Gorbachev: republics not able to decide fate

MOSCOW (AP) - Mikhail Gorbachev, whose political death has been reported many times, attempted another rebirth Monday when he declared Boris Yeltsin and the leaders of other Slavic republics did not have the right to decide the future of the entire nation.

Gorbachev called for convocation of the Congress of People's Deputies and possibly a new Congress of the Soviet Union, hoping that the widespread fear of chaos and hunger would fuel a popular movement to preserve the Soviet Union.

The party leader was taken by surprise Sunday when the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia called for a new Soviet Union dead and formed a

commonwealth of independent states in its wake.

But Gorbachev bounced back Monday, meeting with Yeltsin and the leaders of other republics in an effort to preserve his central government and his political future.

Gorbachev said the "declaration that the union laws no longer exist is illegal and dangerous, it can only aggravate chaos and anarchy." He added: "I have never heard the leaders of the republics tuyệt of the entire nation.

The events of Sunday and Monday marked a rift in the alliances forged between Gorbachev and Yeltsin last March and cemented by resistance to the failed coup by Communist Party hard-liners last August.

In a statement read on central television, and clearly aimed at Yeltsin's detractors see SOVIET/ page 5

Bushchaell issues statement concerning charges

By DAVID KINNEY
Associate News Editor

A week after resigning amid allegations of sexual misconduct toward male students during his career at Notre Dame, Father James Bushchaell issued a statement appearing in the Dec. 13 issue of the National Catholic Reporter (NCR).

He said in the statement that he regretted that he "had behaved toward some former University students in ways that were wrong."

Bushchaell confirmed that the University had asked him to resign in August 1990 when he began his research leave at Princeton University. This contradicts a previous statement by Father Carl Eby, provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which said that Bushchaell agreed to resign in April 1991.

Although the University required that he resign, Bushchaell said that in reality he did so for "other unrelated reasons of my own."

In the statement, Bushchaell said that the situation was humiliating, strenuous and difficult, but also "a time for chastening, conversion and prayer." He said that he is attempting to get the experience behind him "with wise professional help and loving support."

I have been making amended and offering apology to people I had offended and received their forgiveness," he added.

He criticized some of his colleagues for approaching the press to publish the story of his resignation and the NCR for printing it. "The story as written," he said, "implies some things that are not true.

William Storey, a retired ND theology professor, accused the Holy Cross Congregation of a "cover-up" in a separate article by Pat Windsor, national news editor for the NCR. He said that he reported sexual misconduct by Bushchaell to the Holy Cross Congregation in 1976.

Storey, director of the undergraduate theology program during the late 1960s and early 1970s, said that five students, including two seminarians, reported allegations over a period of several years, according to the NCR. He referred the students to the University Counseling Center and to Morton Kelsey, an ND priest and psychologist, he said.

The NCR reported that Storey was questioned in 1976 by former Father William Lawers, then the Holy Cross provincial, about the allegations concerning Bushchaell. The provincial requested information from Storey about what kind of sexual contact had occurred, but Storey said that he told Lawers that he had not asked the students for specific information.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president-emeritus, said that he had no knowledge of similar allegations against Bushchaell in the 1970s, but did not comment on his awareness of rumors about the situation. "I had none," he said, "nothing substantiated."

The article said that Michael see NCR/ page 3

Senate votes $600 to right group

By BECKY BARNES
News Writer

After heated debate in yesterday's meeting, Student Senate allotted $600 to the Notre Dame Right to Life organization to defray costs of its annual trip to the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.

Much criticism from various individuals on campus occurred last year when former Student Body President Robert Pasin allocated funds for this same purpose.

Current President Joseph Hancu stated in his campaign that if faced with the same issue, he would immediately take the proposal to the entire body.

The senate budget committee determined that $600 from the contingency fund would be available to the group. The contingency fund has been used already this semester to fund campus Mock Trial and Model United Nations organizations.

Senate member Joe Wilson stated that funding Right to Life is "different (than funding other groups) because we're dealing

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see senators Billings for investigation

By MONICA YANT
News Editor

Responding to the resignation of Father James Bushchaell after allegations of sexual misconduct, Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame/ St. Mary's College (GLND/SMC) issued a statement Monday calling for an independent investigation into the charges and the recognition of the organization as a means of creating a "supportive environment for gay and lesbian issues.

In addition, GLND/SMC called for Bushchaell to be reinstated to the University faculty where he must be supported with love and forgiveness."

The Statement on Father Bushchaell's and Notre Dame's Abuses coincides with a Dec. 13 follow-up article in the National Catholic Reporter in which GLND/SMC co-chair Michael Vore identified himself as a victim of Bushchaell's misconduct.

GLND/SMC's statement charges that the University's inaction regarding the allegations allowed the misconduct to be perpetuated. "... Bushchaell's actions were inexcusably al-

lowed to persist over an intolerable length of time. This has harmed the entire University - "Even after knowledge of Bushchaell's abuses has become public, the University has made no response to an environment which enabled his misconduct to thrive."

Because GLND/SMC believes the University has yet to explain prior knowledge of the Bushchaell abuses, the group calls for an independent investigation of the case which would publish the following results within three months:

Who knew about the Bushchaell abuses, and from what date?

Why the misconduct was not dealt with sooner.

What steps the University will take to "repair the damage done to students harmed directly by Bushchaell" and

What the University will do to address the needs of gay and lesbians within the community. Although the statement did not propose a specific make-up for the investigating body, Vore told The Observer Monday night that he could envision a committee made up of five powerson the page 4

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A cry for help

Notre Dame students view an art exhibit at Hesburgh Library sponsored by Child Abuse Neglect Coordinating Organization (CANCEO),

Christmas charity

Christmas is a time for giving and those at the UNICEF table stationed in the concourse of the Hesburgh Library are hoping that passersby remember the cause they are serving when they make a purchase from their various selections.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Schools fail by giving students condoms

By Monica Yant

New York City Public School system taught him a lesson he'll never forget: that promiscuity and premarital sex are ok.

While Johnny may not be a student in this school, this month the New York City Public School system taught him a lesson he'll never forget: that promiscuity and premarital sex are ok.

Johnny is one of thousands of New York City high school students who can now receive free condoms "on demand" within school walls.

The program began with the 3,000 students in Dewey High School in Brooklyn and will eventually accommodate the sexual needs of over 250,000 young people.

Students need no parental consent to receive the contraceptives. The condoms will be distributed by specially trained teachers and counselors.

Each package students will find instructions and literature outlining the risks and benefits of condom use. The truly interested will also find a note reminding them that abstinence is the only true guarantee against sexually transmitted disease.

The program was adopted over arguments by the Catholic Church and many parent groups who feel that schools are beginning sex by giving students condoms.

Arguments of the program argue that rhetoric and religion must be sacrificed to face the rising number of AIDS cases among teenagers. New York City alone boasts 20 percent of all AIDS cases in the 13-to-21 year-old age group.

And with upwards of 50 percent of all teenagers admitting to having sex, it is easy to understand the dilemma facing parents, teachers and school administrators.

Still, amid all the logical and reasonable arguments for giving students a means to protect themselves, one question remains: is it the role of the teacher in a young person's life to give young people the knowledge they need to face and win the battle against AIDS.

Over the years, sex education in public education has been debated. Some feel educators have a responsibility to teach students about sex for health reasons.

From these arguments comes the more recent demand for the distribution of condoms in the schools.

A look at public education shows that while schools may be responsible for educating students on the risks of sexual activity, teachers are in no way bound to helping young people take those risks.

The role of the teacher in a young person's life is that of educator, guide and mentor. Giving students condoms tells young people that their role model has no problem helping young people take those risks.

What educators in New York City will find as they try to reach the youth under the guise of helping students fight a battle against AIDS, they might just be helping young people at greater risk.

It's a dangerous test they're taking in New York City.

A test that not even the brightest could pass.

And in years to come, when officials seek statistics to prove that giving kids condoms stopped the spread of sexually transmitted disease, they'll be in for some unpleasant results: the tests failed the test.

The views are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

MARKET UPDATE

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

In 1920: Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1869: Woman were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1906: President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1958: The first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the U.S. as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about 2 1/2 hours.

In 1980: Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, on a visit to India, proposed a plan aimed at easing tensions in the Persian Gulf.

Teeny-ager begs police to shoot him

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — A policeman who tried to talk a teen-ager out of committing suicide said the youth begged officers to shoot him before pulling the trigger himself. "He just looked up at me and said, Goodbye," and he pulled the trigger," said Cpl. Michael Pool, who arrived seconds before the shooting Friday night in Novato, about 25 miles north of San Francisco.

'I'm going to see that kid's face for the rest of my life," the 18-year-old police veteran said. "Sixteen years old ... what a waste." When Pool arrived, the youth was standing in the street with the .22-caliber pistol to his head. He yelled, 'Shoot me! Shoot me!" and shot to his knees and shot himself as neighbors watched, Pool said.

The youth, who lived in a foster home, died in surgery Saturday night at the hospital.

Duke is not winning party friends

WASHINGTON — David Duke isn't winning too many friends among state Republican Party leaders. But many of them are resigned to the former Ku Klux Klansman appearing on presidential primary ballots in their states. The first test of Duke's appeal may well come March 3, when he most likely will be on the GOP primary ballots in Georgia and Maryland. In both states, the secretary of state makes it on the ballot and lists candidates who have been recognized in the national media. The same standard likely will land Duke a spot on the Oregon ballot next May, and on the Mississippi ballot in March. All Duke has to do is to get on the Arkansas ballot a pay a filing fee. It won't be that easy elsewhere. In New York, where Duke has been attacked by state GOP leaders, he'd need 20,000 signatures to get on the ballot.
Sharkey receives Caring Award

By ELIZABETH COSTELLO
News Writer

Notre Dame freshman Mariah Sharkey was recently selected to receive a National Caring Award for her efforts in creating, designing and chairing the Solidarity Movement at Yuba City High School in Yuba City, Calif.

Sharkey accepted the award, along with ten other young men and women from the United States, Inc. 5 at a ceremony in the Senate Caucus Room in Washington D.C.

The purpose of the National Caring Award identifies, reinforces and celebrates the special acts of those people who ennoble the human race—those who, in learning the wisdom of giving by giving, have transcended self in service. The principals of every junior and senior high school in the United States were asked to identify the most caring students they knew. Sharkey’s high school principal in Yuba City, Calif. nominated her for the award.

The Yuba City High School “Solidarity Week” program is modeled after Elie Wiesel’s Solidarity movement in Poland that knocked down the walls in that country and Eastern Europe.

Sharkey said there were cliques and segregation in her high school among minorities, whites, wealthy and poor.

She said the movement was a "simple idea to be Christlike and just be nice to each other and to make everyone feel they had a place to g0." The theme of Solidarity was to emphasize the commonalities which bind people together as human beings rather than those differences that separate them. Her goal was to celebrate the uniqueness of different groups and individuals, while promoting cohesion among the student body.

In a handbook put together to assist other high schools in implementing the program, Sharkey points out a quote by Elie Wiesel on caring: "But where am I to start? The world is so vast, shall I begin with the country I know best, my own? But my country too is so very large. I had better start with my town. But, large also is my town. But, large also is my family. Never mind, I shall start with my family. No: my home. No: my school. Never mind, I shall start with myself."

At the time of the movement’s inception there were no hints of the Berlin Wall coming down and the mood of things made Sharkey realize something needed to be done in her school.

She wanted students to learn to understand each other and "bridge the gap between theory and practice."

"We’ve always been taught that what affects us politically and socially affects us locally and privately," Sharkey said.

Solidarity Week was first celebrated on February 13-16, 1990. During that week, 2,300 students wore yellow wristbands symbolizing friendship, and at that year’s end in June many still wore them. Students exchanged valentines and painted a large ethnic mural in the cafeteria.

Involvement swept the entire campus, as the celebration included an ethnic food fest, a continuous student-teacher panel, a student-ethnic style show, rally and class studies directed toward the theme of Solidarity.

Senior year, Sharkey continued to devote her energies to the plan and put together kits and suggestions to supply to other schools as the idea began to spread. She also put together a system that would enable the event to continue in her absence.

It is estimated that 50,000 California students will be participating in Solidarity Week in the 1991-92 school year, as well as several schools in the Midwest, which requested information and direction.

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Vore, a Notre Dame graduate student, identified himself last week as one of the students who had received counseling from and who had had sexual contacts with Burchaell during the 1984-85 academic year. He reported the priest’s actions to University President Father Edward Malloy in a letter dated June 9, 1991, according to the article.

Mark Jordan, Medieval Institute professor, said that he knows some of the students involved in the investigation and that he was concerned with the long-term psychological effects. Jordan said that the University or the congregation should offer to pay for professional counseling or some other type of concrete support for the students.

University policy, however, dictates that the determination of the necessity of such counseling would be determined on a case-to-case basis, according to Dennis Moore, director of University Public Relations.
Vore publicly identifies himself as Burtchaell victim

By MONICA YANT
News Editor

For Michael Vore, the decision to publicly identify himself as a victim of Father James Burtchaell's sexual misconduct was a difficult one that no matter how personal the decision was, the truth needed to be told.

Vore identifies himself in the Dec. 6 edition of the campus Catholic Reporter (NCR), saying he underwent counseling with Burtchaell that later transferred to sexual relations. Burtchaell resigned from the school in late October after a meeting with Notre Dame faculty last week after a Dec. 6 NCR article published allegations of Burtchaell's misconduct.

"It was very hard for me to go on the record," Vore told The Observer Monday. "It was a very personal decision."

He said his decision was motivated by the University's inability to properly investigate and act upon rumors regarding Burtchaell.

"The University's response has been silence on a matter that cannot be silent," Vore said. "The bottom line is that they didn't want to pursue it."

Vore's frustration with the University stems from what he said is an overarching attitude of deniability with an administration that allowed Burtchaell's actions to go on for years. Vore speculated that the misconduct was originally reported as early as 1976.

Vore also said he could no longer suppress feelings of violation that remained from his involvement with Burtchaell. After his counseling sessions with Burtchaell during the 1984-85 academic year went from talking about intimacy in relationships to actual "physical lessons," Vore said he began to question Burtchaell's actions.

"This is a man I trusted. I believed he was doing what was in my best interest," Vore said. "I believed that what he was doing was going to help me.

"I experienced a violation when I was with him—a violation of trust, of the confidence I had in him."

Vore's decision to identify himself comes months after he first notified the University of his involvement with Burtchaell.

After telling University President Father Edward Malloy about the situation in a June 1991 letter, Vore began meeting with Father Richard Warner, counselor to the President, to discuss the charges.

Vore said he has not met with Warner since October.

Warner acknowledged the discussions, but said he could not comment due to matters of confidentiality.

Vore said he was encouraged by the administration to press charges against Burtchaell through the University's sexual harassment policy.

He said he declined to press charges at the time for several reasons:

"He was already under the assumption that Burtchaell had been dismissed, and didn't think that formal charges would 'yield anything of use.'"

"He did not want to be silenced by the University's rule of confidentiality that accompanied internal investigations."

Vore speculates that the lack of recognition of gay, lesbian and bisexual students has been around in one form or another for at least as long as the rumors about Burtchaell.

Vore said in a statement that "Had the University recognized us when we first arrived, we could have been the institutional check that could have stopped this abuse when it first occurred."

GLND/SMC expressed disappointment with the University and the Holy Cross Order in handling the matter via Burtchaell's resignation. The statement claims that Holy Cross Provincial Father Carl Ehey's characterization of the situation as "anomalies" reflects a refusal to acknowledge "the continuing visibility and gay attitudes held by many in the Holy Cross Order, and within the University administration."

By calling for Burtchaell's resignation, the University and Holy Cross Order have essentially excluded him from the situation and ignored the issues, according to GLND/SMC. "If this is to be a Catholic university, he should be asked and encouraged to return."

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US wants Soviets to keep weapons controlled by a ‘unified command’

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today said it would like to see the unraveling Soviet Union’s nuclear arsenal kept under a “unified command.”

“We do not want to see a proliferation of independent nuclear states,” said Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman.

But she said the administration was “not pushing” for the transfer of nuclear weapons to the Russian republic from other regions.

U.S. officials had said they hoped the weapons could be stored in the Russian republic for safekeeping until many of them are destroyed under arms control agreements with the United States.

That policy decision followed two weeks of debate within the administration, said the officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

“We have been talking to the republics and will continue to talk to the republics about the safety, security and efficient elimination of nuclear weapons wherever they are,” Tutwiler said.

But, she said, “we have never said” the weapons should be returned to the Russian republic “It’s just erroneous.”

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, meanwhile, that President Bush had been assured in a half-hour phone call Sunday from Russian President Boris Yeltsin that the weapons were in safe hands.

“Both he and (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev have continued to express their belief in the safety of the nuclear weapons and the systems that protect them,” Fitzwater said.

“We think their safety can best be provided for under a unified command,” Fitzwater said of the thousands of nuclear warheads in the Soviet Union.

“I can’t go through republic by republic and discuss the weapons, Fitzwater said. But, he added: “We have the assurances of President Yeltsin that they are in control.”

Most of the Soviet’s 27,000 nuclear weapons are stored in the Russian republic, but nearly 5,000 tactical missiles and thousands of long-range nuclear arms are understood to be stockpiled in Ukraine, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan.

The sources indicated that the United States would like to see all the devices to be kept in Russia, although Fitzwater did not go into such issues in detail.

Some Soviet specialists at the State Department were reluctant to see the United States engage in “meddling” or putting more pressure on Gorbachev’s central government, officials who demanded anonymity said on Sunday.

But the White House, worried about unrest in the country and Gorbachev’s weakened leadership, prevailed as Secretary of State James Baker came down in favor of a unified command.

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The Soviet Union’s three Slavic republics — Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine — formed a new alliance in an agreement that appears to strip the central government of its remaining power.

Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine comprise nearly three-fourths of the 270 million people and possess most of its economic strength, in addition to sharing an ethnic heritage as the country’s traditional Slavic heart.

Ethnic Composition

Each of the constituent republics is named for the predominant ethnic group. Charts show the size of the majority (white), proportion of ethnic Russians (black) and other significant minorities (shaded).

Source: Central Intelligence Agency, percentages based on 1979 data

US praises moves of republics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration today praised steps taken by the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia in forming a new commonwealth but said it had no immediate plans to establish formal diplomatic relations.

The communiqué that declared the Soviet Union had ceased to exist coincides in several ways with U.S. principles, said Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman.

Among them, she said, were guarantees for minorities, adherence to Soviet treaty obligations and a commitment to a democratic legal system.

“So we are very encouraged and pleased,” the U.S. official said, reading from a prepared statement.

Secretary of State James Baker will leave Saturday night for Moscow and make side trips to Ukraine and Byelorussia. He may go to other republics as well, Tutwiler said.

Baker said on Sunday that “the Soviet Union, as we’ve known it, has ceased to exist.”

He also said there was still a risk of civil war.

Tutwiler said today we are“very encouraged that the transformation continue as it has to date, in a peaceful manner.”

But, she said, “It is not an alarmist concern.”

Byelorussian officials are scheduled to meet with Baker on Tuesday.

Clarification

A photo on page one of The Observer Monday failed to identify Indi Dieckgraefe, assistant professor of the department of communications, who teaches at Saint Mary’s College. Dieckgraefe is featured on the Ac- cent page today. The Observer regrets the error.

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specifically with ideology." The senate proceeded to dis­

cu ss whether the money could be distributed without reflecting a specific stance taken by the senate. Several senate members proposed allocating the money only with a specific
disclaimer. Such a statement would claim that the senate is "funding this organization because it is a university recognized organization, because it has a need and the funds are available — not because of a particular ideological stance taken by the univer­
sity," said Wilson. Other senate members disagreed. One member stated, "part of being a leader is mak­ing choices...we can't please ev­eryone." Several senators did not view this disagreement as negative.

"As leaders we make deci­sions, we make statements...if people aren't going to agree with it that's great-there will be more discussion, and that's a positive thing," stated one se­­nator.

Student Body Vice President Dave Florenzo stated that a disclaimer might not "do what it was intended to do." "If we don't take a stance, people who don't support this organization will label us as cop-outs," he continued.

Wilson returned, "I would hate to see this [senate] used to isolate a large part of the popula­tion on this campus."

In the final vote, allocation of funds only was considered with no reference to an accompany­ing statement made by the sen­ate. The vote showed nine in favor, six against, and one abst­ention. After the vote, several senate members made statements on the proposal. Wilson stated that he is "not at all opposed to the funding because it is a uni­

versity organization with a need," but he does highly crit­i­
cize the senate for not also passing a disclaimer concerning its ideological stance. He challenges the behavior of the senate if another group with an ideological issue less popular on campus arises.

The Right to Life group was also criticized for the manner in which it asked for funding. Club Coordinating Council (CCC) member Matthew Bomberger stated that the organization "did not follow normal funding appeals procedures by appearing before the CCC prior to going to the budget committee."

"They bring it back year after year so [senate] has to make a political statement," stated Nicole Farmer.

In other senate business, a resolution introduced by Junior Class President David Cathcart and Student Senator Christie Schaefer, discussed University policy concerning on campus crime. The resolution stated that the University should in­

form students "within a rea­sonable time, through The Observer and emergency bul­

leins where necessary, of any and all crime involving or af­

fecting students, not excluding crimes related to date/acquaintance rape." The resolution also asked the University to explore the possi­bilities of increasing the avail­ability of Safe Walk services, routine security patrols around the lakes and in parking lots, and the number of call boxes and lights in key areas of cam­

pus including parking lots, lake areas, and the road to Saint Mary's College.

Senator also set the dates for next semester's student gov­

ernment elections. Elections for student body president and vice president will be held Feb. 10, for class representatives on Feb. 24, and for student senators on March 2. Run-offs for each election will be two days later.

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This Recent Pain
For the past two or three years, a number of stories have been appearing in the press about priests and ministers accused of sexual harassment or abuse. These accounts which are sometimes embellished by a salacious press, bring a feeling of terrible sadness. It is not just that there are so many immediate victims as a result of such actions. Each of these incidents also casts at least a shadow of doubt on organized religion and on the people who minister to believers.

Our University community has been reeling this past week because this crisis has now touched home. And, inevitably, it has touched each one of us in one way or another.

There is more than enough anger and confusion and bitter disappointment to go around. This is the kind of time when it is all too easy for people to unleash skepticism and even cynicism about the Church and about the priesthood.

There is a temptation to think that the Church might become one more casualty of our age. We live in a time of selfishness and greed—a complicated situation where values can seem to change quickly, often as a matter of convenience rather than in response to sensitive conscience.

And yet in the face of all these feelings and concerns, we continue to proclaim the reality of salvation, the grace of the Church the ministry of priesthood.

As Christians we believe that our lives are mysteries where light and shadow, sin and grace are daily realities as we try to form ourselves in the image of Jesus Christ.

We are gifted with a community of faith to assist us, where our encouragement comes not just from Words of Life in Scripture and from the Eucharist, but also from the example of lives well lived, with effort and conviction, by fellow believers. When those lives are truly well lived, we bring blessings and hope to one another. When we know deceit or corruption or the misuse of power, all of us pay a price.

In God's wisdom, God has chosen human instruments, sometimes all too fragile, to bear the message of the Gospel through history. In this way, the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus is more easily seen in lives touched and transformed by light and grace.

The Church, human to a fault and divine to the core, calls us to community where faith is the basis of whatever good things happen to make, us more wholehearted in our commitments.

Within this context, the priesthood is effective when people can appreciate a life lived for the service of others, and a service rendered not out of ambition or fear, but out of love.

It is still this way here and elsewhere, as it has been through the years.

Richard V. Warner, CSC

Liturgy Schedule
December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
11:30 a.m. Fr. William Beauchamp
5:00 p.m. Spanish Liturgy
Fr. Ted Weber, CSC
Aspiring Notre Dame actors (left to right) audition for "Lights, camera, action!"

LONDON (AP) — Trouble at Robert Maxwell's wrecked media empire deepened Monday with word that bank lenders failed to find more than half the $1.2 billion in missing money he had frantically shuffled before his death.

The flamboyant publisher's sons Kevin and Ian were immersed deeper into the confusing jumble of events with the disclosure that a court had seized their passports and impounded assets to assure their help in finding the missing money.

Robert Maxwell apparently used the money to help mask the weakness of his far-flung web of indebted companies, which range from tabloid newspapers to scholastic publishing.

Kevin Maxwell, publisher of the Daily News in New York, appealed for the return of his passport so he could run that newspaper, which, like other Maxwell holdings, faces a bleak future. He also put his house up for sale.

"We have a mortgage like everyone else," his wife Pandora told reporters.

The stunning turn of events since Maxwell's mysterious death at sea last month has created a scandalous uproar in Britain, where Maxwell was once regarded as a scrappy businessman but is now seen by many as a conniving business hero but is now seen by many as a conniving

Bankers fail to find Maxwell's missing 1.2 billion dollars

Robert Maxwell, 55, who was once regarded as a scrappy businessman but is now seen by many as a conniving business hero but is now seen by many as a conniving

EC accepts tentative monetary agreement

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands (AP) — Leaving an escape route for Britain, European Community nations Monday tentatively agreed to set up a common central bank and to begin using a single currency by 1999.

But leaders of the trading bloc, holding a landmark summit in this ancient Dutch town on the Meuse River, ran into roadblocks in their quest for a political federation of their 12 nations.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek said "(insurmountable obstacles) thrown up by Britain and Spain were making it difficult to agree on a political union that would establish common foreign and internal security policies, and perhaps a common defense policy, for the 338 million EC citizens."

Most European leaders would like to develop political muscle to match the bloc's economic might, which would approximate that of the U.S.-Canada-Mexico market of 355 million residents.

The leaders led off the two-day gathering, probably the most important in their 34-year history, by tackling a maverick of their economic and monetary policies.

By day's end, their finance ministers struck a deal that set a deadline of Jan. 1, 1999 for the nations to establish a European Central Bank and cut to a common currency.

As part of the arrangement, the European currency unit, or Ecu, would replace the French franc, German mark and other currencies as early as 1997 and no later than 1999.

Only those nations meeting strict economic conditions — low inflation rates and modest budget deficits — could belong to the European Central Bank and circulate a common currency.

In practice that could give the EC wholesale power over the economic policies of its members.
Dear Editor:

Obviously, the men of Pangborn Hall have been deeply saddened by the University’s decision to convert Pangborn into a female dorm. We truly believe that Pangborn possesses a spirit and a togetherness that cannot be found anywhere else.

While we accept the University’s decision with reluctance, we cannot accept the manner in which this decision was made. The lack of student and dorm input has heightened concern that the University failed to act in the best interests of the students. We truly believe that this decision could have been handled differently.

Now that the speculation has been ended and the men of Pangborn Hall have been given their eviction notices, the students at Notre Dame should carefully examine the events of the past few months. This letter should not be viewed as sour grapes, but rather, it should force the campus to examine what the primary concerns of this University really are. The lack of student input, coupled with the University’s deception, has been described as distressing.

At the start of this school year, the rumor of a male dorm circled the campus and was dismissed by many. Campus publications, quoting University sources, assured the students that no such action was being pursued. Suddenly, in the past few weeks, reports began to appear in national publications stating that Notre Dame has decided to increase its percentage of females. Mr. William Kirk then stated that in order to implement such a policy, a male dorm would indeed be taken. This clandestine decision making process has demonstrated an apparent lack of concern for its students.

In delaying the announcement until shortly before semester break, the University has increased the difficulty some students will face in securing off-campus housing. If off-campus housing continued to fill up, the University ignored this concern and proceeded at a snail’s pace. The early denials of this possibility provided no warnings of this possible dilemma. In addition to this, the timing of the announcement will make it extremely difficult for Pangborn residents to study for exams.

Many students cannot comprehend the urgency with which this policy was enacted. There had been no warning in previous years that this issue was even on the horizon. The University could have implemented this policy under a timetable which considered its obligations to the students. If they had been concerned primarily with the welfare of the students, they would have announced the decision to take effect at the start of the 1993-94 school year. The University could have then admitted freshmen into this dorm next year (instead of filling it with transfers). In doing so, only one class of students would be displaced, instead of an entire dorm. The seniors of 1993 would be graduated, the juniors would most likely move off campus, and only the sophomores would be forced to move. This additional year of notification would have allowed the sophomores to seek openings with friends in other dorms, thus eliminating a situation where anyone is forced into a dangerous environment.

Now that the decision has been rendered, the University should make amends to do their best and accommodate the wishes of the Pangborn residents. Pangborn was unique in the sense that all of the students seemed to know each other. It would indeed be a tragedy if these friendships were to be severed. We call upon the administration to guarantee the Pangborn residents a floor (or as much space as is needed) in another dorm, preferably on South Quad, thus preserving the Pangborn spirit. This does not seem to be an unreasonable request, but rather, it would appear to be the decent thing to do.

We do not seek to condemn the University of Notre Dame. We realize that a dorm had to be converted and we recognize that the University would get an argument from whichever dorm they chose. The fact that Pangborn Hall has been taken disturbs and saddens us all. What disturbs us more, however, is the manner in which that decision was made.

Any University, but especially Notre Dame, should be committed to their students above all else. Such disregard for the students represents a deviation from this mission and makes the decision more difficult to accept.

Mark A. Woodmansee
Pangborn Hall President
Dec. 3, 1991

Residents deserve support, not ridicule

Dear Editor:

I am a Freshman resident of Pangborn Hall.

At 2:35 AM this morning, my telephone rang. I answered it, but no one responded. I asked, "Who is this?" The caller then yelled out, "I hear you guys got kicked tonight", broke into a fit of laughter, and hung up.

Very cute. I've got some advice for you.

Get a life, get a brain, and, most needed by you, get some dignity.

DOONESBURY

Now, before any other idiots out there decide to pull similar moronic stunts (although I doubt anyone could be of the same caliber as the butthead who called me), consider this: Pangborn Hall is our home. Our home. And the residents and rectors of Pangborn have become our second family. We have adjusted to being away from our families by finding support and companionship within our dorm.

And now we're being separated.

I would like whoever's reading this letter to think about how you'd feel if the same thing happened to your dorm. If you can then understand how we feel, you may also see that a little kindness and support will help us more than taunting and ridicule would.

Stephen Susco
Pangborn Hall
Dec. 4, 1991

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The reputations of universities are driven by the research and graduate programs, and professional programs, not by undergraduate schools."

Father Edward Malloy

Hey hey Helen, submit: QUOTES, P.O. Box Q, ND, IN 46556
Column wrongly criticized Coach Knight, ‘Hoosier Hysteria’

Dear Editor:

This is just a commentary on the December 7, 1991, Viewpoint, Coaches in Indiana have grabbed too much attention. It’s true that basketball is a big deal and that Indiana is a vital part of the state’s economy. But I feel that, by and large, Coach Knight’s actions are not as controversial as the focus on him would suggest.

I also disagree with the assertion that basketball is a source of pride. I think of basketball as a sport, and I appreciate the fact that it brings people together. However, it is not a source of pride in the same way that football or baseball are.

I am also concerned about the use of adjectives such as “obsessive” to describe the behavior of Coach Knight. This is a pejorative term that is often used to describe people who are overly focused on something. In this case, it seems to be used to criticize Coach Knight’s dedication to his team.

I believe that there is a need to strike a balance between recognizing the importance of basketball and not allowing it to become a source of division. Basketball is a sport, and it should not be used to fuel animosity or divisiveness.

I hope that this letter will help to bring attention to the need for a more balanced approach to the discussion of basketball.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Dieckgrafe revitalizes dance at Saint Mary's

Assistant Professor Indi Dieckgrafe is Saint Mary's Dance. During the six years she has been part of the SMC faculty, she has created, quite literally, a name for dance. "There was a lot of openings out there," Dieckgrafe recalls of her days right out of college. "I was excited about Saint Mary's because they wanted to build a dance program."

"I began teaching really quite early, because I found it really quite fascinating to relay the material...I understood concepts and taught adults who conceptually understood, but struggled with the physicality," Dieckgrafe said of her first teaching experiences.

Despite her extensive study of the many dance techniques, Dieckgrafe enjoyed modern dance most and after "jumping around" from Kansas State University to the Boston Conservatory of Music to Wichita State University, Dieckgrafe received her Master of Fine Arts from University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in modern dance performance and choreography.

In the fall of 1985 Dieckgrafe began her job of building a dance program at SMC. When she began at the college, the department was small contingent of the Communications and Theatre Department. "I had a lot of ideas on how to build a program," she said.

"I began to try to help by making dance a recognized area of study: the program began with upper level technique classes, history and general study courses making dance a recognized area of study at SMC-ND. Currently, the department only dance instructor at SMC is Dieckgrafe, said of her first year at SMC.

At present, Dieckgrafe, the only dance instructor at SMC, is the dance director of the Department of Communications, Dance and Theatre.

Dieckgrafe said that dance at SMC needs space and teachers. "I would like an above ground dance club, or a dance club, or something," Dieckgrafe said. Dieckgrafe began by helping make dance a recognized area of study: the program began with upper level technique classes, history and general study courses making dance a recognized area at SMC.

"I think the dancers are on a potential. I just wish I had more time for a love song. "6's and 7's and 8's and 9's...I'm torn," Dieckgrafe said. Her physically consuming work conflicts with her dedication to family. Dieckgrafe says that she has a lot of different hats to satisfy all her different roles. But she describes her struggle as the same as those of other women in the 90's. "I'm not afraid to protest the oppression of the women's rights and the drug use of a young woman."

While tired, her outlook is optimistic. Dieckgrafe summed up her resolve: "You want to push your students always, you have to challenge them...I hope I am, but I have to wear all those different hats."
David Barry Axelrod, Joyner's agent, said. "It's a one-year, $4.2 million contract, with the Kansas City Royals. It's a one-year, $4.2 million contract, with the Kansas City Royals. It's a one-year, $4.2 million contract, with the Kansas City Royals. It's a one-year, $4.2 million contract, with the Kansas City Royals. It's a one-year, $4.2 million contract, with the Kansas City Royals."
### Scoreboard

**1991 NATIONAL CATHOLIC SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### MEN'S
1. Notre Dame 867.5
2. LaSalle 784.5
3. Fordham 535
4. Boston College 489.5
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9. St. Peter's 98

#### WOMEN'S
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3. Boston College 470.5
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Handley says his mistakes to Giants' problems

FRED RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Ray Handley finally admitted what many New York Giants fans have come to realize — he's no Bill Parcells.

In fact, Handley said trying to do things this season the way Parcells used to do them was his biggest mistake as a rookie coach, and one of the many reasons the Super Bowl champions won't be around for the playoffs.

For all practical purposes, the Giants' season ended Sunday when they dropped a 19-14 decision to the Philadelphia Eagles, and the Atlanta Falcons defeated the Los Angeles Rams 31-14.

The loss left New York with a 7-7 record and no chance of getting to the post-season with two games left in the regular season. It was something few envisioned when Handley took over the Giants' coaching job in May following Parcells' unexpected resignation, just four months after New York won its second Super Bowl in five years.

"I'm surprised," Handley said Monday. "Obviously, I'd hoped for a great deal more than that.

Handley, the team's running backs coach last year, said the Giants have been in position to win all their games except two, but just haven't gotten the job done.

"Last year we got it done," he said. "This year we didn't get it done. Whether that's because of the ball or decisions I've made or whatever, I can't assess that at the present time.

Giants fans on Sunday squarely put the blame on Handley, who before this year had never been the head coach of a team higher than the high school level.

Chants of "Ray Must Go" could be heard from the Giants Stadium crowd by the middle of the fourth quarter.

Handley has a year left on his current contract, and there is no reason to believe he won't be the head coach next year.

Asked if Handley might be in trouble because of what happened this season Wellington Mara, the team's president, replied.

"Not with me he isn't."

For the most part, the Giants' problems have been easy to see. They have found the worst times to commit penalties and turn over the ball. Their offense has struggled with both Jeff Hostetler and Phil Simms at quarterback and their defense has given up too many big plays and failed five times to protect fourth-quarter leads.

Handley also said he has been at fault, particularly in taking charge.

"I think that probably in the last two to three weeks that I have a greater resolve now to be sure things are done my way," Handley said. "If I made any mistake this year, I may have taken this job and looked at myself as a caretaker of a team that was obviously coming off the Super Bowl.

Handley said that had he gotten the job before May, he might have overloaded things. He said he had to work within the framework that I knew the Giants work best," he said. "If I made a mistake I tried to take Bill Parcells' team and coach it just as Ray Handley's. In the future any team coached by Ray Handley will be a Ray Handley team. I don't regret what I did. I regret the results as things have gone." Handley said there are some things he knows he will stress next season. He would not say what they were.

Hostetler said some things need to change, especially in the approach to offense.

"We definitely aren't the same team we were last year," Hostetler said Monday. "There are different things we were doing better last year than this. Sometimes we tried to or the issue and continue doing things we did last year."

The obvious example was Giants' play inside the opposite team's red zone. The offense doggedly ran the ball or stayed on the run. They tried the same thing earlier this season and failed. In recent weeks, they have been more successful missing the run and pass, and that should be the trend under Handley.

"We need to change things to keep the right type of team," Hostetler said. He begged off when asked whether the team needed a total overhaul or just better play from current players.

Handley also said he wouldn't assess how much of the makeup of the team was his against the end of this season. He said it might be a greater change or it might be dramatic.

One thing was certain, the New York Giants next season will be built to play football the way Ray Handley thinks it should be played.

Ray Handley's size comes in handy at the point position, especially when he faces someone who's 6-foot-9. Handley said his height isn't a handicap, it's a bonus.

"Our younger players are looking more confident.

In basketball too, Ray Handley's size helped him there as well. The same goes for his football team.

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gave them a 41-32 halftime lead.
"That was the finest first half of the year for us," said Valparaiso coach Homer Drew.

The second half saw the hot shooting Crusaders cool off enough so that the Irish could play well enough behind great defense and Ellis to hold the lead for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame got things going behind great defense and Ellis. Ellis cleaned the boards and took it over in the pivot. With 14:30 left, Ellis tipped in a Taylor assist to close the Irish within five.

Then, much to the chagrin and amazement of a packed Valpo crowd, Ellis slammed down a massive one-handed dunk over Sutter that brought Ellis to the line for the three-point play. After the made free throw, the lead was down to two, 47-45.

Valpo star Gipson kept the Crusaders in the game. He scored 19 second-half points and 30 for the contest.

The Irish played nip and tuck with Gipson, narrowing the lead and finally tying it, until Ellis made a game-winning 5:26 left that gave Notre Dame the lead for good.

After Taylor hit a layup with 1:55 remaining, the Crusaders were forced to foul, as they were down 66-60. Elmer came through with several clutch free throws to nail down the victory.

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B.P. begins defense of title

By JIM VOGL
Sports Writer

The women's interhall basketball season gets off to a flying start this weekend with the annual Meisterschampion Round Robin tournament.

This year we have new coaches, a new attitude and a lot of interest in our team," said the coach of the team which includes six freshmen.

Defending champion Breen-Phillips came away with the week's most lopsided score, thrashing Passerella West, 48-22. This season, the team will be led by the experience of seniors Christine Churchill and Lora Mangum.

If anyone knows how good BP basketball can be, it is Lewis. Last year's Blue league champions lost to the Blizz in the finals.

"BP always has a good team," said Lewis senior Jill-Beth Hayes. "My freshman year, they beat us in the championships. The next year, they played Passerella West, and last year we lost to them again in the arena." Lewis drowned Knout in a low-scoring 23-20 contest.

We haven't had much time to practice," said Hayes, who assured that the intensity of coach Ed Larkin will help them win.

"We still ran the ball, but there was a lot more passing," explained Hayes of the week's lowest scoring game. "We have some good ball-handlers. We lost one senior, but we have a really good group of freshmen." And other Blue league games were equally close. Howard out-dueled Passerella East, 40-38, while Farley got washed, 25-24.

In the Green league, Breen-Phillips showed their wealth of basketball talent, as their B-team defeated Farley B, 33-20. And other Bried B won by forfeit over Howard's second squad.

Wrestlers place 21st in Las Vegas

Observer Staff Report

Led by Marcus Gowens' seventh-place finish, Notre Dame's wrestling squad earned 21st place at the prestigious Las Vegas Invitational this weekend in Las Vegas.

The Irish were invited, attended by 42 collegiate wrestling programs from across the country, by lesions and financial gains from the Big Eight as well. Notre Dame's Big Ten rivalry.

Iowa came away on top with 152 points, trailed by Iowa State, 132.25 points. Notre Dame earned 21st place with 21.5 points. Eastern Michigan and West Virginia sat ahead of the Irish in the standings, with 23 points. 

Gowens, worlding at 126 pounds, cruised through his first two rounds before falling to John Burton of Nebraska in a Saturday's quarterfinals.

Gowens was defeated a second time by Chris Nedester of Cal-Davis at 4.10 of their match, and then defeated Cal Poly's Mike Centeras by the convincing tally of 6-2.

Gowens was the third seed in his weight class after placing eighth at the tournament last year. Burton, the sixth seed, defeated Dan Schumacher of Northern Idaho 8-6 in a difficult second-round match.

Notre Dame's Todd Tomazic was able to win his first round match at 177 pounds before falling to eventual fifth-place finisher Kenny Green of Michigan, 10-5. 

Junior 158-pounder Emil Seigfried's easily defeated Southern Colorado's Clint Phillips in a first round match. However, Seigfried lost a tough 12-3 match to eventual third-round winner Ray Miller of Arizona State.

At 118 pounds, Chris Jensen won his first-round match before falling 3-2 to Larry Doran of Boise State.

We'll celebrate in January! Love Joe & Monica

Happy International 21 KRISTIN

We want to wish you a very happy birthday. We hope you have a wonderful day surrounded by family and friends. May your day be filled with love, laughter, and lots of delicious cake! We wish you all the best on your special day.

Join us in celebrating your birthday by sharing your birthday wishes on social media. Use the hashtag #HappyBirthday21 and tag your friends in the comments below. Let's make your day even more special with birthday greetings from all of us.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

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"I'm sorry, Mr. Caldwell, but the big guy's on his way out. If you want my opinion, take him home, find a quiet spot out in the yard, and squash him."

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Turkey & Lettuce with Rice

American Lasagna

Deli Bar
Irish top Valparaiso for first win of MacLeod era

Notre Dame overcomes 11-point deficit for 71-66 win

By ANTHONY KING
Assistant Sports Editor

VALPARAISO — John Martineau, occasionally Notre Dame's head coach, was not an easy one.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team survived a hot shooting from Daimon Sweet and played the hot-shooting Valparaiso team to earn its first win of the season, 71-66, last night.

The Irish found themselves down at 43-32, but their defense rose to the occasion in the second half. The Crusaders (3-3), who shot 62 percent from the field in the first half, were held to under 35 percent in the second half.

"We played very good defense in the second half," explained LaPhonso Ellis. "We cut down the available shots.

However, in the first half, Notre Dame could not find a way to stop Valparaiso's flex offense.

The Irish (1-3) jumped to any early lead behind the hot shooting of freshman Billy Taylor and Ellis. Thundered home a dunk and drew the foul to give Notre Dame a 5-4 lead. After a Daimon Sweet layup, Ellis hit a turnaround jumper between a pair of Taylor jumpers to extend the Irish advantage to 13-9.

"Taylor was on fire," commented Ellis. However, Valparaiso got the flex going after a timeout, as it used multiple screens to get shooters free for easy buckets. The Crusaders evened the game at 17 at the 10.24 mark on a lay-in by Scott Morrison.

After a TV timeout, the Crusaders took the lead on a Lance Barks backdoor layup, as the Irish struggled on defense. The flex then began to click, as Valparaiso was getting uncontested shots and burying them.

Barker knocked down two three-pointers, and forward Eric Sutter nailed three jumpers, including a three-pointer, to expand the Crusader lead to 29-20 with 1:18 left in the half. Tracy Gibson's layup was the Observer's first win of Macleod era see VALPO / page 13

Men's swimming takes National Catholic Championship

By JENNIFER MARTEN
Sports Writer

VALPARAISO—Freshmen Billy Taylor and Malik Russell saw their first win of the season as well as their first win in Irish uniforms last night. The young pair played big roles in Notre Dame's 71-66 victory over Valparaiso at the Valparaiso Athletics-Recreation Center.

"It felt really good to get the first win," said Taylor.

Taylor, a 6-foot-4 forward from Aurora, Ill., played the entire game and led the team in field goals with eight. He tied for second in team scoring with Daimon Sweet with 16 points, just behind LaPhonso Ellis' 17.

"It really hurt us when Taylor and Bennett did such a good job of hitting the 15-18 footer," said Crusader coach Homer Drew.

Russell, a 6-foot-7 forward from Brooklyn, N.Y., was on the floor for 24 minutes and led the team with five assists and scored four points. His two baskets came late in the second half.

For the first score, he rebounded his own miss and put it back to tie the score at 52 with 8:37 remaining in the game. Valparaiso had held the lead since the middle of the first half and Russell's basket marked the closest Notre Dame had been since then. His second basket came a few minutes later, and it put the Irish up by four.

"It was definitely my best game all around. I passed well and was pretty strong defensively," said Russell.

Taylor was hot all night, hitting 8-of-11 from the floor, and was pretty strong defensively," said Russell. He explained the Observer's Men's Soccer Player of the Year.

He put on a show that included the 200 freestyle in 1:47.71 and the 200 breaststroke in 2.05.84. Greg Cornick's time of 46.72 was good enough to win the 100 freestyle, while Jim Birmingham and Colin Cooley also earned first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, respectively.

The Irish also dominated the relay events, winning the 200 freestyle relay in 1:32.22, the 400 freestyle relay in 3:06.47 and the 800 freestyle relay in 6:53.61.

Freshman Mike Keesee continued his impressive swimming with second-place finishes in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:37.71 and the 400 individual medley in 4:06.66.

Broderick and Cornick also helped build up the Irish point total with second-place finishes in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle, respectively.

Despite the loss, the Crusaders still await the Irish before break, as they look to continue their winning ways on Friday night at Bowling Green.

Jean Joseph wins Observer award

Overcomes early season injury to become top scorer

By JASON KELLY
Sports Writer

A talented freshman class was billed as the best Notre Dame men's soccer recruiting class ever as the season began last September, and the cream of that crop was Observer Player of the Year Jean Joseph.

After sitting out the first five games of the season with a leg injury, Joseph entered the Irish lineup with a vengeance.

An offense that could not convert golden scoring opportunities was the biggest weakness the Irish faced early in the season, but the addition of Joseph cured many of the team's offensive woes.

Although he became the Irish's main offensive weapon during a midseason seven-game winning streak, the freshman from Marietta, Georgia downplays his skills.

"I sort of the trash man of the group," he explained. "A lot of people worked really hard to play to the ball in scoring position, and I was able to be there to convert."

His offensive prowess came as no surprise to the coaching staff as he collected 48 goals, 17 assists and 113 points in his high school career at the Lovett School.

However, being successful on the high school level does not always ensure success on the college level, and Joseph cites the leadership of the upperclassmen as a major factor in the development of the freshman class.

"The leadership of the juniors and seniors really helped us improve," he said. "I think we [the freshmen] had the ability, but the upperclassmen taught us how to win on a higher level of play."

Second-year coach Mike Bertielli also helped teach the freshmen how to win.

"He [Bertielli] had confidence in us and he knew we could produce," Joseph added.

Joseph gets the job done to the tune of 26 points while playing in just 15 games to become the first Irish freshman to lead the team in scoring since current junior Kevin Pendergast's 29 points led the way in 1989.

Had he been healthy all season, he surely would have eclipsed Pendergast's mark.

"I felt like I was ready to play when the season started," Joseph explained. "When I got hurt," he explained. "I think I could've played much better if I had been able to play early in the season."

Throughout the season, the men's soccer team showed flashes of brilliance against some of the nation's best teams, and if Joseph and the rest of the freshman class continued to improve, the best days lie ahead for the Notre Dame men's soccer team.