manager Carlos E​lber Rivas, Noriega proved willing to sell himself — but greedy.

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the president won by a landslide. He has joined thousands in accusing Gamsakhurdia of becoming a dictator since the election.

An estimated 30,000 people on Monday mobbed downtown Republic Square to hear the former prime minister, Tengiz Segua, demand that the president win by a landslide. He has joined thousands in accusing Gamsakhurdia of becoming a dictator since the election.

A short time later and just 200 yards away, thousands of Gamsakhurdia supporters rallied just as loudly, some waving portraits handed out in advance.

A large mass of local police, some with sidearms, stood arm-in-arm through the center of the 200-yard stretch to separate the pro- and anti-Gamsakhurdia forces. No incidents were reported.

Later, thousands of opposition supporters rallied outside the government-controlled TV station, the chief television station since Russian and Soviet broadcasts were interrupted last week.

"We want access to TV," said student Michael Dzhegeni, 16. "People in the villages and towns outside Tbilisi don't know what's going on."

The political temperature and language hurled from each side in Georgia have mounted steadily since local military forces opened fire on an opposition demonstration Sept. 2, wounding five people.
Judge dismisses North’s charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge dismissed all charges against Oliver North, the central figure in the Iran-Contra affair, on Monday after the special prosecutor gave up trying to reinstate North’s felony convictions.

An excultant North declared himself “totally exonerated, completely. I don’t have another word for it.... I’ve had my last hearing forever, I hope.”

North hugged his attorney, family and friends in the courtroom after U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell dismissed the charges and said, “This terminates the case.”

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh said he had decided it was unlikely he could win reinstatement of North’s three convictions — for destroying documents, accepting money from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran, and diverting to the Contras of money from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran.

Disclosure of the basic facts in late 1986 was the worst blow to the prosecution by saying in court that his testimony had been influenced by North’s statements to Congress.

North was a little-known Marine colonel detailed to the White House at the time of the main events of the Iran-Contra affair — the resupply at his direction of the Nicaraguan rebels while such aid was illegal and the eventual diversion to the Contras of money from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran.

The appeals court had ordered Gesell to determine whether testimony at North’s trial was tainted by use of the defendant’s own forced testimony before Congress, given under immunity in 1987.

Last week former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, North’s White House boss for a time during the Reagan administration, dealt a heavy blow to the prosecution by saying in court that his testimony had been influenced by North’s statements to Congress.

North’s charges against Iran-Contra only began when North testified in a case that was separate.

North’s White House boss at the time of the Iran-Contra affair — the resupply at his direction of the Nicaraguan rebels while such aid was illegal and the eventual diversion of money from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran.

Well, it’s here. The much anticipated Sesquicentennial celebrations have begun. From now until the Fall of 1992 there will be special lectures, dedications and feasts as well as many other events, all celebrating this great milestone of our university community.

It occurs to me that the meaning given to this time of celebrating 150 years of Notre Dame’s mission and ministry will be different for different people. The significance of this milestone will mean one thing to a Freshman, another thing for a Senior. It will have a different impact on someone who is the first in their family to come to Notre Dame, than on one who has had family members come here. This historic event will mean different things, to the administration, the faculty and to the Holy Cross Religious, many of whom have dedicated their entire lives to Notre Dame.

But whatever our personal history or investment in the University might be, I hope that all of us take this time to reflect deeply on what it means for us to be here; what it means to be a part of a mission that has thrived for 150 years.

For it would be easy for us to let this time pass us by amid the celebrations and our hectic schedules, and not take the time to look at what it is we have become in these 150 years. Now is a great time to take an honest look at what it is about our community and institution which is good and ought to continue into the future. It is also the time to make an assessment of where we need to grow and change. It is a time to look clearly at who we have become, and to look ahead to who we might become.

All of the planned events for the Sesquicentennial are important ways for our community to celebrate a truly great event in our school’s history, but we will surely miss out on something great if we don’t take the time to look deeply into who we have become in these 150 years. For if all we do is celebrate for celebration’s sake, the fact that we are 150 years old, then any thunder we might “shake down” in joyous festivity will only dissipate and fade into the vastness of time like a loud, but ultimately meaningless rumble of thunder.

We can, however, in the midst of the joy and wonder of this great event, dare to look at the deeper, perduring questions of what this history reveals. If we do that, this time of sesquicentennial celebration will indeed be a time of truth seeking which will shine forever as a beacon to guide us through the challenges to come.

Fr. Tom Gaughan, C.S.C.
Gates confirmation hearings commence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Gates said Monday at the opening of confirmation hearings on his nomination as CIA director that he made "mistakes" during the Iran-Contra affair and "should have asked more questions." Skeptical Democrats accused him of willful ignorance.

Questioning of Gates was dominated by Iran-Contra, the five-year-old affair that unfolded while Gates was No. 2 at the CIA. Now a national security aide at the White House, Gates was nominated last July by President Bush to succeed William Webster at the CIA helm.

Gates repeatedly denied he had any knowledge of the diversion to the Nicaraguan Contras of profits from the sale of U.S. arms to Iran before speculations on such dealing was brought to his attention on Oct. 1, 1986.

The 47-year-old analyst had made the same contention during hearings on his previous nomination to the top CIA post by President Reagan in 1987 — a nomination that was withdrawn amid heated questions about his possible role in the affair. This time, his denial was offered with constITE additions.

"I could have and probably should have acted more aggressively" in trying to find out more information, Gates said.

In his defense, he told the Senate Intelligence Committee that during that period he had been preoccupied with other developments, such as a coup in the Philippines and a superpower summit, "and frankly I didn't pay much attention" to the Iran-Contra affair.

"I suspect few people have reflected more than I have on the Iran-Contra affair — but today I want to speak about the misjudgments that I made and the lessons I learned," Gates told the committee.

"At the same time, I believe that the actions I did take were well intentioned and honest," he said.

Negotiator arrives in war-torn Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A European Community peace negotiator came to Yugoslavia Monday in an atmosphere of near total war in Croatia for a summit with its president and the leader of rival Serbia.

Federal military units announced an offensive to lift the siege of army garrisons in the major Adriatic coastal cities of Split, Zadar, and Sibenik. A federal air force jet was shot down near the Hungarian border.

Air raid sirens wailed for the second consecutive day in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, and television officials said their transmitter outside the city was slightly damaged by a missile.

Lord Carrington, the European Community mediator, faced the task of finding common ground between Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

What little the two men had in common has all but disappeared in 2 1/2 months of fighting in Croatia that has killed more than 400 people.

Croatia, despite battlefield losses that have cost it a third of its territory as Yugoslavia disintegrates, Milosevic says the republic's army is stronger today than it was a year ago.

What Serbia had in late 1989 was a five-year-old affair that was dominated by Iran-Contra, the largest of Yugoslavia's republics, of instigating the fighting. This time, the republics are trying to expand its territory as Yugoslavia disintegrates.

Milosevic says Croatia cannot take Serb-dominated areas with it if it secedes from Yugoslavia.

Tensions between the Croats and ethnic Serbs, who make up 13 percent of Croatia's 4.7 million people, are fanned by memories of the World War II slaughter of Serbs by a Nazi puppet regime in Croatia.
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ACT scores hold steady; minorities gain ground

NEW YORK (AP) — Average scores on the ACT Assessment held steady in 1991 from the previous year, but test officials hailed the results as a sign minority students are gaining in school achievement.

The composite average was 20.6, unchanged from 1990. Scores on the four-part exam, the predominant college entrance test in 28 states mainly in the West and Midwest, have barely moved since 1987, when they averaged 20.8.

The multiple-choice test is scored on a scale of 1-36. The average on the revised test.

ACT President Richard Ferguson said he was encouraged that scores have held up despite steady increases in the numbers of minority test-takers. Minority groups continue to score well below the national average although their 1991 scores held steady or slightly improved.

Nearly 27 percent of all test-takers were non-white in 1991 compared with 21 percent in 1987, according to a summary report.

Eighteen percent more black students took the test in 1991 than in 1987, 50 percent more Asian-Pacific Islanders, 47 percent more Puerto Ricans and 37 percent more Mexican-Americans. But 4 percent fewer whites took the exam.

Couples Golf Outing

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9 hole outing and picnic
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Discovery dodges Soviet space debris

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Discovery early Monday dodged a chunk of a Soviet rocket, the first such near miss of the shuttle program, before the crew assembled a giant "Erector Set" as practice for the proposed space station.

The five astronauts should have to worry about any more such encounters during the mission, NASA said.

The shuttle and the debris — about the size of a person — passed within about 10 miles of each other minutes after midnight. If Discovery had not changed its orbit, it would have come within about 1.4 miles of the rocket, NASA spokesman James Hartsfield said late Monday afternoon.

"I think we scored a space first," Mission Control's Jan Davis told the crew before they went to sleep for the day. "Good work on everybody's part." The astronauts have been working at night and sleeping during the day since they reached orbit Thursday, arranging their schedule around the midnight release of an atmospheric observation satellite.

Before going to sleep, the astronauts tested a 64-inch long, 8-inch square device that was shaken electronically to see how it withstands vibration in microgravity.

"While it might look like an Erector Set, it isn't a trivial experiment," astronaut Janet Bosh says. It was vibrated to practice for the planned space station.

Harkin hits campaign trail in N.H.

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin worked New Hampshire's unemployment lines Monday on his first full day as a presidential candidate, telling jobless workers, "I understand what's happening ways to put unemployed Americans because I've been there."

Harkin, who announced his candidacy Sunday in Iowa, declined to take shots at fellow Democrats, instead of New Hampshire's unemployment rate of 4.8 percent. "I've been around a lot of people at unemployment offices in Dover and Manchester. He called on Bush to spend less time on foreign policy, and more on finding ways to put unemployed Americans back to work.

"I do not look upon Paul Tsongas or Doug Wilder or any other Democrat who might get in the race as my opponent," he said. "I think I have a strong lead as allies in an effort to get this country turned around."

"I want to put two people on the unemployment line. George Bush and J. Danforth Quayle," he said.

Harkin, 51, spent the day greeting jobless people at unemployment offices in Dover and Manchester. He called on Bush to spend less time on foreign policy, and more on finding ways to put unemployed Americans back to work.
Dear Editor,

I was writing in response to an editorial which expressed the view of The Observer concerning a letter sent to the Hall Presidents by Micheal Vorre ('86, '92) a student attempting to guard the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

"The Observer states that Mr. Vorre's letter was vague in nature, but was it? My answer is "no," I believe he wrote the letter in such a manner so as to not create a major public issue, which might have happened had we pursued the avenue favored by The Observer and presented it to fifty of the Presidents Council.

As we have all seen before, issues concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual students (such as last year's "Coming Out Day") which arise in a private forum can more harm than good. As a senior, I have never heard or received any "bashings" during the weeks surrounding "Coming Out Day." This, I believe, is what Mr. Vorre tried to avoid with this "vague" letter.

Let us examine the letter in an attempt to understand. First, Mr. Vorre states in his letter to the Hall Presidents that "they have the power to discuss gay, lesbian and bisexual issues with their hall councils," and he hopes that they do so in order to make their hall a Safe Haven. After a rudimentary analysis of this statement we see that Mr. Vorre wants this issue to be discussed at each hall council meeting, not the Hall President's Council meeting.

Secondly, Mr. Vorre says that he, "wants to be able to make a presentation about the Safe Haven to the hall councils." Here we see that Mr. Vorre really is stricken to the individual halls, which I believe will lessen the chance of "gay bashing" within the hall, and in turn allow this issue to have a fighting chance. This letter was not "skirted" by the Hall President's Council, but actually was carried out in the way that the letter describes; a way that will be more effective and compassionate than the approach taken last year during "Coming Out Day and condoned by The Observer.

I would also like to reiterate that there was no mention in the letter that Mr. Vorre wanted the Hall President's Council to act as a group as The Observer believed we should have. Thus, I did not feel that it was out duty to change the focus of Mr. Vorre's memorandum.

Therefore, I believe that the Hall President's Council did not miss "a golden opportunity to engage in dialogue about an important issue on this campus," but in fact pursued the issue in an effective and compassionate manner with the rights of all individuals taken into consideration.

Charlie James
Co-Chairman
Hall President's Council
Sept. 17, 1991

Dear Editor,

Right to Life member asks all to fight against abortion

Support of "Safe Havens" was trivialized

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to your editorial and coverage of the "Safe Haven" statements for gay and lesbian students which hall councils are currently addressing. Your coverage of the issue not only trivialized Siegfried's support of the statement but it also created confusion as to exactly what was being endorsed.

The statement which our Hall Council supported, albeit symbolic, simply restates a reality which existed before any one group politicized it; that is we have never discriminated against someone because they are gay. Siegfried has never selected residents by race, class, creed or sexual orientation. The reason why we were able to make a "quick" decision on the statement is because there was no controversy.

We understand the difference between endorsing sexual activity and simply accepting someone who is gay. Our support of the "Safe Haven" statement was an embrace of the latter. Our vision of inclusivity and welcome flows from a charitably inclined community to justice and our statement was more about discrimination then about homosexuality. We are and always hope to be a welcoming community of faith.

Sr. Maureen Minihan, C.S.C
Rector
Ms. Mary Yu
Assistant Rector
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 12, 1991

DOONESBURY

Lyons Hall did not push the issue aside

Dear Editor,

Perhaps the HPC did "fumble the ball" on the 'Safe Haven' resolution at last Tuesday evening's gathering. However, the Lyons Hall co-presidents, Sarah Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Schuster, took the issue seriously as they presented it to fifty of the women at the Lyons Hall Council.

The co-presidents, along with other members of Lyons Hall, discussed some issues regarding Safe Haven, decided that discussion be on-going among all the hall members, and voted to invite the author of "Safe Haven" resolution to speak at the hall. As the week progressed, the discussion continued.

Hopefully, other halls have been as serious in their invitations to discuss the issue. Lyons has not "pushed the issue aside."

Kathleen Beatty
SSJS
Rector
Lyons Hall
Sept. 16, 1991

Doonesbury
By JOHN O'BRIEN
Accent Editor

"Bob, I can't see you anymore ... I love another man," Sally says, wiping the tears away from her eyes.

"But Sally, what about the children?" Bob forces out with a whine.

"I don't know," Sally says abruptly. "But I do know that I'm late for Orgo."

This scene, or one much like it, will be developing on the stage at Staten Center this Thursday and Friday.

No "Sally" and "Bob" are not some destitute pre-med students having a public fight. They are acting out a scene from CBS' "The Young and the Restless," and the CBS cameras are recording their actions.

This whole scenario is part of the "CBS College Tour," a national tour of collegiate campuses in order to promote CBS programming.

The tour is hitting 53 colleges and universities across the U.S., and it will be at Notre Dame on this Thursday and Friday.

The tour is being brought to Notre Dame with the help of the Office of Student Activities. The event is a promotion for CBS, but it also should be a lot of fun for students, said Kelly McCrystal, a student programmer for Student Activities.

"They are "designed for students, but anyone can come to it," she said, acknowledging the fact the the campus will be abuzz with pre-Michigan State activities.

The event will run from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, McCrystal said. The crew then has to pack up and move on to Northwestern University and then on to Notre Dame the next day.

Students at all of these schools will have the opportunity to act out a scene like "Bob" and "Sally" did, and will receive a free videocassette of their performance.

There will also be several other booths for students who would like to try something other than acting in a soap opera.

* Broadcast Booth—Designed to promote CBS Sports, two students provide their own play-by-play of a famous sporting event and receive a videocassette of their performances.

* Weather Booth—As a plug for the local CBS affiliate (in this case WSBT-TV, channel 22), students get to give the weather forecast from a teleprompter.

As they do that, they have to put those little rain, sun, snow and other assorted weather symbols on a large magnetic map. Once again, they receive a videocassette of their performance.

* Movie Theater—A 15-20 seat theater will be set up for students to preview upcoming films from Columbia Pictures and Tri-Star pictures. Free popcorn will also be available.

* Comedy Quiz—Students will be able to win prizes by answering questions based on college humor. They are trying to hit shots from five marked areas.

* Family Feud—A mini-set of the game show that will allow two groups of students to play against each other.

The questions will be based on a survey of 100 college students. Organizers did not say if contestants have to kiss Richard Dawson or not.

* Price is Right—Yet another recreation of a CBS game show, students can win prizes by playing the favorite game of smart shoppers. One note: Odds are Bob Barker will not be there.

All of these events are free, McCrystal said.

In addition, students will be eligible for giveaways ranging from free airline tickets to $500 savings bonds. Also, there will be chances to enter several national sweepstakes.

The prizes in these sweepstakes include movie jackets, IBM computers and a Mazda RX3 sports car.

For all of the budding thespians on hand, there is also the chance to win a special prize: a walk-on role in either a CBS prime-time show or soap opera.

Who knows? With the help of CBS, "Sally" and "Bob" might get lucky and hit the big time.

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By ELIZABETH HAYES
Film Critic

After seeing a movie such as "The Commitments," the discriminating filmgoer asks the question: Is it fair to judge this movie on a par with other movies? The problem lies in this movie's classification.

Like "This is Spinal Tap," "The Commitments" is a movie that frustrates the critic's desire to define it.

Faced with such a dilemma, the obvious choice is to put this film on its own plane, and not measure it against conventional standards.

This exemption from close scrutiny is exactly what is needed for "The Commitments" to be enjoyed. The actors in this movie, a group of untrained, struggling Irish musicians, are not actors in the traditional sense of the word.

They were chosen for their musical talent and stage presence rather than acting ability. The reasonable assumption of standing performers in music can act very well, and the actors in "The Commitments" acquitted themselves admirably.

However, if you are looking for truly high-quality acting you will not find it in this film.

On the other hand, that's not the reason "The Commitments" should be seen. It's like asking an artist to cook you a gourmet meal — he or she might very well be able to do it, but it is not the person's life work.

"The Commitments" is a movie about musicians and what they make — music.

And if you are looking for great music you will find it. These young men and women band together for the unlikely purpose of bringing soul music to Dublin. Their flyers bill them as "the Saviours of Soul." Many of the band members knew little or nothing about soul music before joining the band.

The only thing that binds them together is their talent and love of music, the same things that eventually cause a division between them.

Their inspiration and founder is their manager, Jimmy Rabbitte, played brilliantly by Robert Arkins, who has a vision of his soul band emerging out of Ireland and becoming internationally famous.

Jimmy, a handsome, earnest young fellow, is really the only character in the movie. His character is fully developed and his presence is felt even during the musical segments when he is not on the screen.

His charm lies in his dedication and vision to create a real soul band out of a group of unemployed Irish kids. Almost single-handedly he glue the band together for a few moments of really great music. The viewer is convinced that without Jimmy’s drive the band would have never had its first gig.

The combination of Jimmy's heroic efforts and likeable character, and the excellent quality of "The Commitments' renditions of old soul hits, makes this movie highly entertaining.

It is a series of thoroughly enjoyable concert scenes, sprinkled across the development of Jimmy’s appealing character.

Leaving aside the theatrical conventions of most movies, this musical movie leaves the viewer wrapped up in the music and enamored with Jimmy.

I don't know if I could call this a great film, or even a great story, but it is, in every sense of the word, great cinema.

Irish singer Deco (Andrew Strong) performs his brand of soul music in "The Commitments."
Braves lose tough one to Giants

SAN FRANCISCO — The first-place San Francisco Giants blew a three-run lead and lost 8-5 to the San Francisco 49ers at Candlestick Park on a foggy Monday night in their first game without major-league steals base leader Ott Nixon.

Playing without Nixon, who was suspended for the day for a violation of the commissioner's office earlier in the day for violating baseball's drug policy, the Braves self-destructed on defense and on the scoreboard. Atlanta entered the game with an 11-0-game lead over Los Angeles in the NL West.

Tom Herr had three hits and three RBIs for the Giants and Darren Lewis scored four runs. Kirk Herbstreit, a junior, threw the football, "I don't allow that. We don't make too many mistakes." Eight times in the first quarter, Ohio State was called for being off sides on defense. Cooper credited Louisville quarterback Erik Watts for throwing the Buckeyes off by altering the cadence. The Buckeyes assessed 118 penalty yards for the game.

After the game, Watts said he would talk to the officials before Saturday's game. "It's the annual campus-wide tournament $12 per team 6 people per team when: Sunday, Sept. 22 where: Stepan Fields who: for Charity sign-ups in both dining halls September 16, 17, 18

Kent Graham hurt in Ohio State win

COLUMBUS, Ohio — No.16 Ohio State will most likely have a different starting quarterback opposed to No.11 (Graham)," said Cooper. "There's no place in college football for that. And if that is happening, we will get it straightened out." Cooper said he would talk to the officials before Saturday’s game. "I think we're flying around and getting after folks pretty good," Cooper said. "But we're making too many mistakes."

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The first-place Braves blew a 3 run lead and fell to the San Francisco Giants at Candlestick Park last night.
Cycling club riding to win in second season

By JIM VOGG
Sports Writer

The second year of Notre Dame's Cycling Club got off to a bittersweet start at the Citizen's race in rural Mont Pelier, Indiana, on Sunday.

The bumpy part was that no Irishmen placed in the top six participants. The most devastating incident was a crash which occurred about seven miles from the finish line. One casualty was ND senior Matt Tyska, who was among the pack (about sixth), and at the time had a good shot of placing.

The sweet part was that Heidi Toboni, a sophomore, who placed first in the women's category, a category that severely lacked strength last year.

John Puskas founded the Notre Dame Cycling Club last January—just weeks before their first race. Last year it featured approximately 30 members, 15 who consistently participated in races.

The culmination of the ND Cycling Club's first season efforts came at the Spring Regionals in Miami of Ohio, where they earned an impressive 16th place in the Midwest Region which consists of 27 other schools.

While last year's emergence was spontaneous, and the team was never planned as a six-participant unit, this year they hope to establish themselves as serious contenders.

"Truthfully, we made a lot of rookie mistakes last year. It cost us by starting late," admitted Puskas.

"Last year we went to 12 races. This year we should have at least 16. We're hoping to throw a home race during the second or third weekend of March, which should include the whole conference," said Puskas.

In cycling, a team garner points in descending order from categories A (advanced), B (intermediate) and C (novice). Women account for nearly 40% of a team's possible score. Last year, the Irish Cyclers had no participants in the A-category, and only one woman—Cathy Black.

"That (the shortage of women competitors on the team) really worked against us," said Puskas.

"Cathy is a possible candidate for the intermediate-level nationals if she rides up to her potential.

"Black's husband Mark, an engineering graduate, also has the experience and strength to be a top racer this season.

Other key returnees include sophomores John Puskas and Tom McDonald, junior Chris Lenhart, seniors Rob Stevenson, David Hicks and Matt Tyska, and law-student Bob Kobayashi. Along with freshman hopefuls Damian Delach, these riders are among the elite squad, "the best of the batch."

"We have outstanding talent," boasted Puskas. "We were rated in the top-10 as determined by the US Cycling Road License (a national non-collegiate governing body, which judges riders by previous racing performance)."

Besides improving on last year's racing, one of this year's priorities for the Cycling Club is pursuing financial help for a sport which relies on necessarily expensive equipment to remain competitive. While nationals if she rides up to her potential.

"Cycling quickly secured the school's second highest club council budget ($3,000), it also received commercial sponsorship from the top names in bicycle equipment, including Patrick shoes, Bell helmets, Power Bar, and Pro Form Bike Shop in South Bend, which provides mechanical maintenance for the squad.

Another priority is establishing mountain biking in the Midwest, following the path road cycling blazed just four years ago, when the Midwest Cycling Federation appeared with ten teams.

"There is currently no collegiate structure for mountain biking," said Karl Eizel, who got Notre Dame riders involved in the National Off-Road Bicycling Association this fall. "ND is the only school in the Midwest with 'a mountain biking team.' Eizel hopes to fuel enthusiasm for the new sport by handing out flyers to competitors at the road races. "It's taken off for road racing. The same thing can happen for off-road racing."

"The sport is growing exponentially," raved Eizel, who raced with the Irish road cyclists last season before undertaking the pioneering position this year. "It (mountain biking) started as a cult thing in California a few years ago. Now one-half of the bikes on campus are mountain bikes, but most aren't used for their purpose."

Geoff Frank and Matt Ruscoe are two of the most promising mountain bikers for the Irish, who are anxious to look for new riders at both the competitive and recreational level.

The off-road team will participate in the Indiana State Championship, October 5 and 6 in Bloomington.
CHARLTON SUSPENDED FOR A WEEK

LOS ANGELES — Cincinnati Reds pitcher Norm Charlton was suspended for seven days and fined by the National League on Monday for deliberately throwing at Mike Scioscia of the Dodgers and his threats concerning hitting Mr. Scioscia in the future.

Perhaps coincidental to White’s announcement, the ruling, making the left-handed Belles have greatly improved their place in the

He made a big mistake by saying that,” Lasorda said. “It’s a disgrace to baseball for a guy to make a statement like that.”

Reached at his Fullerton, Calif., home Monday morning, Lasorda said he supported White’s decision.

“First of all, it’s good to see that he reacted,” Lasorda said. “This guy made a very, very serious threat toward Scioscia, saying he wanted to tear his head off. He should be punished.

“This is a guy who actually comes out and says he wants to tear a guy’s head off. There’s no place in baseball for this kind of stuff. Let’s hope that situations like this don’t happen again.”

Before Monday’s game, Piniella said he believed the suspension to be “very strong,” and said he didn’t believe his pitchers throw at opposing hitters.

“I think it was more frustration on his part,” Piniella said of Charlton’s comments. “These guys here on this club don’t head hunt. In fact, we’ve been hit much more than we’ve hit people. But at the same time, you can’t go out and make irresponsible statements like that.”

Belles soccer wins tourney at Wooster

By BRIDGET MCCOURT
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s soccer team came back victorious from a tournament this weekend at Wooster College. By beating regionally and nationally ranked teams, the Belles have greatly improved their place in the

On Friday, Saint Mary’s played Elizabethtown College, ranked number eight in the nation. Junior Sugar Winget scored three goals in the first half to account for all of the Belles points. Elizabethtown was held to only one goal by an intense St. Mary’s defense, which was

cooked Senior co-captain Greer Gilland, who added to the scoring total with two assists, commented that “coming off the big win against Elizabethtown increased our confidence and showed us that we can play as a team.”

Penalty goal against Calvin College.

Now with their record at 3-0-1, the Belles are hoping to use this weekend’s wins to build their confidence for an away match against Saint Joseph’s College on September 22. Saint Joseph’s is an upper Division 2
Zilvitis key to women’s soccer progress and success

By JENNIFER MARTEN
Sports Writer

Susie Zilvitis has seen many changes in her four years on the Notre Dame soccer team. The senior tri-captain has watched the team improve the level of its competition in its first four years from no-names to top-twenty squads. The irony is that Zilvitis is a big reason for that change.

Zilvitis has started every game in Notre Dame women’s soccer history and currently holds numerous team scoring records after three strong seasons.

In her freshmen year, the forward led the team in goals with fourteen and assists with seven. Zilvitis was named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association All-State team for her achievements.

Continuing to be successful, Zilvitis was the leading scorer with twelve goals including five gamewinners in her sophomore campaign.

Last season, she was instrumental in securing several victories against Northeast Missouri State, Valparaiso, Washington, IUSB, Northwestern, Florida International, and Zavier. She knocked in ten goals including four game winners and assisted on seven others.

So far this season, the soccer team is 2-0-2. Zilvitis has played in all four games, but has yet to score this fall. "I am playing hard, but I could push harder and get more results," said Zilvitis of her play.

Notre Dame soccer coach Chris Petrucelli is not worried. "If she produces the way she has in the past, it’ll be another great year for her," said the coach.

Zilvitis’ success is due in part to her raw athletic ability. In high school, the Sudbury, Massachusetts native played on the soccer, lacrosse, and cross country teams. She is gifted with outstanding speed, endurance, and a knack for scoring goals.

"The thing that jumps out most is her ability to run by people with her great speed and endurance," said Petrucelli.

Despite the success she has enjoyed in the past, Zilvitis realizes that there is still room for improvement. She has been working on her technique and ball striking. "Her ability to shoot the ball is better now than it has ever been," said Petrucelli.

As one of two remaining members of the first soccer team here at Notre Dame, Zilvitis has emerged as a real team leader on and off the field. "Susie is full of energy," said teammate senior Molly Lennon. "She isn’t the most vocal or gungho motivator. She’s more of an example setter."

Zilvitis agrees that she is in a very influential position. "I want to help them (the six freshmen) see that soccer is a team sport individual achievement isn’t as important as how we come together as a team," said Zilvitis.

Through the years, she has matured on the field and taken on various roles with grace and dignity. Zilvitis is facing the end of her soccer career at Notre Dame with the same amount of grace.

"I wish I could stay because I think we will make it to the NCAA tournament in the near future, but I am happy just to be a part of the building process."
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the 100-meters, good enough to rank him second in the nation for high school sprinters last year.

Last season at Willowridge, Miller rushed for 635 yards and eight touchdowns, caught 35 passes for 640 yards and six touchdowns. Despite only handling a total of ten punts and kickoffs, Miller returned five for TD's.

Bellies look forward to Concordia
By KRISTEN MARTINA

The Saint Mary's volleyball team faced some tough competition this past weekend at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater tournament.

On Friday, Saint Mary's went 1-2, dropping two close games and pulling through with a 15-7, 15-2, 15-9 win over the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Junior Karen Lorson and sophomore Michelle Martino both contributed in the Belles win.

"Stevens Point was trying to shut down Karen in the middle. Fortunately, our other hitters pulled through with a strong hitting attack," said first year coach Julie Schroeder-Biek.

The Belles face Concordia College tonight in River Forest, IL. The match looks to be a tough challenge for the Belles.

"We need to work on closing our blocks and helping out on defense," Schroeder-Biek said. "We also need to come through Schroeder-Biek... They work well together and play as a team..."

The match tonight against Concordia College should be a close one for the Bellies.

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"Well, there he goes again ... I suppose I shouldn't worry, but I just get a bad feeling about Jimmy hanging with those tuna punks."
Women's soccer impressive in Cinci

By MIKE SCRUDATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team enjoyed a successful weekend in Cincinnati, defeating Cincinnati 4-0 behind a hat trick by sophomore Stephanie Porter and tying Vanderbilt 3-3 on Sunday.

The Irish overwhelmed Cincinnati in the crucial Central Region matchup. They dominated every aspect of the game, outshooting the Bearcats 22-4 and taking ten corner kicks to Cincinnati's two.

"Everybody gave 100 percent, and we were able to move the ball well," Porter said.

"When we click, we can really play well together." Porter opened the scoring with two minutes left in the first half when she took a pass from freshman Robyn Mego and nested a shot from 20 yards out. Her shot went wide and came back nine minutes into the second half on a 15 yard shot from in front of the goal. The Irish completed the hat trick with a seven yard shot from the middle of the eighteen minute mark.

The other Notre Dame goal was scored by tri-captain Marianne Giolitto, who also had an assist on Porter's second goal. The Irish finished the second half. It was assisted by Margaret Jarc. Jarc and Giolitto have been working well together all season on both sides of the field.

"This was a great win for us, not just because we won, but how we won," a pleased coach Petrocclli commented after Saturday's game. "We are starting to come together and are playing the way we are capable of playing.

On Sunday, Notre Dame built leads of 2-0 and 3-1, but the Lady Commodores fought back both times to even the contest. Early on it looked as if the Irish would cruise to another convincing win. Porter scored her fourth goal of the weekend on a header at the 13:04 mark to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. Allison Lester then added her third goal of the season with under two minutes remaining in the first half.

However, the second half was a different story. Only 1:11 after the intermission Vanderbilt became the first team to score against the Irish when Jeanette Rice finshed off a two-on-one breakaway with a shot from five yards out.

After the goal, the Irish responded with a hat trick by sophomore Stephanie Porter on Saturday and a seven yard shot from in front of the goal. Once again, Vandy battled back. With 17:39 left, Holly Goodman put a shot over the head of Notre Dame goalie, Michelle Ledges from 15 feet out. Neither team could score for the remainder of the game.

"It is a life, especially after being up 2-0," Petrocclli added. "In overtime, we played well and created chances, but again a critical mistake led to a goal. This was a game we are going to work with the defense. We need to play 90 minutes without a mistake.

Mike Miller leaves Notre Dame

By RICH KURZ
Associate Sports Editor

The man widely touted as the heir apparent to Coach Lou Holtz died, today, in a skiing accident on a ski slope in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference in years past has been that the conference was too weak to earn its members a spot in the NCAA tournament.

But last month, the NCAA Executive Committee announced that the MCC had been granted an automatic bid into the women's basketball tournament that will be held next March.

And in November, the NCAA Baseball Committee will consider an MCC application for an automatic bid for that sport, and the league will present a detailed report showing why the MCC deserves to have the bid lost in 1989 reinstated.

"We know that the MCC had made a commitment to improve their sports when we joined (in 1988)," said Assistant Athletic Director Missy Conboy. "They're now seeing the effects of that commitment.

"They (the MCC) have shown consistent improvement in their facilities and their ability to compete against that schedule," said NCAA Women's Basketball Committee chairperson Judy Holland. "Obviously, the strength of the conference is Notre Dame, but other schools as well have shown improvement.

But a major event occurred this past summer which may have meant more: Saint Louis and Marquette, two of the weakest women's basketball teams in the conference—and in Division I itself—will join the new Great Midwest Conference.

"The two schools dropping from the conference definitely helped (the MCC) get a bid," said Holland. For Notre Dame, the MCC's automatic qualification in women's hoops is welcome news. For two straight years, the team has won 23 games, only to be disappointed when the tournament bracketing was announced. Now though, the pressure is off for the three-time MCC champs.

"After winning the league three straight years, it's easy now to still believe you've got a pretty good shot at making the NCAA's," McGraw said. "Last year, we were in a situation when after we lost to Miami of Ohio (in late February), we felt like the season was over. This way, we can afford to lose a few games and know that we are still making the tournament.

And in terms of scheduling, the Irish can continue to play one of the most difficult schedules in the country, but now with a different goal in mind.

"It's a great confidence builder knowing that we can schedule difficult opponents, lose a few along the way, but at the end of the year, the opportunity to win the conference and get a bid," said Conboy. "Still, you have to wonder why all of the sudden the MCC is deserving of a bid. Could it be to make up for snubbing Notre Dame two straight years?"

"It certainly could come down to," joked McGraw, "when you consider that they're not a strong enough conference to warrant us getting an at-large bid.

"(But) the departure of Coach Lou Holtz, as you know, had a lot to do with why we got the bid," she continued. "With them gone, now they (the NCAA) are saying that our conference isn't as weak, and they're right."

Down at Jake Kline Field, the Notre Dame baseball team is getting ready for the 1991-1992 season. But the memories of last year's snub still rankle Irish coach Pat Murphy.

"It's unfortunate for the kids, because they deserved to go," he said. "How can a team beat three teams in the top 10, win 45 games, play the type of schedule we played, and not get a bid? It was just a great oversight."

If the MCC gets its wish, that kind of oversight won't happen again.

This week, the league's baseball coaches will meet to discuss a report compiled by the MCC over the summer. This report provides statistical evidence to support the league's upcoming application for an automatic bid.

"Among the data available to the MCC:

• The MCC ranked sixth among all Division I conferences in percentage of games played against Division I competition (92.9 percent). The bottom league in the rankings was the Pac-10 North (75.3 percent).

• The MCC (without Saint Louis' statistics) compared favorably with other conferences in the region in the Big Ten and the Mid-American—in terms of strength of schedule.

• The MCC also compared favorably with several conferences already receiving automatic bids in terms of overall, Division I, and non-conference winning percentages—including the Atlantic 10, Big South, Eastern Intercollegiate, TransAmerica, Northeast, North Atlantic, MAC, Ohio Valley, Southern and Western Athletic.

Baseball in our conference has gotten so much stronger the past few years," Murphy said. "There's no question that our teams—Notre Dame, Evansville, and Detroit—are tournament-caliber teams.

Back in November 1988, the NCAA warned the MCC that if it did not improve its scheduling and

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