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Grazin: Political ‘death’ of USSR happened earlier

By AMY MARK

News Writer

The “death” of the Soviet Union is not as recent an event as many Americans believe. “Politically, the death of the Soviet Union may have happened on August 21, 1991,” said Igor Grazin, a former Estonian representative of the Supreme Soviet and a professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

The decision by the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia to create a new commonwealth of former republics of the Soviet Union marked what was known as the U.S.S.R. truly has ceased to exist, Grazin said.

The ultimate result will probably be “something equivalent to what Europe is today, but...less integrated, politically,” he said. He believes that as much as 85 percent of the republics will become unified, but is uncertain that the Baltic states will join.

“The three Slavic republics: Russia, Ukraine, and Byelorussia, will pick up the rest of the republics one by one,” he said. He feels this “commonwealth of friendly states” will take on a bureaucracy organization.

Concerning the future of President Mikhail Gorbachev, Grazin says that politically and legally, his time is over.

“There is no country he can be president of...there are no structures or things Gorbachev has to fight for,” Grazin said. He noted Gorbachev’s desire to reconvene the Congress he dissolved last September to deal with the present events.

“The Congress is where he had gotten his power...the source of legality for Gorbachev, the balance for Gorbachev...is gone,” he said.

“There is nothing and nobody except Gorbachev himself left,” Grazin said. He added that Gorbachev has overstepped his time and should give up his personal ambitions and resign.

Grazin expressed admiration for how all violence has been avoided thus far. “People have been willing and are ready to accept changes,” he said.

However, he does express concern about lack of central authority and different factions of the Soviet army. The lack of a central authority “increases the risk of an inter-army civil war” and poses “a threat as a potential anarchy...an armed anarchy,” he said. He explained that this is why Russian leader Boris Yeltsin is negotiating with district commands of the armies.

Grazin called it a “real concern,” said Grazin, regarding the status of nuclear weapons. He felt that these weapons would be moved to Russia before any dissolution of the Soviet Union. “But now it’s happened backwards, and we have four new states with nuclear capability,” said Grazin.

Now that black-box control has been given to the republics, it will be more complicated to launch a nuclear defense. There is stronger control now that it has been given to fourteen different political elements.

In regard to the U.S. role during this historical transformation, Grazin says it is wise that President Bush be neutral. Although he is 99 percent positive that the commonwealth will completely replace the U.S.S.R., he notes that the United States must also heed to the one percent of uncertainty remaining.

Grazin called U.S. Secretary of State James Baker the “new Mikhael Gorbachev.”

“Before, Gorbachev’s main role was to mediate and negotiate the republics,” said Grazin. “Now, that will fall to James Baker. And, of course, that is good because Baker’s popularity and authority are higher in the republics than Gorbachev.”

Bill of Rights reaches 200

By JUHLE BARRETT

News Writer

The founding fathers of America showed unforeseen wisdom when they ratified the Bill of Rights nearly 200 years ago, according to Michael Furlong, professor of history at Indiana University at South Bend.

“The creators of the Bill of Rights lived through the American Revolution and had to deal with the British government that threatened the rights of the people,” Furlong said. “Although they had no immediate threats to their personal liberty after the Revolution, they foresaw the need to protect and ensure the individual rights of the people. So they drew up the Bill of Rights and appended it to the Constitution.”

December 15, to be exact, marks the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights are the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution affecting individual rights and liberties, such as the freedom of speech, religion and the press.

But times have changed in America since 1791, and the Bill of Rights has lost some of its value and significance to many Americans.

“People generally don’t seem to understand the take for granted what civil liberties are until their own are threatened,” Furlong said.

Furlong said that the Bill of Rights and its protection of individual rights are more important now than ever as the federal government grows more active and powerful in making and enforcing the laws.

“When the government wants to do something that threatens civil liberties, most people don’t react,” Furlong said. “Most people don’t give an unlawful search and seizure because they think it only happens to drug dealers anyway.”

Until it hits close to home.

Vore publishes account of relationship with Burtchaell

Lighting up the night

These trees outside of the Administration Building and St. Edward’s Hall are adorned with elaborate Christmas lights; just part of Notre Dame’s high energy Christmas.

By MONICA YANT

News Editor

Promoted by the belief that a sense of denial still clouds the case surrounding the sexual misconduct of Father James Burtchaell, Michael Vore has published the account of his relationship with Notre Dame theology professor.

“Father Burtchaell, Denial of Homosexuality and Notre Dame Abuses” appears in today’s issue of Common Sense.

“It’s tough to accept that you don’t want to see what Burtchaell did,” Vore told The Observer.

He and Burtchaell have acknowledged his inappropriate advances, that he abused people.

“I want there to be no question in peoples’ minds what happened,” Burtchaell resigned last week amid charges of sexual misconduct with male undergraduate students. His resignation is effective at the end of his sabbatical this summer.

Vore publicly identified himself as a victim of Burtchaell’s misconduct this week in the National Catholic Reporter.

He said he is aware that his account in Common Sense will be shocking to many. “These are not healthy expressions of...Burtchaell letter/page 4

Homeless

“I know it’s uncomfortable, I know it’s disgusting,” he said referring to the fact that he is describing an abusive relationship.

Vore’s need to tell his story is part of the process of healing for abuse victims, according to Mark Jordan, professor of medieval studies who said he was a victim of sexual abuse as a child.

“In any situation of sexual abuse, the first people to be forgotten are the victims. The systems of silence that ignore abuse while it is happening try to repress it once it is spoken aloud,” Jordan said.

“And the easiest way to repress it is to pretend that no one has been hurt,” he said.

In his account, Vore traces the development of his relationship with Burtchaell. Because he was depressed for much of his undergraduate years, Vore found himself seeking an advisor with whom to discuss his problems. Vore said he and Burtchaell met approximately 10 times between October 1984 and April 1985, with their discussions leading to the topic of intimacy.

From this point, Vore writes, their relationship changed. Vore writes that subsequent meetings involved sexual con.

Editor comments

By MONICA YANT

News Editor

Although Michael Vore’s account of his relationship with Father James Burtchaell becomes detailed at times, Common Sense Editor Jeremy Manier said he believes the article is necessary to inform the community about the Burtchaell case.

“There’s so much speculation going around about it,” Manier said. “This final acces about what (Vore’s) attitude toward the whole thing was, it might end the speculation.”

An added motivation for running Vore’s account was the fact that the University has yet
INSIDE COLUMN

Why silence on handling of Burtchaell case?

Wednesday night, my friend Willie called me from Boston. The call was not entirely a social one.

"Isn't personal hygiene a culturally-relative phenomenon?"

I dunno, Willie. You've been hanging with Jack Daniels again, right?

"Here in Boston, everybody's always griping that democracy, capitalism, gender roles and believing in Jesus Christ himself all just depend on the zip code of the hospital delivery room you got deposited in."

I don't know. He's contrasting his words a bit, and I figured that he probably had been sucking down some liquid Christmas cheer.

"So Dave, what's so different about personal hygiene?"

Again, I didn't know.

Most Europeans aren't as wrapped up in cleanliness as we Americans. When I hitchhiked through Yugoslavia this summer, the people in each town seemed to have their own particular scents—and they didn't come in bottles. I was reading in some magazine that most of the odorant sold in the world is sold in the good ole U.S. of A. In France, you could find perfume as easy as wine or olive bread. But try and find some Right Guard. Willie, it's almost 1 a.m. It's the last week of August, depending on whose tall tales you believe. Why don't we just get in touch over break?

"Hold on. I've got one more thing to ask you.

"I dunno, Willie. You're always hollering about this. I mean, what the heck went on with the whole Burtchaell thing?"

After listening to him drone for two hours, I had nearly forgotten that Willie was not only able to read, but a subscriber to The Observer (Willie graduated from ND in 1989).

"Doesn't anybody else have anything to say about this? I mean, what the heck went on with the whole Burtchaell thing?

"Well, Merry Christmas.

"Bye."

And Happy New Year, Willie.

The views contained in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

DEPARTMENTS

WEATHER REPORT

Forecast for noon, Friday, December 13

LINES SEPARATE HIGH TEMPERATURE ZONES FOR THE DAY.

WEATHER FORECAST:

Cloudy but warmer today. Highs in the low 20s with a 10 percent chance of light snow.

TEMPERATURES:

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TODAY AT A GLANCE

WORLD

■ Jailed kingpin orders murder

Bogota - Surrendered cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar has turned his luxury jail into a "general headquarters" from which he has ordered the assassination of a former justice minister, the official contends. The former minister has become Colombia's leading critic of a government policy that offers lenient treatment to drug traffickers in return for their surrender.

■ Army video to prevent fratricide

Washington - The army is making a first-of-its-kind training video tape to help tank gunners avoid battlefield misjudgments of the kind blamed for the most deadly U.S. "friendly fire" incident in the Persian Gulf War. The tape is one of several training aids and other initiatives the Army is working on after studying the incidents of fratricide during the ground war against Iraq.

■ Art donors display generosity

New York - The San Diego Historical Society already knows what's getting for Christmas, a set of vintage Lionel trains. A museum in Rhode Island has asked for an exotic 17th-century Turkish towel. At the Metropolitan Museum, they've been working on after studying the incidents of fratricide during the ground war against Iraq.

■ New act in Keating case

Los Angeles - Federal criminal charges against former Lincoln Savings owner Charles Keating Jr. open a new act in the long drama of the costliest savings and loan failure in U.S. history. Keating and four former associates were to surrender to federal marshals for booking yesterday, eight days after the Arizona land developer was convicted of securities fraud in state court.

NATIONAL

■ A Philosophy class has been added: Philosophy 258 - Philosophy and Poverty. It will be held from 12:15 to 1:05 MW. The instructor is Robert Martin.

■ A Chamber music recital will be held on Thursday, December 17, at 8 p.m. in the Crowne Plaza Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Faculty member Christine Budliger on violin, clarinetist Richard Fisher on clarinet, pianist Laura Ward of the University of Michigan will perform music by Mozart, Schumann, Clarke and Bruch.

OF INTEREST

MARKET UPDATE

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■ In 1944: During World War II, a Japanese kamikaze plane crashed into the U.S. cruiser "Nashville," killing 138 crewmen.

■ In 1978: The Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

■ In 1981: Authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement.
Kockler receives Air Force ROTC award

Special to The Observer
Notre Dame senior James Kockler of Allegheny, NY received the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Scholarship Award as the top 1991 Air Force ROTC pilot candidate nationwide.

The scholarship, $1,500 toward college expenses, and a commemorative brass clock was presented by Lt. Col. John Walker of USAA during a special ceremony at the Air Force ROTC regional commander’s conference at Wright-Patterson AFB in early November.

Kockler is the 1991 Fall Semester Corps Commander for the 225th Cadet Group at Notre Dame, and is responsible for the planning and execution of all activities involving the unit’s 150 Air Force ROTC cadets.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army’s Airborne school in Fort Benning, GA, and currently holds a private pilot’s license. Upon commission as a Second Lieutenant he is scheduled to attend undergraduate pilot training with the Air Force.

GSU discusses insurance; new appointments made

BY JULIE BARRETT
News Writer

Health insurance and new appointments to the Graduate Student Union were some of the issues discussed at the final GSU meeting of the semester this past Wednesday night.

Twenty-two graduate students responded to a health insurance survey enclosed in the University Village Newsletter, according to the GSU.

The GSU found that approximately half of the graduate students that responded to the survey have health insurance for their spouses or children, while a third of them have insurance for both, and, seventeen grad students use the Women Infants Children (WIC) social service for their families, ten have Medicaid and four use food stamps and various free social services to provide for their families while studying at Notre Dame.

A resolution to call on Father Malloy, as President of the University of Notre Dame, to issue a statement on the resignation of Father Burchaell was discarded by the GSU. The GSU did draft a letter to ND Security regarding its policy on date rape. The GSU calls on the Security Department to change its policy in distinguishing between rape and date rape and to acknowledge the seriousness of rape no matter who commits it, according to Kurt Mills, president of GSU.

The GSU plans to deal with the issue of student loans and the Student Accounts’ policy of using students’ outside loans to pay off the students’ outstanding debts right away rather than little by little. An installment plan would allow students to pay off debts gradually, while having enough money to spend in the meantime.

The GSU Quality of Life committee is sending out surveys to graduate students regarding child care before the semester break and during spring enrollment. The committee plans to report its findings to the Board of Trustees on February 6.

Christy Rieger is the new chair of the GSU library committee. Students with concerns about the library should contact her.

The GSU is looking for a new social officer to take the place of Mee-Ae Kim. Students interested should contact the GSU at their office room 209 in LaFortune or call at 239-6963.

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Burttchael's statement printed in NCR

Editor's note: The following is a reprint of a statement by Father James Burtchael, printed in the National Catholic Reporter in the Dec. 13 issue.

Last year when I began a research leave from teaching I acknowledged to my provincial superior and to the Notre Dame administration that I had behaved towards some former university students in ways that were wrong, and which I very much regretted.

The administration asked me to resign from my professorship, after 25 years of very active service, that was not easy to contemplate. But other unrelated reasons of my own persuaded me to accept their request, and I agreed to submit my resignation effective at the end of this academic year.

I saw what I had done as a default in my responsibilities as a priest, a member of a religious brotherhood, and a mentor: one that I had greater reason to deplore than the harm I had caused those who wished me to teach.

It is now nearly a year and a half since the issue arose. My concern since then has ranged well beyond the actual points of complaint. I would be foolish to scrape off only some rust and then paint over the rest. With wise professional help and loving support I have been trying to identify and inventory the full range of forces and faults that have compromised my self and my service over the years.

I have been making amends by offering apology to people I have offended and receiving their forgiveness. I have been trying to submit to whatever transformation the Lord affords me. It has been a strenuous and difficult time, but a time for chastening, conversion and peace.

Outwardly things have not been so peaceful. I shall leave Notre Dame which became my home 40 years ago this fall. But that will be a timely way to learn better that one is a sojourner here, not a resident.

And there has been humiliation. My friends have always said I could benefit by several press conferences. I am not sure that I have any such wish, but the Lord evidently did, and I must take it as his gift.

Some of my colleagues and my conferees have launched what they knew of my story on the winds of biodegradable gossip. Journalists were approached to ensure that some version of it would appear in the press, and eventually a journal that deals in this genre published what it could make of it. The story as written, in which impure supplements, enhances and replaces information, implies some things that are not true. My real faults are concerns enough without fictional ones besides.

Among the weaknesses I am still grappling with in this time of moral and self-assessment is the need for conversion and peace.

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Vore acknowledges that people might read his account and assume that he has come forward only because of his agenda of promoting gay and lesbian issues as co-Chair of Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame (GLNSMC), but says that the assumptions are incorrect.

"I didn't come into this life work with an agenda," he said. "But as I thought about things, an agenda showed up." Vore said that his experiences with Burtchael are directly responsible for his agenda that the University of Notre Dame is founded upon the freedom of religion, Furlong said.

Every so often those constitutional rights are challenged and tested, added Furlong.

The Bill of Rights are not ideal, perfect, foolproof forms of protection for the rights of individuals," Furlong said. "But they provide a standard of whatought to be the case and what the American people and government should try to live up to.

The editors also address the issue of ecclesiastical and pastoral reforms, saying that "by coming to terms with the seriousness of this problem publicly as a church, and by keeping important pastoral scandal, we are starting a potentially wholesome process of reform.

Manier said that the decision to run Vore's account in "Common Sense" was made by the majority of the editorial board. The decision was not drawn out and the board had few reservations, he added.

"We treated it like any other piece," he said. "Between five and nine people are involved in editorial board decisions, which Manier said rarely come to a vote. The board is comprised of faculty and students.

"Common Sense" is a Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College independent monthly publication devoted to the examination of social justice issues in a variety of perspectives, Manier said.

It does not receive money or office space from the University. Manier said that funding for "Common Sense" comes from donations, subscriptions and advertising.

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to make a statement about the Burtchael case and Father Manier.

"The University has been stonewalling this," he said, even though Vore, Burtchael and the Holy Cross Order have all released statements.

An editorial appearing in today's issue explains the decision as being motivated by a desire to have questions about the case answered. The editors cite the issue of accountability as a primary concern and question who in the University administration knew about the Burtchael case and when.

The editorial also explains that the editors view Vore's article as an important means to promote dialogue about sexual abuse or harassment. "Again, the aim is to educate ourselves about such experiences, to produce an informed, more mature and less glibly environment," the editors say.

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NEW YORK (AP) - In a surprise speech, British author-in-hiding Salman Rushdie renounced his attempts to placate Muslims offended by "The Satanic Verses" and pledged to publish a paperback edition of the book.

In his first public appearance outside England since Iran called for his death for the 1988 novel, Rushdie pronounced his conciliatory overtures toward Islam "stillborn."

The novel, which prompted Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989 to call for Rushdie's death, "must be freely available and easily affordable, if only because if it is not read and studied, then all these years (in hiding) will have no meaning," he said in a speech at Columbia University Wednesday night.

Earlier this year, Rushdie said he regretted writing "The Satanic Verses," and would still flee the paperback release and all future translations.

But Iran reaffirmed the assassination order and doubled the multimillion-dollar bounty on his head, despite Khomeini's death and the rise to power of more moderate leaders.

Some Muslim leaders denounce the book as blasphemous, especially a passage in which the author gave several prostitutes the names of the prophet Mohammed's wives.

In announcing plans for a paperback edition, Rushdie said he had waited "long enough" for a sign of accommodation. That declaration appeared to take his British publisher, Penguin, by surprise.

"We have not seen the text of what he actually said," spokesman Bob Gregory said in London. "Our position has not changed. There is no date set for publication of a paperback edition."

Penguin would try to get in touch with Rushdie, he said.

The author’s appearance was announced only minutes before he took the rostrum. His entrance was met with gasps and then a standing ovation.

He arrived on campus amid tight security; doors in the library where he spoke were locked after he arrived and not opened until his departure.

Columbia paid for private security and New York City police were also on hand.

He spoke at a dinner marking the 200th anniversary of the First Amendment, held by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Joan Konner, dean of the school, said Rushdie came to the United States at the school's invitation and would return shortly to England.

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Breast cancer detection increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Decades of breast cancer research have improved detection and treatment options for women but have made no progress in preventing the disease, according to a congressional report.

More women are being diagnosed with breast cancer today — currently one in nine will get it in her lifetime — but death rates from the disease have remained virtually level since the early 1970s.

"We must conclude that there has been no progress in preventing the disease," Richard Linster of the General Accounting Office, which wrote the report, told a congressional subcommittee Wednesday.

The "critical obstacles" in the fight against breast cancer are the gaps in fundamental knowledge about the disease — principally, what causes it, he said. "Research in this area is a crucial priority."

Most of the important risk factors that have been identified, including age and heredity, cannot be modified, he noted. And the known risk factors account for only 20 percent to 30 percent of all cases, he said.

The report concluded that while "many breast cancer patients live longer and better with the disease" than their predecessors, "we do not seem to be winning the war against breast cancer."

Scientists are not sure why the incidence of the disease is rising: 88 in 100,000 women in 1973 compared with 110 per 100,000 in 1988, the latest year for which figures are available. "Some of the increase is apparently due to better diagnostic measures; we're finding it faster and at an earlier and more treatable stage," said Dr. Bernadine Healy, director of the National Institutes of Health.

"Yet, some of the increase mystifies us," she told the House Government Operations Subcommittee on human resources.

An estimated 175,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, while 44,500 are expected to die from the disease.

The GAO report, requested by Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., chairman of the subcommittee, said some of the increase in incidence likely reflects a true increase in the amount of breast cancer, while some can be explained by better detection efforts.

Mortality rates from breast cancer have remained relatively constant: 26 deaths per 100,000 women in 1973 and 27 per 100,000 in 1988, the report said.

"There's no magic bullet in sight" to cure the disease, George Silberman, assistant director of the GAO study, told the panel.

Berrien Springs plane crash kills Mich. man, injures two

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich. (AP) — A Vicksburg, Mich., man was killed and two men were injured Wednesday afternoon when the single-engine plane they were in crashed into a wooded area near the St. Joseph River north of Berrien Springs.

Norman Nelson, 56, a passenger in the plane, died in the crash. Another passenger, Dennis VanStrien, 35, of Kalamazoo, was listed in serious condition Wednesday.

Trimming the . . . Hair?
Sophomore Derek Schnack gets his hair trimmed before going home for break to trim the Christmas tree.

The Observer Joe Fabbric

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Papa John's
Friday, December 13, 1991

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prominent defense lawyers are sharply critical of the prosecution in the William Kennedy Smith trial. One lawyer called it abysmal.

They view the speed with which the Palm Beach County jury came back with an acquittal an indictment of how the prosecutor handled the case.

"She did an awful job in every respect," says Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, speaking of Assistant State Attorney Moira Lasch. "The jury's speed means the jurors decided the case not on reasonable doubt but on innocence. They found him to be innocent."

Jeffrey Weiner of Miami, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said that throughout the trial he was confident Smith would be acquitted.

"I was absolutely positive when the jury announced it had reached a verdict within 90 minutes. That was a complete rejection of the state's decision to charge and try Will Smith."

"The speed with which this jury verdict was reached should send a clear message to other prosecutors, that they should consider all options before deciding to destroy a person's life;" he said.

New York lawyer Barry Slotnick, whose clients have included subway gunman Bernhard Goetz, called Lasch's performance "abysmal."

"I watched the whole thing on television, and her problem started in jury selection and ended in her summation," Slotnick said. "Her cross-examination of Smith was perhaps the worst I've ever seen. He dominated her cross-examination because of her questions. He reinforced his case."

Washington lawyer Ira London also pointed to Lasch's cross-examination of Smith, calling it "professionally disappointing, unfocused and inexperienced."

London said Lasch appeared to be reading many of her questions from a card and not listening to the answers before asking her next question.

Lawyers criticize Smith trial prosecutors

The Observer

Friday, January 17, 1991

5:15 pm — Mass for the Dead at Sacred Heart Church

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University shouldn’t limit students’ laundry options

Dear Editor:

This letter expresses a terribly pressing concern of hundreds of male residents on this campus, namely the removal of Washington Hall’s laundry facilities. We understand that the conversion merely continues a previous plan to grant space to the Department of Communication and Theater. That is understood and not contested. However, the perception undeniably exists that the University seeks to narrow student options by reopening St. Michael’s laundry. We understand that numerous North Quad residents, freshman and sophomores, have known nothing other than the convenience of Washington. We also remind students of the situation presented to them.

We understand that Washington was always intended to be temporary. But it is a faulty assumption that options are not being taken away when St. Michael’s re-opens. But the fact that women’s dorms have laundry facilities already places men at an unfair disadvantage. The options of male residents of North Quad include St. Michael’s, privately-run laundry businesses, and marching across campus to Badin, Flanner and Grace Halls, the Rockne Memorial, and La Fortune.

In keeping all of this information in mind, we recommend the following steps for concerned students. First, conduct a ball survey as to the number of dorm residents who will use St. Michael’s or other private businesses. Then, if a considerable number will not use either, start a petition asking for alternative laundry facilities, perhaps in your dorm. Attainment of such facilities can only be assured through demonstrated evidence. Lastly, make your request a dorm-sponsored one with the backing of your hall council. It is our hope that constructive steps will be taken to address our concerns.

Bong Miguiabas
District Three Senator
Joe Flanagan
Cavanaugh Hall President
Jason Coyle
Keenan Hall President
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St. Edward Hall President
Matt Cutler and Bryan Kray
Sorin Hall Co-Presidents
Greg Butrus and John
Donahoe
Stanford Hall Co-Presidents
Warrick Muldoon
Zahm Hall President

Administration should address harassment

Dear Editor:

Father Burtchaell has finally publicly responded to allegations of sexual misconduct and called this period in his life as a “time for chastening, conversion and peace.” The Notre Dame community, administration, faculty, students and staff can use this painful time beneficially and constructively by critically addressing the disfunctionality of the Notre Dame family. Let us call the administration in particular to break silence about the environment of harassment here at Notre Dame and exercise strong leadership in ending the more egregious opportunities for harassment and violence which go on in the family every day.

Let the administration make it clear that it will not tolerate and therefore implicitly permit harassment. Various university task forces have already made recommendations to the administration about the harassing environment. We need more responsible democracy and we need to examine our formal procedures for handling harassment.

Let the administration take a positive step immediately and announce the search for an Ombudsperson of associate provost rank to coordinate issues of sexual and discriminatory harassment on campus.

Kathleen Biddick
Associate Professor of History
Dec. 11, 1991

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In the depths of winter I finally realized that within me there lay an invincible summer."

Albert Camus
Studied, go home, unwrap and submit:
Quotes, P.O. Box Q, Notre Dame, IN 46556
Reports of acquaintance rape should be put in Security Beat.

Dear Editor:
The following statement was approved by the Graduate Student Council on December 11, 1991.

At an open forum held on the subject of rape on December 4 the Director of Security, Rex Rakow, stated that the Security Department does not issue a press release when an acquaintance rape is reported because "it is not something that is going to threaten the safety level of the campus community." He also distinguished between what he called "bona fide" rape and date rape. As Ann Volk, a counselor from Sexual Offense Services, pointed out, rape is physically painful when you consider that the perpetrator has access to your body and privileges that are denied to any other attacker.

Kurt Mills
GSU President
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Center for the Homeless gives gift of friendship

By LISA EATON  Managing Editor

While most students and faculty members are preparing to leave for the holidays, for the guests at South Bend's Center for the Homeless the Center is their home and that is where most of them are going to spend the holiday season.

Debbie Bloom, a guest at the Center, will be visiting her family in Elkhart during Christmas. "It will be good to spend time with my family because I haven't seen them in two months. That's what matters at the holidays--being with family. Holidays bring people closer together," said Bloom.

Most of the guests are not as fortunate as Bloom though and will be spending the holiday season without their families. Although most of the guests agreed that the Christmas season is not the same without family, they also agree that there is closeness and hospitality at the Center that helps to make the holiday season more positive. There is a family-like atmosphere at the Center that brings the guests together.

"Once a person comes here, the other people go out of their way to make them welcome," said Bloom. "There's a closeness around here."

"We have each other and a place to stay. We sit around and talk a lot," said Ernest Langston, a Center guest.

"You live here for a while and you become like family," said Victor Newell, a Center guest, "but I'd probably like to go home. Try to have a good attitude. We'll hang in there, we'll be alright."

Tracy Shenefield said he would like to see his brother. But, because he won't be able to do that, Shenefield is just trying to make the most of the season. "It's nice to be around a family at Christmas. It doesn't seem like Christmas," he said. "I'd like to go to church in Elkhart where I used to go. It was always like home. I have a lot of good friends over there." Shenefield, however, did enjoy decorating the lobby of the Center in Christmas garb.

Although Ronald Redd moved out of the Center last Tuesday, he still plans to come back to the Center as a volunteer and to spend Christmas there. "I'm going to be coming around during Christmas. The spirit here is more cheerful than it should be. The spirit around here is great, pretty happy, pretty friendly," said Redd. "It's better to give than to receive. As long as I'm happy, that's all I want," said Redd.

No one wants to be homeless at Christmas or at any other time of the year, but the guests and staff are doing what they can to make the most of this holiday season. They are truly appreciative for all the Center does for them and all they are able to give back to others.

In the end the greatest gift anyone can give or receive at Christmas is the gift of hospitality and friendship. In that case, the staff and the guests of the Center for the Homeless are richest people around.

Right now we have about 40 turkeys in the freezer for Christmas dinner. We are going to be getting a Christmas tree from a retail store. And we should be able to have one or two gifts for the guests, adults and children, to be given from the Center," said Nanni.

The Center will have its share of festivities within the weeks leading up to Christmas. Last Wednesday, grade school students from Jefferson School threw a party for the children who are guests at the Center. There is also a community dinner planned for Christmas Day. Like everyone else, the guests at the Center have Christmas wishes that they hope Nanni will be able to bring down the chimney.

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of Christmas in action

true spirit of Christmas, showing love for one another by sacrificing to give to another. In light of the true spirit of Christmas, several ND students are working to serve others.

As a whole the student body under the leadership of the Student Union Board is having a clothing drive. In each dorm is a box strategically placed for the drop off of clothes or other such items not needed by students that they are willing to give to goodwill.

There is definitely a need for a clothes drive because recently there was a fire at the local goodwill which burned two months of inventory for the establishment. "We chose this as a service project because we thought we could build it (the inventory) back up," says Kelly Fitzpatrick, service commissioner at the Student Union Board.

Today is the last day to participate in the clothes drive so dig through those closets, I'm sure you'll find something.

Several dorms are also sponsoring service projects individually in light of the Christmas spirit of giving. Knott Hall is participating with the Madison Center, a center for kids emotionally and behaviorally handicapped. Aiding 24 financially insecure children ages three to five, Knott Hall is gathering money to buy gifts for the children, according to Vanessa Monteiro, Social Concerns Commissioner.

Keenan Hall is also aiding the community. Their talented men will be carolling for various elderly homes in the area, says Social Concerns Commissioner Chris Paulson.

The Native American Student Association have also reached out to nurture a link with the community. Having invited several children from the local Potawatomi area, the Native American Student Association held a party for children ranging in age from 3 to 15 years of age along with their parents.

Besides cookies and cake, the favorite meal of most kids that age, the children were entertained with pin-the-nose-on- Rudolph and of course the ever-popular visit from Santa Claus who was equipped with big belly, red suit and loads of presents for everyone.

Apparently, Santa isn't the only one with the spirit of Christmas. ND students are personifying that spirit in their service efforts. Working to develop a link between Notre Dame and the South Bend community as well as helping those who are less fortunate than they, students have given of themselves to make this Christmas season a happier one for others.
Sometimes I wonder what a nice place like Notre Dame is doing in the brave new world. It must exist to serve the dark night as a lighthouse, powered to shine brighter than a million candles that may not last the night.

What does it mean when you say that Notre Dame is Catholic, and how important is it to be Catholic in the brave new world?

Maybe Notre Dame is a place where students come to find their discernment of innocence of the lost childhood, or to leave of things, and mortality that the namest, Magic Johnson, "When I think about Religion is." You can't belong to the Church unless you're willing to be born again, and become as a child. What else is the Church but childhood's nursery?

You should realize that your childhood is lost and gone forever, wrote Graham Greene, once you start to perceive as a wild jungle country, without maps. Students may have to live a long time before arriving there, discovering from experience "the sense of doom that lies over success, and the feeling that the pendulum is about to swing."

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Eventually our fear of allegations could poison the well. We should be defending our moralities as though they were members of an endangered species. Priests shouldn't be stumped by the fearmongering that could convince them to do the right thing for the wrong reason.

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Next, he reflects on the insight that says Christ's great achievement was that he made himself as much loved after his death as he had been during his lifetime. Finally, he describes the letting go. "I bore up against everything... but till I had absolutely nothing left in the world but Cyril (his son). But I had still one beautiful thing left, my own eldest son. Suddenly he was taken away from me by the law. It was a blow so appalling that I did not know what to do, so I flung myself on my knees, and bowed my head, and wept." That moment seemed to save me. I saw then that the only thing for Number One. Notre Dame is her cathedral on its bicentennial, it could mean that God really did make Our Lady's school

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Disney World. The Notre Dame that we dream of should be a place where young Catholics can come to recover the innocence of the lost childhood, as well as to grow sensitive in their discernment of "the tears of things, and mortality that touches the heart."

The human condition says Greene, dispenses to us to be tempted into disloyalty and betrayal; these are the pitfalls that come in the wake of the lost childhood. Greeneland-Greene's imaginative world—tends to be a wild jungle country, without maps. Students may have to live a long time before arriving there, discovering from experience "the sense of doom that lies over success, and the feeling that the pendulum is about to swing."

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Lately, you may have noticed, most of the news has been bad, and the brave new world is starting to look mapless, like Greeneland. The sex scandals have trickled down to the groves of academe. On the current list of the anti-heroes are the namest, Magic Johnson, Clarence Thomas and William Kennedy Smith, coming into our lives as representatives of televangelism, the AIDS crisis, sexual harassment, and date rape.

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W. Basketball @ Miami of Ohio 7:00 p.m.
Swimming @ Bel Air Open 4:00 p.m.

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Love, Mom, Dad, Debbie, Lori, and Lisa

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CALIFORNIA ANGELES: Agreed to terms with
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BOSTON RED SOX: Traded John Brinkman, pitcher, to the
Milwaukee Brewers for cash.

CHICAGO CUBS: Traded 1st baseman, to the
Los Angeles Dodgers for Yusmeir, infielder.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX: Agreed to terms with
Scott Brosius, catcher, on a three year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS: Traded Fred McGriff, infielder, to the
San Diego Padres for John Taylor, pitcher.

CLEVELAND INDIANS: Traded Will Clark, infielder, and Dan Timmons, outfielder, to the
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Denny Cox, pitcher, on a two year contract and Danny Cox, pitcher, on an
other two year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES: Signed Brian Fisher, pitcher, to a minor league contract. Signed Brian
Brune, 2nd baseman, to a one year, $111
million contract. Announced that Mike Ullery, catcher, has accepted salary arbitration offer.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS: Traded Keith
Michael, outfielder, and Mike Remlinger, pitcher, to
the Cincinnati Reds for Mariano Duncan,
pitcher, to the St. Louis Cardinals, and
Dave Scutta, pitcher, Agreed to terms with
Don Augustine, pitcher, for assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS: Traded to terms with
Darrin Cooper, pitcher, for Jeff
Billingsley, 3rd baseman, of the Pacific Coast
League. Traded Mark Griffin, infielder, and
Geno Petruff to the Philadelphia Phillies for
Don August, pitcher, on a contract with Phoenix of
the Pacific Coast League. Traded Bob Parker, pitcher, for the purposes of giving him
more time to become a major league pitcher.

TEXAS RANGERS: Agreed to terms with
Brian Downing, designated hitter, on a one year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS: Signed Kent
Anderson, 3rd baseman, to a contract with Phoenix of
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Saberhagen traded to Mets for McReynolds, others

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Trading Bret Saberhagen away from Kansas City turned out to be a difficult experience for everyone involved. The Royals traded Saberhagen and infielder Bill Pecota to the New York Mets late Wednesday night for Kevin McReynolds, Gregg Jefferies and Keith Miller in the biggest deal of the winter meetings.

Saberhagen, 27, grew up in the Royals organization and won the Cy Young in 1985 with a 20-6 record and in 1989 with a 23-6 mark. He led the Royals to a World Series victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in 1985 at the age of 21.

"I'm kind of shocked," Saberhagen said. "When the phone rang, my wife answered and said it was Herb."

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continued from page 20 against the Wolverines (1-1), who have three players averaging over eight rebounds per game. Leading the way is 6-foot-2 junior Trish Andrew (20.0 ppg, 10.8 rpg, 3.5 blocks). An honorable mention All-Big Ten player last year, Andrew is the leading returnee from last year's 11-17 Michigan squad.

Joining Andrew in the frontcourt is senior Nikki Beaudry (10.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg), who took over for Michelle Hall (17.7 ppg, 8.5 rpg) in the starting lineup two games ago. Beaudry has led the Wolverines in rebounds since becoming a starter, averaging 10.5 rebounds per game against Toledo and Bowling Green.

The other likely Michigan starters are junior Jeni Nunn, senior Char Duran and freshman Carrie Stewart.

A game-by-game look at the rest of Notre Dame's opponents over break.

LOYOLA (MD)—The 3-4 Greyhounds are off until they play the Irish on December 21st. They are led by freshman Patty Sufley (14.9 ppg, 8.9 rpg) and senior Mia Vendilinski (13.0 ppg). Its three wins have come against Maryland-Baltimore County, Saint Francis and Cornell.

TEMPELE—The Owls (0-4) were blown out by Detroit Mercy last week by 22, and are averaging only 22 points per game so far this season. Temper diet leads scorer, Chanterl Adkins (10.5 ppg, 6.5 rpg), is the only player in double figures.

SYRACUSE—The Irish will be in northeastern New York on New Year's Eve to face the 4-3 Orangewomen. A pair of guards, Erin Kenneally (14.3 ppg) and Angel Lewis (11.0 ppg), picked up the scoring slack until 6-foot-5 junior Hollie O'deslander, a second-team All-Big East member last year, returned from an injury. Notre Dame knocked off Syracuse 71-66 last season at the Joyce ACC to spark a 15-game win streak.

LASALLE—The Irish start a five-game homestand against the 5-0 Explorers, who have been defeating opponents by an average of 18 points per game this season. Junior Jennifer Cole (22.0 ppg), a second-team All-MAC player last year, is the main cog in the LaSalle attack.

XAVIER—Notre Dame begins Midwestern Collegiate Conference action against the 3-2 Musketeers. Xavier is vastly improved with the addition of two transfers this season. 6-foot guard Carol Madison, who joined the Musketeers from Purdue, leads the team in scoring and assists, while 6-foot-3 center Janet Haneberg, who came from Long Beach State, is second on the team in rebounds.

DAYTON—The Flyers (1-4) return all five starters from last year's 16-13 squad that was the only MHC team to defeat Notre Dame. 5-foot-8 guard Natalie Hill and 6-foot-2 forward Julie Arnold are the only Dayton players in double figures, as the Flyers have shot only 38 percent from the field all year. The 6-4 Musketeers are 4-1 and have defeated four MHC teams.

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better results than what he has seen on defense thus far.
The first-year coach sees the three-week hiatus as a chance to correct these problems and get back on track before the tough holiday road trip, which he feels confident about. "The schedule is tough, but it is there, and we can't do anything about it," MacLeod commented. "What we can do is get as much out of the games as we can. This is a long road trip, and it is a great chance for us to pull together as a team.

One thing MacLeod would like to see in these games is his team playing fundamentally sound basketball, no longer making the mistakes that have plagued the Irish throughout the early season.

"I want us to start executing our plays and playing our defense the way it is supposed to be played," he added. Notre Dame will have to do these things to be successful in the first game of the trip on January 2 against Rick Pitino's Kentucky Wildcats. Their 4-1 record includes a 76-74 win over Indiana at the Hoosier Dome.

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"The key to this game will be to stop Woods," MacLeod said. "We are going to use more people and use our good conditioning to take advantage of their lack of depth."

Following the game in Philadelphia, the Irish will travel up the New Jersey Turnpike to face North Carolina on January 11 at Madison Square Garden, where MacLeod coached the Knicks for the majority of last season.

"I am looking forward to going back," MacLeod said. "I enjoyed New York and have a lot of fond memories there."

MacLeod could add an upset of the Tar Heels to that group, but to do so the Irish will have to play a perfect game. Carolina returns 10 lettermen from last year's Final Four team, including the lone senior on the club—Hubert Davis, who averaged 13.3 points and 9.1 rebounds in 1990-91.

This is a great team. They are what you would expect from a North Carolina club," MacLeod commented. "They are deep, strong, talented and play good offense and defense."

The trip concludes on January 13 in West Virginia. The Mountaineers return three starters from last season's 17-14 team, which lost in the second round of the NIT. Their fast-paced offense is led by junior guard Tracy Shelton, who averaged 17.8 ppg as a sophomore.

Overall, this road trip will have the potential to make or break the Notre Dame season. A couple of upset wins could spark the Irish and instill them with the confidence to compete with the nation's best; however, five more losses would leave them at 1-9 and playing for nothing more than respectability.

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New rankings for women's tennis

By RICH SZABO
Sports Writer

The fall season was one of highs and a few "what ifs" for the Notre Dame women's tennis team, but when it was over, the team was back where it wanted to be, in rankings.

Largely ignored and grossly underestimated, the team was left out of the preseason poll, but a string of successful tournaments and a strong showing against one of the nation's better teams, Tennessee, brought the Irish back into the spotlight, finishing the season ranked 25th.

Individually, junior Melissa Harris was rewarded for her outstanding play this fall with a meteoric rise in the singles poll. Harris, who started the season 31st in the country, will journey to Switzerland next month to compete against the likes of Dave Forest, and joined the elite 100.

Sophomore John Rushin also netted hat tricks. Junior Craig Fiander and Rod Kaplan have combined for a achievement against the Tigers, as the Irish come to the Joyce Center for two game series.

The Tigers could see a new goal tender between the pipes against Princeton. Sophomore Greg Louder has recovered from the broken hand he suffered in pre-season and may be ready for the Princeton series.

Freshman Mike Keeley added two game series. The Tigers are looking to put another one in the win column tonight at Bowling Green.

The Irish dominated the competition at last weekend's meet on the way to their third straight title, and coach Tim Welsh believes it was a confidence builder for his team after a tough fall season.

"The National Catholic win was a very big one," he commented. "We had a very challenging fall and for the team to come together and show the unity and focus needed to win was really a boost."

That unity and focus will be needed again tonight as the Irish face a tough Bowling Green team. After last weekend's draining meet and with final exams approaching, that may seem like a difficult task, but Welsh doesn't agree.

"We have a chance to win a meet in an excellent pool and that should be our focus," Welsh said.

Several individuals shined last weekend in Boston and will be needed again tonight for the Irish to be successful. Ed Broderick's first-place finishes in the 200 individual medley and the 200 breaststroke led the way, while Greg Cornick, Jim Birmingham and Colin Cooley earned one win each.

The Irish also came out on top in the 200, 400 and 800 free relay on the way to their big win.

The Observer/Sean Farnan

Freshman Mike Keeley added second-place finishes in the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley, while Broderick and Cornick finished second in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle, respectively.

With several swimmers being competitive in such a variety of events, the Irish have been able to rely on their depth to pull them through some tough meets.

"We have customarily been a very balanced team," Welsh explained. "A lot of folks are around the same time and that depth is definitely one of our strengths."

The Irish will be away from competition for a while, but they will be busy over break as they prepare for a trip to Texas A&M on January 10th.
And then Al realized his problems were much bigger than just a smashed truck.

Saturday
8 a.m. Christmas Concert. Notre Dame Glee Club, Notre Dame Brass Ensemble. Santa Claus is expected to attend. Stepan Center. Admission $1. (Tickets available in advance at the Information Desk, LaFortune Student Center.) Sponsored by Notre Dame Glee Club.

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3 p.m. Discussion, "Tension at the Holidays: The Families of Homosexuals," Patrick Utz, director, University Counseling Center, Auditorium Lounge, Hesburgh Library.

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Irish basketball teams prepare for holiday games

Men's trip no holiday with ranked opponents

By MIKE SCRUDATO
Sports Writer

A break in the schedule could not have come at a better time for the Notre Dame men's basketball team. Unfortunately, the opponents do not get any easier.

After struggling through the first five games of the season, the 4-1 Irish now take three weeks off to try to regroup before heading out on the road for five games over Christmas break, including contests against fifth-ranked North Carolina at Madison Square Garden and at ninth-ranked Kentucky.

"The break is good for us," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "We have a lot of things to work on, and we have plenty of time to practice them."

The two things which MacLeod is most disappointed with are the amount of turnovers and the ineffectiveness of the newly-instituted man-to-man defense.

Thus far the Irish have committed 20 or more turnovers in three of their five games, including 23 in their 78-54 loss on Wednesday night at Boston College. One factor could be Notre Dame's attempt to pick up the tempo of its offense this season.

"When we run, we take the risk of turning the ball over," MacLeod added. "However, I feel we can be a good fast break team and still not have a lot of turnovers."

MacLeod feels that the team's turnover problem is a result of a lack of execution.

"We are throwing the ball to areas it won't go; our outlet passes have been too long; we are not running our plays properly and guys are going to the wrong spot. Some of these things have been caused by the opposition's defensive pressure, but a lot of it we're doing to ourselves."

MacLeod is also concerned about the Irish's defense which has given up 74.6 points per game this season. Despite the fact that this is Notre Dame's first year in the man-to-man, he expected earlier this year. The women's team has a tough schedule over break including a game against the defending NCAA champs, Tennessee.

The Irish have been traditionally unsuccessful against Bowling Green. In all of Tim Welsh's six years of coaching, the Irish have never beaten the Falcons. Last year, Notre Dame won nine of 16 events, but were unable to win any of the relays. The meet came down to the very last event, the 400 freestyle relay, and Bowling Green placed first and third to win the meet, 143-127.

"I expect it to be an extremely tough meet," said Welsh. "Both teams are significantly improved over last year."

Swimmers to watch for Bowling Green will be Josie McCullough, Jody Reed, and Keeley Yenglin. McCullough, a breaststroker, is one of the best swimmers in the Midwest in her stroke and has already made the qualifying times for the national championships this year. She will provide some heavy competition for senior Freddie Orlicky puts a shot up against Starline earlier this year. The women's team has a tough schedule over break including a game against the defending NCAA champs, Tennessee.

"We've been working on making the smart plays, the sure pass (in practice)," explained McGraw. "Our number one goal is to cut down on our turnovers. I would help our defense, because we've been giving up too many easy baskets."

One player who has begun to emerge for Notre Dame is freshman Letitia Bowen, who missed the first three games with a thigh bruise. She has averaged six points and seven rebounds since returning to the lineup against Purdue, and providing the Irish with another set of strong performers. She's so aggressive going to the boards," said McGraw. "It's something we definitely needed."

And it will be something they will need tonight.
Top: An early snowball fight (circa 1900) takes place on the road to Saint Mary's. Unlike campus snowball fights of today, priests are even involved.
Bottom: The campus volunteer fire department, shown here in 1899, battled many of the over 30 blazes between 1842 and 1920.

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By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

While few probably realized at the time, the turn of the century was an important time in Notre Dame's history. The University had set great expectations for itself and during this era prepared for greatness.

The move toward a nationally-renowned institution of higher learning came in small steps rather than large ones. Gradually, through changes such as the building of Sorin Hall, Notre Dame set the stage for the transition that would come in the beginning of the twentieth century.

In 1893, Notre Dame had 24 buildings on its 1,300 acres of land. The 542 members of the student body paid a tuition of $170 and a room and board fee of $200. There were 52 faculty members.

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In 1888, Notre Dame distinguished itself as the first Catholic college to offer private living quarters. On New Year's Day in 1889, students first called Sorin Hall home.

Another Sorin dream, to have a replica of
Sesquicentennial Vignettes
By Phil Loranger

Fresh off their American League championship of the previous year, the seemingly indefatigable Chicago White Sox rode into the city of South Bend in the spring of 1902 for a series of six exhibition games with the Fighting Irish baseball team. While the White Sox, the Old Romani Comiskey, had heard that the Notre Dame squad played pretty fair ball, so he reasoned a match with the Notre Damer would provide his prove his team would have a challenge at a more reasonable price. Comiskey was known for his frugality—a trait that would eventually lead Comiskey players to revolt in the infamous Black Sox scandal of 1919.

Comiskey and his manager, future Hall of Famer Clark Griffith, brought along the pennant-winning squad, which included the likes of star first baseman Frank Isbell, head catcher Ed Ruelbach, outfielder Sid Mersey, 20-game winner Red Patterson, Griffith, who himself had led the American League in pitching in 1901 with a record of 24-7, and a cross-country contingent of boys.

In the Windy City champions were looking for cannon fodder, they failed to find it at the little Catholic college on the Indiana prairies, an institution that boasted a total student body of only 740 young men, of which less than 150 were actual college-age men.

At that time, Notre Dame also operated a school for preparatory students and youngsters aged six through 13 (the minims). The University’s baseball heroes, the most popular athletes on campus, were the members of the Notre Dame freshman team. And, as the professional White Sox soon learned, that reverence was well earned.

In addition to team captain Bob Lynch, who in the absence of a hired coach also served as chief mentor for the squad, the starting lineup for Notre Dame included three other stars who would eventually become major leaguers—Phil (Peaches) O’Neill, Ed Ruelbach and Charles Flook.

Though the Fighting Irish, then popularly known as the “Catholics” or the “Ramblers,” would not succeed in garnering a victory in the fabled series, they came close. They threw a mighty scare into the haughty White Sox, earning a 12-inning tie, losing the three games by a total of only six runs, and only getting solidly licked in two games when the depth of the professionals made the difference.

The 12-inning standoff was accomplished in the opening game of the series. Notre Dame took the lead in the 10th inning but with the “home team” White Sox scored the tying run in the bottom half of the frame, and when two additional innings failed to break the deadlock, Gorman was called on to address of darkness with the score knotted at 8-8.

The Blue and Gold once again had the upper hand when the bat of Farley to end the ten-inning affair. Notre Dame players were not used to such a grind; they were weary. Shortstop Lynch picked up his 11th hit of the series, but it seemed that the longest pre-season exhibition series ever played between a college team and a professional aggregation had paid bigger dividends for the Irish.

The Scholastic, special courses at Notre Dame included English and law. Indeed, so remarkably practical is the legal training of this school that the diploma-stamp of Notre Dame is recognized without further examination to the bar. Walsh, like Sorin, tried to promote Notre Dame on a national basis. Under his tenure, Notre Dame started to participate in collegiate athletics, including the first football match in 1887. Expansion of the campus was also extensive during this period.

Father Andrew Morrissey held the office of University president from 1893 to 1906. During this time, Notre Dame had a 10-year struggle over a direction it should take in the future. Men like Father John Zahm, a brilliant physical chemist (among other talents), had intellectual hopes for the University. While Zahm examined the financial and administrative situation of the university, someone later dubbed "the central center of the American West," Morrissey felt satisfied with the achievements the University had already accomplished.

Brothers team up to create 'Victory March'

By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

Few students can boast that their contributions had an impact on Notre Dame after they have graduated. Yet John and Michael Sheen made a contribution that still has an impact over 80 years later.

These brothers, from Osnung, N.Y., wrote the Notre Dame "Victory March" in 1908 and despite occasional controversy, it is still wildly popular.

Michael, who attended Notre Dame from 1900 to 1903, wrote the music. After he became a priest in 1912, he studied music in Rome. He was the pastor of the St. Augustine's Church in Osnung until his death on Aug. 18, 1940. He studied music under William Churchill Haskell at the University of Notre Dame and graduated in 1903 with an Organist's Guild. He also studied church music with the Benedictine Monks of Solesmes and observed the initiate at the Pontifical School of Music in Rome.

A 1906 graduate, John was the lyricist of the duo. As active as a student, he was an accomplished shortstop, was president of his senior class and helped start the school yearbook, the Drum.

The "Victory March," one of the most famous of all school songs, was written in a room on the first floor of Sorin Hall. The song was first played at Washington's Birthday exercises at Notre Dame on Feb. 27, 1909, although it was not heard at an athletic event until 10 years later.

The "Victory March" was one of the first official college songs to be written with an original tune.

Even after the Sheens left Notre Dame, their love for the school continued. Before Michael died, he asked to be buried in the cemetery with the Holy Cross priests. Although he was not a member of the congregation, Michael was granted his wish.

"Perhaps it was only just that two members of a notably musical race, the Irish, should contribute the battle-cry of Fighting Irish," observed a Scholastic writer in a 1915 article.

That writer also showed a little Notre Dame "amateurish" though, was honored on the best and it was not at an athletic event until 10 years later.

The "Victory March" was one of the first official college songs to be written with an original tune.

Even after the Sheens left Notre Dame, their love for the school continued. Before Michael died, he asked to be buried in the cemetery with the Holy Cross priests. Although he was not a member of the congregation, Michael was granted his wish.

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"It must make a Notre Dame man snarl and gnash his teeth to hear a wheezing high school orchestra lead a student body to cheer, 'For Old Potunk high.' Imitation, however, is the surest sign of success."

Ironically, the Sheen brothers weren't too happy with their effort. A letter written by Michael reveals that he and his brother had composed the song as an incentive to "winning" the upcoming series. His regard for it was "very amateurish."

That "amateurish" effort, though, was honored as the "greatest of all fight songs" in 1969, as part of the salute to 100 years of college football.

Years

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The Lourdes grouto, became a reality after his death. In the spring of 1896, construction began on Our Lady of Lourdes Grouto.

Landmarks weren't the only distinguishing feature of this era. The faculty was upgraded from an underclass to 1919, lead the gradual change in focus from the college to 1923. He is known as one of the most famous and influential of the University's history.

In an 1888 article in The Scholastic, a special courses at Notre Dame included English and law. Indeed, so remarkably practical is the legal training of this school that the diploma-stamp of Notre Dame is recognized without further examination to the bar. Walsh, like Sorin, tried to promote Notre Dame on a national basis. Under his tenure, Notre Dame started to participate in collegiate athletics, including the first football match in 1887. Expansion of the campus was also extensive during this period.

Father Andrew Morrissey held the office of University president from 1893 to 1906. During this time, Notre Dame had a 10-year struggle over a direction it should take in the future. Men like Father John Zahm, a brilliant physical chemist (among other talents), had intellectual hopes for the University. While Zahm examined the financial and administrative situation of the university, someone later dubbed "the central center of the American West," Morrissey felt satisfied with the achievements the University had already accomplished.

Father John Cavanaugh, University president from 1906 to 1919, lead the gradual change in focus from the preparatory school to the college. He is known as one of the most impressive presidents in the University's history.

In an 1888 article in The Scholastic, a feature article, he wrote that he saw the Notre Dame of the future as "still engendering the same spirit, still striving for the self-same end, still influenced by the same true spirit, and filled with the same lofty aspirations."
An otter is born

In 1888, Sorin Hall offers students private rooms

By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

While today it may seem a little run down compared to dorms on the “Quad,” Sorin Hall was considered luxurious in 1888. And compared to the communal-style dormitories of previous years, it was.

Until the late 1880s most Notre Dame students slept in barrack-style dormitories and studied in communal study halls. Some lucky seniors, though, we able to reside in private rooms in the Administration Building.

Sorin was designed as both a solution to the overcrowding of other University facilities and as a departure from what Father John Zahm and others thought was a stodgy undergraduate lifestyle.

The new residence hall, composed entirely of private rooms, was largely the result of Zahm and University President Father Thomas Walsh’s efforts.

Though many faculty members and parents though the ideal immoral, Walsh commissioned Edbrooke and Burnham of Chicago to submit plans for a “College Hall.” Notre Dame became the first Catholic college in America to offer private living quarters.

On May 27, 1888, Father Edward Sorin blessed the cornerstone as part of the student celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

The Collegiate and Law students had moved into Sorin Hall on New Year’s Day, according to a Jan. 12, 1889, edition of The Scholastic.

The first floor was the chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas and the law department’s lecture rooms, reading rooms and library.

The basement, mostly a trunk room, also contained smoking and reading rooms in 1889.

According to The Scholastic, the new living quarters were supposed to help students get better results in individual and class work.

English professor Maurice Francis Egan saw the abandonment of residential requirements as essential to Notre Dame’s development as an undergraduate college.

He did not, however, want any rules lessened: “The rules of order and cleanliness are not more stringent or more scrupulously enforced at West Point than in Sorin Hall.”

In fact no visiting in the rooms was allowed, lights went out at a fixed hour, and noise, liquor and women guests were strictly prohibited. “...The discipline, though firm, is far from being severe, and is for the promotion of the welfare of the students,” according to a Scholastic article.

Despite the strict regulations, the hall was limited to upperclassmen, and admission was reserved for those with high academic standing.

Its erection is an important symbol of the growth occurring at Notre Dame at the turn of the century. The dorm symbolizes the eventual change from a preparatory institution to a renowned university.

A Scholastic writer thought the day when the corner stone for this dormitory was laid should long be remembered “and on its every anniversary there should be held some commemoration in honor of the day on which Notre Dame entered on a new era that will in time make her the foremost of American universities.”

Editor’s Note:
This special section is the third in a series examining student life at Notre Dame throughout its 150-year history. Special thanks are given to Charles Lamb and the staff at University Archives. Without their assistance, this project would not have been possible. The research done by Thomas Schlereth, professor of American Studies, was also beneficial.

The next section in this series will appear in the Jan. 31 edition of The Observer. This section will focus on student life at Notre Dame during the period 1910-1935.

Kelley Tuthill served as the editor of this section, while Lisa Eaton handled design and layout. All photos are courtesy of University of Notre Dame Archives.
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame...

Notre Dame loses to Michigan in first gridiron showdown

By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

Who could have known what they had started when a group of young men from the University of Michigan traveled to South Bend to play the University of Notre Dame in a game of football.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1887, the humble beginnings of the Fighting Irish football team took place. The Irish lost 8-0.

"It was not considered a match contest, as the home team had been organized only a few weeks, and the Michigan boys, the champions of the West, came more to instruct them in the points of the Rugby game than to win fresh laurels," reported The Scholastic.

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--Local Items column, The Scholastic, Nov. 26, 1887

At the time, the event did not seem very significant. A group of Michigan students arrived on the Michigan Central Railroad on Wednesday morning and were received by a committee of Notre Dame students.

After touring the campus, the Michigan team donned their white uniforms and took the damp, muddy field.

"At first, to render our players more familiar with the game, the teams were chosen irrespective of college," it was reported. Then the game was played.

Due to time constraints, the teams only played one-half of one inning in which "...the Ann Arbor boys gave a fine exhibition of skillful playing."

The Scholastic writer said the game started a football boom and expressed the hope that more contests would continue in the coming years. In addition, "Captain Duffy, of the Ann Arbor team, seemed to think we have material for an excellent football team."

The Notre Dame Marching Band was there at that first home game in 1887 and has yet to miss a home game.

Performing first in 1846, it is one of the oldest university bands in continual existence in the America.

After the game, the players had dinner and University President Father Thomas Walsh thanked the boys from Michigan for coming.

"Assured them of the cordial reception that would always await them at Notre Dame."

It wasn't until five months after the first game until Notre Dame scored its first touchdown—by fullback Harry Jewett in a rematch against the Wolverines the following April.

A little over a year later, in 1888, the Irish finally had a victory—a 20-0 win over the Harvard School of Chicago.

Ironically, the team didn't even have a coach until 1894 when James Morison was named to the position.

What was started that day was a 104-year tradition that now boasts eight national championships and seven Heisman trophy winners.

The transition in the program came in 1913 when quarterback Gus Dorais became Notre Dame's initial first-team All-American—an honor gained by throwing passes to end Knute Rockne. Then in 1924, the University of Michigan traveled to South Bend to play the University of Notre Dame in a game of football.

The team has had several nicknames throughout its history. Notre Dame competed under the nickname "Catholics" during the 1880s.

Fighting Irish was officially adopted by then-University President Matthew Walsh in 1927. No one really seems to know how Notre Dame got the athletic nickname.

One legend has it that the moniker was born during the first season of football. With Notre Dame leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime of a game in Evanston, Ill., the Wildcat fans began to chant, "Kill the Fighting Irish, kill the Fighting Irish," as the second half opened.

Another tale suggests the nickname originated during halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan game in 1909. With his team trailing, one ND player yelled to his teammates—who happened to have names like Dolan, Kelly, Glynn, Duffy and Ryan—"What's the matter with you guys? You're all Irish and you're not fighting worth a lick." Notre Dame won that game and the press, after overhearing the remark, reported the game as a victory for the "Fighting Irish."

Most, though, believe the term was coined by the press as a characterization of Notre Dame athletic teams, their never-say-die fighting spirit and their Irish qualities of grit, determination and tenacity.

Therefore, the term probably began as an abusive expression directed toward athletes from the small, Catholic private institution.

Today, however, the nickname and the team itself are sources of pride for the University. And while this year's Irish suffered a defeat at the hands of Michigan like their predecessors did 104 years ago, many would agree they certainly have the "material for an excellent football team" like that other team did so long ago.
A sort of homecoming

ND's Floridians, like Clint Johnson, face off with UF during the off-season.

"When you're from Florida, I don't think it's the fact that you're playing against Florida players," said Holtz. "The difference is, the players have got to live with this game. And that's what everyone is going to talk about when they go home."

Most of the Floridians on the Irish roster were recruited by the Gators before current head coach Steve Spurrier came to Gainesville.

Cornerback Tom Carter was leaning toward Florida early in high school before Florida ran into the NCAA infractions committee, earning two years' probation.

"The day after coach Spurrier was hired, he called and talked to me about Florida," said Carter. "But I had to tell him that I had committed to Notre Dame."

Carter eliminated the Gators largely because the school's improprieties left him unsure of the program's future. A year after probation, however, Spurrier has led the team to its first SEC crown and its second consecutive 10-1 season.

Two years earlier, Derek Brown had surprised his hometown fans in Merritt Island, Fla., with the decision that he would attend Notre Dame.

"My junior year, I was going to be a Gator," said Brown. "No one could tell me otherwise. But I got sick of people telling me to go to UF, and I said, 'Watch this.'"

Like Brown, Kevin McDougal long thought that he would be at Florida, and resisted parental pressure to attend school in Gainesville.

"I grew up on Florida football," said McDougal. "But in the end, I decided that I needed to get away from home and see new places. My mother really wanted me to go there (Florida); she wanted me to stay close to home. But I told her I needed to get away."

Notre Dame's Floridians have ended up as vital cogs in the Irish wheel.

"We made you feel," said Brown. "Our parents were friends, and we literally grew up together."

The Sugar Bowl will provide many Floridians with the opportunities to see old friends and rekindle old rivalries.

When Brown was a junior—and a prospective Gator—he traveled to games with Merritt Island center Cal Dixon.

"When Cal was being recruited by Florida, I would go with him to the games in Gainesville," said Brown. "He would get four tickets from the football team, and I would sit with him at the games."

Dixon, a second-team All-American center for the Gators, will be reunited with his team­mate from Merritt Island at Cal's Bowl.

"I am really looking forward to hanging out with those guys," said Brown. "I haven't seen some of them in a few years."

Clint "Cosmic" Johnson also sees FLORIDIANS. page 7
GAME INFO

THE GAME: Notre Dame (9-3) versus Florida (10-1) in the 1992 Sugar Bowl.

TIME: 8:30 p.m. EST.

By RICH SZABO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will have its hands full when it meets the University of Florida Gators in the USF&G Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day in New Orleans.

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The Irish offense that is potentially explosive, scoring almost 36 points a game, and having 40-or-more-point outbursts on six different occasions.

Quarterback Rick Mirer and fullback Jerome Bettis, recently named the team's co-Most Valuable Players, share the bulk of the offensive workload.

Quarterback Mirer, who set a single-season record with 18 touchdown passes, is eighth in the country in passing efficiency, with 132 completions in 234 attempts—good for 56.4 percent. He has 10 interceptions this season.

Mirer has also scampered on the ground for 306 yards and nine scores.

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THE BOWL: This 58th annual playing of the Sugar Bowl. This is the third trip to the bowl for both Notre Dame and Florida. This will be Florida's first appearance as SEC champions.

1991 SCHEDULES

NOTRE DAME

Sept. 7 INDIANA W 63-27
Sept. 14 at Michigan W 14-24
Sept. 21 at Michigan State W 69-12
Sept. 28 at Purdue W 45-20
Oct. 5 at Stanford W 42-26
Oct. 12 at Pittsburgh W 42-7
Oct. 19 at Air Force W 29-15
Nov. 2 Southern Cal W 24-20
Nov. 9 Navy W 58-0
Nov. 16 at Penn State L 23-24
Nov. 30 at Hawaii W 48-12

FLORIDA

Sept. 7 SAN JOSE STATE W 59-21
Sept. 14 ALABAMA W 35-0
Sept. 21 at Syracuse L 21-38
Sept. 28 MISSISSIPPI STATE W 29-7
Oct. 5 at Louisiana State W 16-0
Oct. 12 TENNESSEE W 35-18
Nov. 2 at Auburn W 31-10
Nov. 9 GEORGIA W 45-13
Nov. 16 at Kentucky W 35-28
Nov. 30 FLORIDA STATE W 14-9

GATORS TO WATCH

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1992 marks third Irish visit to Sugar Bowl

By ANTHONY KING
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish have been to the Sugar Bowl on two occasions, both of which matched them against number one ranked teams.

In 1973, third-ranked Notre Dame journeyed to New Orleans to face the Crimson Tide of Alabama. Bear Bryant brought the Tide in with a 11-0 record, while the Irish came in with a 10-0 record.

What was touted to be the game of the century lived up to all its expectations, as Notre Dame came out on top of a 24-23 thriller.

Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements engineered a 64-yard drive for the first Irish score, connecting on three passes to split end Peete Demmerle for gains of 19, 26, and 14 yards. Fullback Wayne Bullock's six-yard touchdown run completed the drive, but a bad snap on the extra point kept the lead at 6-0.

The Alabama offense got on track in the second period, however. Tide running back Randy Billingsly took it in from six yards out to put Alabama on top 7-6.

The Irish struck back immediately, however, using their special teams squad to regain the lead. Al Hunter return a kickoff 93-yards for Notre Dame—a Sugar Bowl record. After a two-point conversion, the Irish advantage swelled to 14-7.

The Crimson Tide hit a field goal shortly before half to make the halftime score 14-10.

Alabama received the second half kickoff and drove 93 yards for the score. Wilbur Jackson cashed it in from five yards out to give the Tide a 17-14 lead.

An Alabama fumble set Notre Dame's next score. Linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered the fumble in mid-air and ran it down to the Tide 12 yard line. Eric Penick scampered 12 yards on the next play to give the Irish the lead once again, 21-17.

After three Irish turnovers within 90 seconds, Alabama finally capitalized, thanks to a little trickery. Crimson Tide backup quarterback Richard Todd handed the ball off to Mike Stock. Stock then threw the ball to an open Todd, who raced down the sidelines for a 25 yard score.

The Tide went for two, but failed, leaving a thin two point lead, 23-21.

Clements then led the Irish on what proved to be the game winning drive. Notre Dame made it to the Alabama three, but were forced to settle for a field goal and a slim one point lead, 24-23.

With three minutes to go, the Tide was forced to punt. 'Bama punter Greg Gannt boomed his kick 69 yards. Gannt was rouged during the punt, but Bear Bryant decided to decline the penalty instead of going on fourth and five.

Clements then led the Irish to the Sugar Bowl victory.
By JOHN O'BRIEN
Accent Editor

A collective cheer erupted when Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students found out that the Irish were going to the Sugar Bowl. Even though our team won't be playing for the national championship this year, fans travelling to the game still have one reason to get excited: New Orleans.

After spending the last two New Year's Days in the sun and sand of Miami, bowl travelers will finally have the chance to cruise the ultimate party city. New Orleans offers an exciting mixture of Spanish, French and American culture, a bayou atmosphere and, best of all, Creole cooking.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association, the Notre Dame Clubs of New Orleans and Southern Louisiana and Anthony Travel have planned numerous events to keep travelers busy while they're in New Orleans.

Starting on Friday, Dec. 27, a hospitality center and "Notre Dame Bookstore-South" will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Hilton Riverside and Towers Hotel, 1 Poydras St. Most Domers will be staying at the Hilton or at the Inter-Continental, just blocks away at 444 St. Charles Ave.

Unlike the Orange Bowl, most of the activity will be confined to a several-block area. Both hotels are just blocks away from the two places travelers will want to see: the Superdome, where the big game itself will be played on Jan. 1, and the famed French Quarter, home of Mardi Gras and Bourbon Street.

The French Quarter is world famous for its architecture, but most travelers will be more interested in the shopping, dining and nightlife the area offers. Some of the city's finest antique shops are located on Royal Street, but the entire Quarter offers everything a shopper could want.

Odds are most students will instead be heading for Bourbon Street, which features all-night jazz clubs, burlesque revues, night club shows and music. Travelers (young and old) looking for a place to dance and party until the wee hours will want to explore this area.

And when it comes to food, the French Quarter is world famous. Salty oysters on the half shell, charcoal grilled Redfish
Gainesville? Well it's just a college town. There are bars and businesses and campus police willing to prove their testosterone levels. There are Greeks and independents who battle for their little political boundaries. There are huge apartment complexes and local slumlords, fashion fetish and those with stringy dyed-black hair who claim the absolute virtue of progressive music. There are students and faculty and staff. There are juniors who think they know it all and seniors petrified of how little they understand.

I said, it's just a college town.

On campus, people wear shorts through the entire fall semester. The climate, so cursed in September when humidity makes walking feel like waking, now is a comfort. The evenings are chilly, the days comfortable. It will get Florida-cold soon, but nothing like the rigors of the northeast.

Being a college town, Gainesville has its share of museums. There is the recently-opened Barn, which features major touring shows. There is also the University Gallery, which shows abstraction that journalists often cannot understand. The art majors do, however, and they know more about that stuff than we do.

There are often concerts with local bands and sometimes big names like Gainesville-native Tom Petty. And sometimes, when the weather is just right, they show movies on the lawn of the student union. It's a nice touch for a college town.

Like most college towns, Gainesville has a stupid name, no good seafood restaurants and is, at its heart, a small rural village.

But it's dominated by the University. Little goes on in Gainesville that isn't at least tangentially connected with the 31,000 students at the University of Florida. It's an oasis of learning amid the rural roads of North Florida—surrounded by towns with names like Miccanopy, Waldo and Starke. Like most such combinations, it sometimes is an uneasy mix.

But for the most part, Gainesville and UF peacefully co-exist. There are some conflicts, and you can see the strange mix of envy and contempt as Gainesville residents not attached to UF pass those who are.

UF? Well, that can be a little different. Somehow the school manages to blend a raucous attitude with a serious commitment to learning. It is a very difficult university—it is hard to enter and even harder to stay in. Several of its colleagues in journalism, building construction, medicine and others—are highly regarded around the country. It gets very tough here sometimes, often people walk around and say, "It's too much stress that when the release comes, they need to explode. They often do. They call it

When football season begins, the city drapes itself in the orange and blue rapture that is Southeastern Conference Football. They think it's serious, I guess, as anywhere in the country.

During the third quarter, win or lose or tie, the crown breaks into its hymn, "We are the Boys of old Florida." The crowd aways its contradictory movements and its devotion to UF is reaffirmed.

But football is not the only religion in Gainesville. Nature has disciples as well.

There is a dock on the outskirts of town that cuts into a lake called Wauburg. During the week, it is alone, as students and the population deal with the matters of school and the classes being assigned. They leave it for the eagles, mallard and snakes that make the wilderness their home.

On Saturday though, it fills with students in bathing suits and simultaneously working on their studies. It too, is a part of Gainesville's identity.

But its soul is The Wall. Although it frames the campus of the University of Florida, it is about a mile from the heart of campus. It snuggles against one of Gainesville's busiest streets and faces several apartment complexes.

Although it was once white, it has been covered with generations of spray paint, spelling out blue or mauve or the beloved testimonial under "(My Life did not begin until you)", devotion ("Class of '91 forever"), and the pleasures of turning 21. The messages rarely stay long, they are quickly replaced by new testimonies or social statements ("Pi K, Sigma Chi, Dee Gees, Tri Delta, etc. RULES") and new messages in the language. It constantly changes, just like the always flowing university.

It reflects the attitude, if not the psyche of the city.

And in its center, with four hand painted roses surrounding them, are the crudely painted murals of the four states students slay in August 1990. Like most towns of substance, Gainesville does not forget its past.

Maybe it's not just a college town after all.
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proving his tremendous versatility.

Bettis, meanwhile, has emerged as a legitimate All-America candidate, having rushed for 972 yards—90 more than he gained as a senior at an Irish back, by Allen Pinkett's 894 yards in 1985.

Bettis also broke Pinkett's single-season scoring record with 20 rushing touchdowns, eclipsing the old mark of 18. Should Bettis be keyedin to the Gator defense unit, Miter can hand the ball to a bevy of other talented backs, including tailbacks Tony Brooks (894 yards, five touchdowns), coming off his 1,300 yards in 1985. Bettis was a semifinalist for this year's Butkus Award, which is given to the nation's best linebacker.

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kicker specialist Ryan Ruland
attended Lake Brantley High
School with Johnson. Johnson
played option quarterback in
high school, but will be return­
ing kickoffs for the Irish on New
Year's Day.

If something should happen to
Gator placekicker Armin
Czyzewski, Ruland could very
well kick off to Johnson.

"That would be weird, kicking
off to him," said Ru­
land. "The Gators just ran
one back (93-yards for
a touchdown against Hawaii)."

Johnson expressed similar
sentiments.

"It wouldn't be strange receiv­ing kicks from Ruland and playing
against him," said Johnson,
"after knowing him and playing
with him in high school.

Tom Carter, meanwhile, re­
cently spoke to high school
teammate Norm Bolduc, a wide
receiver for Florida.

"There was the usual brag­
ging back and forth. It was
fun," he said. "It's a big thing,
seeing players that you played
with in high school and that are
from your city.

"Last year against Miami was
the same type of thing. It was
the most exciting game of the
year for me."

Graduate assistant David
Arnsparger has particularly in­
triguing connections to Florida.
Arnsparger's father, Bill
Arnsparger, is the athletic di­
rector at the University of
Florida, and the young
Arnsparger spent two years as
a graduate assistant in
Gainesville.

"The thing I most was re­
sponsible for when I was there
was the scout team offense," said
Arnsparger. "I worked with
(quarterback) Shane Matthews
and Tre Everett, a wide
receiver. From my time there, I
have seen the team's personnel
and how the players play and
reach." Despite his connections to
the Gators, however, Arnsparger
prefers to view the Sugar Bowl
as just another tough date on the
Irish schedule.

"Playing Florida is like any
other game," he said. "What makes it a special game is that
it's a bowl game, and another
opportunity to play a quality
opponent."

The Gators' lineup, mean­
while, is chock full of in-state
talent. Though the school re­
cruits nationally, the team is largely composed of Floridians.

Some say the sandy soil of
Florida makes their youngsters' legs stronger. Others point to the temperate season, which
begins in early February, allowing extra practice for high-school teams. But what­
ever the cause, Florida has re­
cently produced blue-chip play­
ers at a rate higher than any
other state.

Carter offers a simple expla­
nation for the reasons for Floridians' successes in foot­
ball.

"We play football all year
round," said Carter. "If you
don't play football, people ask
what's wrong with you. Every­
one is always outside playing."

As long as this tradition con­
tinues, the entire nation should
stand to benefit from Floridian
replacing the defensive line.
Just when the defense was
starting to believe in itself, it
had to cope with the loss of
Byrant Young and Eric Jones to
the cut blocks of Air Force.

Against teams like Tennessee
and Penn State, it showed. But
those injuries weren't Darnell's fault.

Only people on the team or
inside the football offices know
what kind of politics go on in
the recruiting world, and that may
have a large impact on why Darnell is now a persona non grata at Notre Dame. But from this per­
spective, Darnell hasn't truly
had a chance to prove himself.

Hopefully, these questions
will aid in the performance of
the team in the Sugar Bowl.
Clearly, Notre Dame will have an
opportunity to focus on a very
good Florida team.

But next year will be here
soon enough, and the Irish
will have the chance to wipe the slate clean
and start anew. Here's to hop­
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Notre Dame shot themselves
in the foot again in the second
quarter. Fullback John Sweeney
fumbled on his only carry of
the game, and Georgia again came
up with ball in great posi­
tion. Walker carried it again for
the Dogs, boosting their lead
to 17-3.

The Bulldogs hung on to the
lead in the second half, turning
back the Irish on several occa­
sions. The underdog Georgia
team wore down over the course
of the game, but the luckless Irish
could not capitalize when they had pulled to
within scoring distance.

Notre Dame quarterback
Blair Kiel, now playing for the
Green Bay Packers of the Na­
tional Football League, did
manage to drive the Irish into
the endzone once in the second
half, but it was not enough.

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10, and took the national title as
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Looking for daylight

Sophomore flanker Lake Dawson, pictured here against Hawaii, heads upfield with one of his season's 24 catches. Dawson will be a key target for Irish quarterback Rick Mirer in the Sugar Bowl showdown with Florida.

Ready for action

Demetrious DuBose (31) and the Notre Dame defense prepare for another charge by the Pitt offense. The task facing DuBose in the Sugar Bowl: Stop Florida.

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