Always on Duty

By LIZ FORAN
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame has a resource that is so rare, only five exist in the United States. This unfrequented campus location is completely dedicated to Notre Dame, its students, faculty and even the very buildings which make up the campus. This resource is the Notre Dame Fire Department, and it is one of only five university operated fire departments in the nation. The department's sole purpose is to protect lives and property, according to Chief of Operations John Antonucci, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate who was appointed as chief in August of this year. "Our number one priority is to protect the lives of the students and educate them about fire safety," he said. This is accomplished through coordinating dorm fire drills, frequent alarm inspections and working with students on the planning of activities which could involve fire hazards.

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"I have bent over backwards for Student Activities," he said. "We go as far we can possibly go to make sure events come off. Events include anything from dorm bon fires to Student Activities fire works shows.

Antonucci, who spent four of his 19 years with the New Carlisle Fire Department as chief, runs the station along with nine other firefighters who comprise the departments three shifts. At any time of the day or night, there are at least three firefighters prepared to handle an emergency at a moment's notice. 11 paid on-call firefighters, six of which are currently career firefighters, work part-time when additional help is needed.

The station handles approximately 1,000 calls per year, most of which are rescues of some type. Antonucci said.

Medical runs account for 40 percent of total runs, 348 in 1993. A run is defined as any time emergency vehicles are required to respond.

An unexplained fire involving students from stuck elevators, of which there were 77 in

Notre Dame graduate student dies at 28

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

Barbara Ballasty, a fifth year graduate student in philosophy and off-campus resident, died unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon of natural causes. She was twenty-eight years old.

She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballasty of Middletown, New Jersey, and a brother Robert also of Middletown.

Ballasty was pursuing a Ph.d. in philosophy. She had finished her coursework requirements, and recently passed her oral proficiency exams, according to her academic advisor Michael Loux, professor of philosophy.

Ballasty was working on completing her dissertation on Aristotle's Theory of Action and Theory of Deliberation. Loux said. She also worked as a teaching assistant in the philosophy department. Alvin Plantinga, the John O'Brien Chair in Philosophy and Friend of Ballasty, said he thought she was a promising student who would meet with success.

"She was an intelligent woman, and an excellent student. She had a real future in philosophy," Plantinga said.

"Barbara was talented, very bright, and deeply religious," said Loux.

Ballasty was a member of the Christian Reform Church of South Bend, and of a graduate student-run Bible Study Group. During the school year, she resided on Hickory Road in Mishawaka.

Funeral arrangements are still pending.

Anti-Gay policies questioned

By CHRIS CORRENTE
News Writer

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See how the Lame Ducks squawk

Birds have always captured the attention of America. Their grace and beauty, power and speed, sometimes their peculiarities and even their ugliness, have been viewed with awe, respect or curiosity. There are a lot of birds in America, legend, lore, and culture. The bird with the turkey. The falcon. The black-bird. The canary. Big Bird. But none are so closely watched or carefully scrutinized as the Lame Duck.

The Lame Duck seems to have a stranglehold on the imagination of Americans everywhere. Right now. But for something so widely documented in the American press, few anecdotes have ever been made to describe or understand this animal. One question remains unanswered: Just what sort of bird is it?

This mystical American fowl appears to habituate only in one densely populated urban area in the middle latitudes of the eastern United States. It is not known exactly how they breed, but scientists have noticed that the species has a peculiar gestation cycle. The male Lame Ducks leave their home ground during the summer and fall and return in November, often with new ones. No one has been able to explain this phenomena.

These birds seem to be semi-intelligent, often issuing loud, complicated calls that some experts believe is a language. These rasping, vocalizations have an irritating tone and pitch, and serve no apparent purpose. Lame ducks have been known to carry on these calls for hours, even days at a time. A team of researchers is currently working under a grant from the National Geographic Society in an attempt to better understand this "language" and its function.

The behavior of the Lame Duck is a source of consternation to researchers as well. It seems these fowl sit around and do nothing all day. They have been known to sit for long periods every two years. No one knows how these creatures are able to survive with such low activity levels is still beyond the grasp of science. The lack of meaningful accomplishments in their lives doesn't seem to bother the birds.

Their diets are believed to consist of News, small political consultants, and press conferences. Lame Ducks have been observed voraciously swallowing presidential actions whole. These American birds are currently running rampant all over America. They have been up to their usual habits, and doing nothing.

They have been stalking any progress a well meaning president has attempted to make. Now they have bred again, and a new batch vocally spouts a song that promises change for the better.

If past observed behavior can serve as an indication of the future, one can only hope that these birds old and new, are soon extinct.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are the journalists' own and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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ATLANTA

Smokers are 50 percent more likely to suffer from impotence than nonsmokers, the government said Thursday. Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the rate may be even slightly higher, because their study was based on men willing to acknowledge the sexual disorder.

"It's more bad news for smok­ers," said Dr. David Mannino of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health. The study was based on a survey of 4,464 U.S. Army Vietnam veterans between the ages of 31 and 59. Among nonsmokers, 2.2 percent said they suffered persistent impotence, compared to 2 percent of former smokers and 3.7 percent of current smokers.

The report, published in the December issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology, is the first to show that smoking alone is a risk factor for impotence, said Dr. Robert J. Krane, head of Cornell University's urology department.

"If you are male and we see a difference in this younger age group," he said. Mannino maintained the study did not examine why smoking could lead to impotence, but earlier research has shown that smokers are more likely to develop vascular disease, which plays a role in sexual dysfunction.

"They need good blood vessels to maintain an erection," he said.

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NEW YORK

Who would have imagined? The Michael Jackson-Lisa Marie Presley wedding was a whirlwind marriage may be breaking up. Less than five months after the kids secretly tied the knot and surprised the world, it seems the whole Neverland-Graceland love thing might have just another tale of boy meets girl, boy gets weird, girl gets out. The official word from the couple's spokespeople: "It's totally untrue," Jackson spokesman Lee Solters said of the divorce rumors.

The separation speculation, coming just after the couple's six-month anniversary, started with published reports in New York and London that the marriage was sinking. Jackson biographer Christopher Andersen said he heard rumors of a split on Tuesday. Andersen had heard their lawyers were actually talking annulment," said the author of "Michael Jackson Unauthorized." "Are Michael and Lisa Marie friends? Sure — they've been friends for a long time. But that's not a marriage," he said.

Officer nabbs suspect in wife's robbery

TIFFFIN, Ohio

Police officer Bryan Bryant was in the right place at the right time when he nabbed an Indianapolis man and his brother after they allegedly robbed the store where his wife was working. Damen Echols, 21, of Tiffin, a former employee of Tiffin's Super Fresh Market, has been charged with aggravated robbery. Bryant last week pulled his cruiser into a parking lot next to the Pit Stop, where Elke Bryant is an assistant manager. "I didn't know exactly what was going on," Bryant said Wednesday. The man had "allegedly" pointed a gun at Mrs. Bryant and demanded money. Mrs. Bryant gave the man the money from the cash register and he left the store. Bryant watched the man leave and get in a white car. "I pulled behind him in my cruiser and when he was crouched over talking to the driver from the passenger side, I flashed my high beams on him and told him to drop the gun," Bryant said.

The man threw the gun and the money into weeds along the roadway. Bryant then held the man. Mayor Bryant said she did not know her husband was catching the robber.

Jury awards $3.5 million in bear attack

CINCINNATI

A jury awarded nearly $3.5 million to a former Cincinnati Zoo animal keeper whose foray was chewed off and swallowed by a polar bear. Laurie Stober, 30, was attacked in 1990 by lee, an 800-pound bear that grabbed her fingers with its teeth and chewed his way up to her elbow. The zoo said that it had followed industry guidelines when it allowed its bears to be unattended. Since the attack, she said the zoo had made the animal hostile by confining him to pick up the first check, said they planned to pay off bills and help family friends? Sure - they've been friends for a long time. But that's not a marriage," he said.

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NASCU conference to focus on women

By GWENDOLYN NORGLE

The National Association for Catholic Colleges and Universities will be holding a conference at Notre Dame this weekend, according to Conference Chairman Gary Girzadas, co-president of Carroll Hall.

Two main speakers will be at the conference, which began last month and will continue until Sunday afternoon. Eileen Kolman, dean of the Freshmen Year of Studies, will be speaking on "The Myth of Meritocracy" on Friday at 10 a.m. in the Center for Continuing Education, and Senior Religion Correspondent for the New York Times Peter Steinfels, will be speaking on Saturday from 2-3 p.m.

According to Girzadas, eight professors, administrators, and community leaders will be facilitating small group discussions during the conference. Topics of these discussions will include women in the school, professors, administrators, and non-verbal differences.

Role playing is a different and interesting way for students to discuss gender issues rather than listening to an audience lecture on the topic, according to Girzadas.

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There will be a panel of students from Catholic schools across the country present at the conference, according to Girzadas. These students will act out situations of gender conflicts on college campuses.

Financial aid study proposed

By JEREMY DIXON

In an effort to discover student opinions, Student Government is distributing a survey on financial aid here at Notre Dame. "We want to gauge students' perceptions of financial aid," said Student Body President David Hengzelung. Both Hungeling and Herzoog hope that the survey will give the University the feedback that the student body in regard to financial aid.

"It gives the University an opportunity to respond back if students feel that financial aid is a big priority," Hengzelung remarked. Herzoog said that he received the survey, however, and it could meet that requirement. The survey asks students if it is the University's responsibility to meet all of a student's demonstrated financial need, and how it could meet that responsibility. It also asks students what kind of financial aid that they receive. They were distributed by campus mail earlier this week.

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The expansion and updating of the Notre Dame Fire Department is due largely to the efforts Brother Borromeo Malley, who retired as fire chief in 1989 after 50 years of service, said current Chief John Antonucci. He was honored as the longest serving fire chief in the United States in 1992.

When Malley became chief in 1939, the fire department was located in the same building it is now, although it had to share the space with Notre Dame Security, he said.

In 1953, Jack Bland, an 18 year veteran of the South Bend Fire Department, was hired by Malley as director of fire safety.

"Brother Borromeo and Jack Bland brought the campus out of the dark ages of firefighting," Antonucci said.

Until 1981, department personnel consisted of two brother firefighters who lived in the building, three employees at the power plant, and a couple student firefighters. In March 1981, Robert Rogers was hired as the first part-time shift firefighter.

"Once I felt comfortable, they taught me in another person, then another until we had one person on each shift," Rogers said.

In July of 1983, the department hired its third full-time firefighter, according to Rogers. Another retiree were hired in May 1989, before the department to three officers per shift. The brothers still live in the building, the fire station, but no longer go out on runs, Rogers said. Students firefighters, who were phased out, said Antonucci.

"This is what it is today because of Brother Borromeo and Jack Bland," Antonucci added.
Gang members speak about life in Watts

By PATRICK BELTON
News Writer

Inner-city minorities join street gangs for different reasons, according to the three gang members from Watts who spoke at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium last night.

Doris Gutierrez, Miguel Rodas, and Teresa Romo are the University's guests through the weekend, staying in Notre Dame dorms and experiencing student social life.

The gang members identified protection, power, and camaraderie as the reasons they joined their organizations. Street gangs provide a measure of protection from racially motivated violence, derive power from their large memberships, and provide support that many members cannot find in their families.

Teacher apathy is also a factor. One of the speakers recalled having an unsupportive teacher tell her "you're not going anywhere."

Most members join their groups when they are in junior high school, the same speaker noted. In many organizations, most gang members are between twelve and sixteen years old.

Three visiting Watts residents are all relatives of Jose Reynoso said that in organizations also sponsored last night's presentation, which they promoted under the title "Justifying a Reality." Reynoso's relatives are staying with students in Keenan, Notre Dame East, and Siegfried Halls.

Doris Gutierrez, who is no longer in a gang, is now in college. She is a political science major and hopes to become a probation officer.

Gutierrez denies ever making an actual decision to leave her gang. She said "it just happened" when she decided to stay in school on a move which caused her to grow apart from the other members.

Gutierrez attributed her career choice to a desire to reform abuses in the police system. She has a brother in prison and believes gang members are often treated unfairly by the police.

Miguel Rodas, after joining his gang and consequently being kicked out of his home, sold drugs to support himself. He has spent time in prison, and Rodas stopped selling drugs when he was married last October, and since that time he has worked in a body shop.

He looks forward to accumulating enough money to move out of Watts, and California, to provide a better environment for his wife and infant daughter.

Teresa Romo is now on probation after assaulting a member of a rival organization. She described four gangs in Watts: the red East Grape Gang, the black East Grape Street Gang, the black Chicano Grape Street Gang, and the black Polonia Gang.

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The Bosnian army commander, Gen. Basim Delic, pledged that despite recent losses, Bihac would not fall into Serb hands and the government would win the war.
**GATT overwhelmingly approved by Senate**

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate overwhelmingly approved a historic 124-nation tariff-slashing trade agreement Thursday, bringing to a close a strife-filled 103rd Congress with a rare note of bipartisan harmony.

President Clinton called the vote a "victory for America" and said he hopes it is a harbinger of cooperation between his administration and Republicans who soon will assume control of Congress.

Final congressional approval to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) came on a 76-24 vote in the Senate. The House had approved it by 372-3 earlier this week.

Congressional leaders, Democrats and Republicans alike, joined Clinton at a victory celebration on the South lawn of the White House.

"Let's make the GATT vote the first vote of a new era of cooperation," said Clinton, who was joined by Democrats and Republicans for a victory celebration on the South lawn of the White House. "America's best days are ahead of us."

Clinton said the GATT agreement would increase world trade, bringing new, high-wage jobs to the United States.

Departing Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell said the vote sends a signal to the world that America and its workers remain the world's leaders.

"We do not fear competition; we welcome it. We do not shrink from the future; we welcome that," Mitchell said.

Republican Leader Sen. Bob Dole, who will assume Mitchell's post as majority leader in January, said the vote was an example of how bipartisanship can work.

"This was not about some new world order," Dole said. "This was about jobs and opportunities for Americans. It was all about trade. All about the future. All about America. And all about our place in the world."

Just minutes before the final vote, the Senate voted 68-32 to waive its usual budget rules and remove the last procedural standing in the way of GATT's passage. Sixty votes were needed for the crucial budget waiver. On it, the accord was supported by 31 Republicans and 37 Democrats and was opposed by 15 Republicans and 17 Democrats.

Clinton, badly in need of a congressional victory to bolster his battered fortunes following the November elections, had worked throughout the day to convince wavering lawmakers to support the deal.

Opponents charged that the approval of the global trade agreement was a serious setback to American workers and could cause middle-class voters to turn against both parties.

"I think today's vote will mark the turning point in the breakup of the two-party system by new political forces soon to be unleashed," consumer activist Ralph Nader said. "This vote has to be seen as a repudiation of the oligarchy of the American people and a victory for global corporations."

The final trade agreement cuts tariffs by an average of 26 percent worldwide, and for the first time extends GATT rules to such new areas as reduction of trade-distorting agri-

**Senate passes GATT**

The Senate passed the GATT accord Thursday, two days after the House approved the world trade agreement.

**The vote**
76 for, 24 against

**What's next**
So far, only 36 of 124 member nations have approved the accord. Most were only awaiting final approval for the U.S. vote, and the pact is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1995.

- The accord cuts tariffs by about 38 percent worldwide.
- It extends GATT rules to agriculture, copyrights and patents.
- It creates a World Trade Organization to oversee trade disputes.

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Clinton friend to plead guilty in Whitewater

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Former Associate Attorney General Webb Hubbell, one of President Clinton’s close friends, will plead guilty to two felony charges brought by the Whitewater prosecutor, a source close to the investigation said Thursday.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hubbell, 46, would admit to tax evasion and mail fraud under an agreement with independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Hubbell has been under investigation by Starr over allegations that he overbilled legal clients, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The source would not say whether the charges were directly related to the alleged overbillings. It could not be learned immediately whether a mail fraud charge could arise if a lawyer sent false bills to clients. And if such overbills led someone to be reimbursed for expenses not actually incurred, that could lead to tax evasion charges.

A former law partner of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Hubbell resigned March 14 as a partner at the prestigious Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

In March, The Associated Press reported that documents suggested the Rose Law Firm, under Hubbell’s supervision, may have double-billed the government for at least $29,400 in S&L cleanup work, according to two federal officials familiar with the case.

Hubbell’s work involved the failed Madison Guaranty S&L, which was owned by the Hubbells, and also his former colleagues at the prestigious Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

By JOHN RICE
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY
Ernesto Zedillo became president today, capping a tumultuous year that saw an Indian rebellion, political assassinations and the opening of Mexico’s economy in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The 42-year-old economist and free-marketer took the red, green and white sash of office, promising to use his six-year term to carry out political and economic reforms for this nation of 90 million.

But not everyone wanted to celebrate.

“Out with Zedillo!” and “Zedillo No!” shouted more than 4,000 anti-government demonstrators, some brandishing sticks and machetes, at a protest in downtown Mexico City.

The protesters, mostly farmers in straw sombreros, raised banners of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, the biggest opponent to 65-year-old Zedillo, who won by 65 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Police did not intervene. The protests took place more than a mile from the ornate Chamber of Deputies, where Vice President Al Gore and Cuba’s President Fidel Castro were among international guests at the inauguration.

Zedillo, a former Mexican shoeshine boy, received a doctorate in economics from Yale. By all indicators for his party’s presidential nomination, he was thrust into the campaign by the assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio, first choice of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

He won the presidency Aug. 21 in the most credible elections ever held in Mexico.

Zedillo has pledged to use the near-absolute powers of Mexico’s presidency to weaken his own office.

He says he will give greater independence to the congress, the courts and local governments as well as the PRI itself.

He says he will end the practice of having the president handpick all top PRI candidates.

Zedillo, former budget and planning minister under President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is sure to continue his predecessor’s free-market economic policies — a commitment underlined by the Cabinet choices announced Wednesday.

Leading negotiators of NAFTA were named heads of key departments.

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Ferry sinks off coast of Philippines

By JAMES H. RUBIN Associated Press

MNLANA, Philippines — A ferry carrying close to 500 people collided with a freighter and sank before dawn Friday in Manila Bay, news reports and the Philippines coast guard reported.

Both passengers were rescued by the freighter, radio station DZBB reported. A reporter in a plane over the site said there were rafts in the water but he did not know whether anyone was in them.

The vessels collided at 4:10 a.m. (13:10 p.m. EST Thursday) near the town of Maragondon, about 35 miles southwest of Manila in Cavite province near the mouth of Manila Bay, radio reports said.

The ferry MV Cubo City sank 30 minutes later, the reports said.

Its manifest listed 488 passengers according to news reports. However, it is common in the Philippines for passengers to carry many more passengers than are listed on their manifests.

The ship was coming from Tagbilaran, the capital of Bohol Island, about 350 miles southeast of Manila. The Singapore-registered freighter Kota Soria, with a crew of 40, did not sink, news reports said.

MON, NOV. 28th

12:08 p.m. A University employee reported vandalism to his vehicle while parked in the A16 lot.

5:43 p.m. A Fischer Grad. resident was transported by Security to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

A Keenan Hall resident reported damage to the screen window in his dorm room.

TUES, NOV. 29th

7:19 a.m. A Zahm Hall resident underwent repair to his upper arm due to a fall.

5:30 p.m. A Breen-Phillips resident reported receiving a harassing phone call.

7 p.m. An Alumni Hall resident reported the theft of his wallet from his room.

WEDS, NOV. 30th

5:18 a.m. A Fischer Grad. resident reported his vehicle was damaged in a hit and run accident while parked in front of his apartment.

9:46 p.m. An off-campus student was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

Income growth outpace spending

By JAMES H. RUBIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Incomes are growing so rapidly that free-spending Americans aren’t keeping up — and the result: The savings rate is improving, new figures show.

A flurry of reports Thursday points to a remarkably strong economy with “too dark clouds,” said one private analyst.

A day after reporting that the economy expanded in the third quarter more rapidly than earlier estimates, the Commerce Department released data that suggest the fourth quarter got off to a quick start.

Americans’ income rose 1.4 percent in October, the biggest jump in eight months and the ninth straight gain, the department said.

With millions more Americans employed and being paid more, analysts expect a strong Christmas shopping season that got off to a brisk start last week.

Spurred by a big gain in average hourly earnings and bonus pay for auto workers, the income advance easily outpaced consumer spending, which rose 0.7 percent in October for its strongest level in 10 years and its ninth straight month of growth, said a widely followed survey by the National Association of Purchasing Managers.

An automobile stock market tumbled as the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 38 points, indicating that worries over higher interest rates and how much Americans have to save.

“Everything is doing remarkably well,” he added. “There aren’t any dark clouds.”

Analysts said new sales figures show the Christmas season began strongly for retailers, helping to overcome a weak and stormy weather period down clothing purchases. Many analysts predict a 6 percent sales increase for the holiday season.

In other reports:

— Construction spending rose 0.9 percent in October, the second straight gain, although the advance was limited to non-residential and government spending.

The Commerce Department said residential spending, nearly half of construction outlays, fell.

— The Labor Department said the number of Americans filing the first time for state unemployment benefits dropped last week to the lowest level in two months.

— American manufacturing surged in November to its strongest level in 10 years and its ninth straight month of growth, said a widely followed survey by the National Association of Purchasing Managers.

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Newt's battleplan: Peace through strength

Champagne or cardboard moving boxes were the only types of deliveries to Congressional offices the day following the election. It was not hard to tell where each was headed, depending on the candidate's party. With Democrats and who worked for the Republicans. For one uniquely ironical moment, the first in forty years, the Republicans had shocked the majority while jubilation bubbled within the minority.

"BN," before Newt Gingrich, both parties conducted themselves with considerable decorum and deliberations as well as after hours. However, "AN," after Newt's arrival in the late 1970's, there seemed to be a new energy in the air. The Speaker-to-be reasoned that governing the country was the only way to change the long-entrenched Republican minority status. So he came to Congress and attacked fellow Republicans along with Democrats.

As much as it pains me to say this (as a Democrat) I give George Bush great credit for his accomplishment. He redistricted the last election as a referendum against President Clinton. Ever wonder why so many campaigns these days are so nasty and negative? Two words: Newt Gingrich. I admit he is not completely responsible for negative advertising. What he has done though, is show the American public that it really is business as usual regardless of the controlling party. That is, unless you have been thinking of those polite gentile Democrats who were reducing mayoría and all of us in the Northwest with small victory.
Trenchmouth will rock The Loft

By CHACHI SOSTAK
Special To The Observer

"Where do I go for modernization? Step Up! Step Up! Are you in or out? Follow the map etched on your finger-tips, click your heels and disappear from sight." — from "Power to the Amplifier," written and performed by Trenchmouth.

New concepts, free music, fresh and alive, and bands which invent such concepts, foreshadow the future of music.

Tonight, the Loft Series, a collaboration between Student Union Board and WVFI AM 640, brings you the final 1994 musical installment in the form of a conceptually unprecedented band: Trenchmouth.

The show begins at 9:00 pm in the LaFortune Ballroom (the loft) with a cost of only one dollar. Opening the concert is Bunnie Flea, a thoroughly intriguing Columbus quintet using a saxophone to offset its reggae/hardcore Bad Brains-esque appeal.

Trenchmouth defines the Chicago independent rock scene. From the past success of such bands as the Jesus Lizard, Chicago has become the independent mecca for modern rock and roll.

Within the last year, Trenchmouth has moved to the forefront of the Chicago scene, headlining many of the city's premiere underground venues.

Their sound can only be described as exciting, eclectic. Mixing hardcore roots, funk, intelligent hip-hop, ska, and triphop elements, the band produces a unique and passionate sound.

Specifically, Armiisen point to their use of "wild tempo variations, feel changes, wise lyrics, rhythm, rhythm, and rhythm..." England as far away from straight ahead hardcore as possible while still being considered by many as a punk rock band. "It's just that labels don't come us. We are the music, not some label."

More recently, Trenchmouth has continued its success performing and touring with indie rock giants Jawbox, as well as travelling alone on their own tours.

The Loft show marks their third to last show on their month long trek which took them to many top East Coast clubs.

Their live show incorporates an amazing stage show with Damon Locks, Trenchmouth's vocalist, flailing around the stage singing and thrashing random percussion. Armiisen and bassist, Wayne Montana, walking up and down stage, tantalizing rhythmic paths; and Chris De Zutter, guitarist, painting musical abstractions over the driving tour de forces.

Also within the last years they have taken an interesting jump from the Minneapolis based Skene Records to the major label EastWest. In a phone conversation, Armiisen hinted that the label move was based on distribution.

"We hoped that inside the Future could be heard by a couple more people... We would like our next album to be distributed just a bit better."

The new album which hits stores in January carries both the Skene and EastWest logos, symbolizing that the music has not changed since Trenchmouth's early days.

WVFI was sent a promotional copy of the new album, and Music Director Bonnie McElters joyfully claims, "This is great. I love these guys, I really love them!" Assistant Music Director Lael Tyler hints, "Every time I think about the time I saw Trenchmouth live, I get chills all over. The new album captures that exhilarating feel."

This feel and the future of independent rock will engulf the LaFortune Ballroom tonight: The Loft committee is anticipating a large crowd, so get there early, and while you're at it, bring a keen ear and your dancing shoes.

Madrigal singers recreate a sixteenth century Christmas

By MOYA SOMERSET
Access Woman

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Music Department of Music will be presenting the 23rd annual Madrigal Christmas Dinners in the Regina North Lounge.

For the diners, the Madrigal Singers, Royal Consort (musicians playing recorders, harpsichord and trumpets), and the catering staff will recreate a 16th century Elizabethan feast which takes place at a lord's manor. The actors and musicians will perform to feasts seating 200 guests.

For the first time this year, instead of using students, the Madrigal Dinners will feature the Orpheus Consort, a professional early music and Renaissance group to play the recorders and harpsichord.

Madrigals originated in England, but the music selections that will be performed are 16th century English, French, German and Spanish carols. Dr. Nancy Meek, Chair of the music department, and music director for the Madrigal Dinners explained, "Most madrigals are not Christmas related, and I like to keep the theme really Christmas-y because it is the only thing we do for Christmas.

And so in a sense a 'Madrigal Dinner' is sort of a misnomer but that is just what these events are called."

"This is the only time in my life that I will wear a skirt and lights in public," said senior vocalist Tim Hopp. "But I have nice legs so that will not be a problem."

Master of the House, Mike Kersey, and Jester, Mary Dim, will entertain as they usher the guests through the evening.

The festivities will begin with two toasts with wassail (warm mulled apple cider) and a musical tribute to the boar's head. Guests will dine on a feast of Baron of Beef au jus, Pommes De Terre Y-Hosted, Carottes Endured, Winter Sallet, Wastyhbread, Puddying of Plommes and drink plenty of Wassail.

"For the College is our main Christmas event... as far as music or choirs go. Madrigals are our secular participation during Christmas time," stated Meek.

She continued, "Most of the students do not attend because of the cost, which is $24.50. I don't know if it adds anything to the student body. However, it is bringing Saint Mary's into the community, because it is mostly community members that attend it. In other words, it is sort of an outreach for the College, so it really does not affect the students, except for the students who participate. Madrigal are the students one chance to sing a lot of earlier music, more Renaissance style music, because the style of music is suited for small ensembles rather than bigger choral groups.

The chorus began their two hour, bi-weekly rehearsals, beginning in October until their performances this weekend.

"Madrigals are a lot of fun, but the rehearsals are very
The result of a daily confrontation of death, fear and oppression for Zev Kedem was a profound appreciation and celebration of life.

A World War II concentration camp survivor, Kedem will lecture this Monday on "Schindler's List: A Survivor Celebrates Life." Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film "Schindler's List" recounts the story of Oskar Schindler's acts in Nazi Germany. A Nazi industrialist, Schindler in effect, saved Kedem's life and the lives of his mother and sister by actually smuggling him into Auschwitz when he was only eight years old. His mother, Selma, had smuggled him into Plaszow, where children under the age of 12 were not allowed.

When Plaszow was closed down, the doctor at Schindler's factory and Selma's lover, saw to it that the family was sent to the Brinnlitz factory. Kedem's father already had died in a concentration camp. So the family was transferred to the Brinnlitz factory. But after just a few days, the Nazi commandant, realizing Kedem was too young to remain at Brinnlitz, had him sent to Auschwitz.

The only time Kedem saw his mother and sister again over the next 40 years was when they were on a train routed to death rather than Schindler's factory. He finally saw his mother again in Poland in 1985. In just three years, Kedem was sent to six different concentration camps, surviving only by what he describes as winning in a terrible adventure. "Death cold, and darkness" are the words used to describe the days Kedem spent in the most notorious concentration camps before being rescued by being placed on Schindler's List.

"Spielberg did a remarkable job recreating what happened, but the reality was much worse. There is no way to express the terror, the evil around us," Kedem consulted on and appeared in Spielberg's movie. Referring to his years in the concentration camps as his "years of alternate education," Kedem says that he learned how precious life is and how it is to be appreciated.

After being rescued, Kedem was sent to live in a British orphanage. He received a degree in engineering from Oxford University, married, and finally wound up in California with six children, and four grandchildren from two failed marriages. "People Magazine quoted Kedem as saying after reflecting on his work with the movie "Schindler's List," "People should understand it's not enough to be good. One has to act." He is said that those who do not learn history the first time are condemned to repeat it. Those who have witnessed human injustice and those who have been the victims of irreverence toward life are condemned to repeat it. Those names that composed the lists of the Jews, women, and children from destruction in the Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

Oskar Schindler, an influential industrialist, was able to save thousands of Jewish men, women, and children from destruction in the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Spielberg magnificently portrays the horrors the Jewish people faced during the Second World War. The movie includes vivid portrayals of how Nazis would destroy and loot Jewish neighborhoods. The viewer of the movie is witness to the mass death and destruction that occurred each and every time the German soldiers marched through a Jewish neighborhood.

The movie also includes scenes that truly display at least a glimpse at the horror of the Nazi concentration camps. These scenes show how the German soldiers simply would shoot at Jewish people and kill them just for fun. The movie captivates the viewer with all of these powerful scenes that demonstrate the horrors thousands of Jewish people faced as they were mutated by German Nazi soldiers. "Schindler's List" was filmed almost entirely in black and white. This effect truly adds another dimension to the film. The black and white effect gives the viewer with a sense of depression as well as setting the World War II time period. Spielberg does an excellent job of historically representing how Hitler's attempt at the genocide of Jewish people was spoiled at least in part by one man - Oskar Schindler.

This is a letter from The Diaries of Anne Frank, a young girl's account of the World War II events in Adolph Hitler's Nazi Germany.
Bowe takes on Donald, critics say. "I'm hungry. That's not true.

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The road to NBA's best record in November was anything but smooth for the Orlando Magic.

Anfernee Hardaway missed training camp while negotiating a new contract, Shaquille O'Neal was plagued by a jammed big toe, and offseason acquisitions Horace Grant and Brian Shaw were both injured. Despite these injuries the Magic managed to pull out a victory over Sacramento and improve Orlando's record to 10-6.

It was the Magic's eighth consecutive win and bolstered their league's leading scorer to 31.1 points per game, Hardaway has been virtually unstoppable in bounce back from a 16-0 as a pro, he has to look finding his rhythm.

Friday night's game against the Knicks was the Magic's eighth consecutive win, a franchise record. The road to the NBA's best record was the Magic's eighth consecutive win, a franchise record.
Marino gets last laugh

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI

Dan Marino's limp made the Pittsburgh Steelers laugh. In an otherwise forgettable preseason game last August, Marino was about to play for the first time since being sideline by a ruptured Achilles tendon 10 months earlier.

"We were laughing when he went out on the field," Steelers quarterback Neil O'Donnell said. "He seemed to wobble a lot," said Mike Tomczak, another Steelers quarterback.

Then Marino began throwing.

His first pass was incomplete, but lame. Thanks in large part to Marino, Miami is 8-4 and in the AFC East showdown against Buffalo.

Last Sunday at New York, Marino threw four touchdown passes to Mark Ingram in the second half as the Dolphins beat the Jets 28-24. It was the 29th time Marino has rallied Miami from behind to win in the final period.

"It's satisfying knowing you've come back from an injury that takes a lot of work to come back from," the 33-year-old quarterback said, adding with a chuckle, "I'm not feeling good, but I'm playing OK.

Marino can smile despite his sore right leg, because he has thrown for 3,391 yards and 25 touchdowns. He accepts the fact that the leg is not as strong as before he was hurt.

"It's been the same since training camp started," he said. "I don't know if it will ever get any better, but that's something to worry about later on.

The injury at times has forced Marino to throw more with his upper body, Dolphins quarterback coach Gary Stevens said. You throw the ball with your legs. If you use your upper body, you don't have enough zip on it," Stevens said.

"Sometimes he doesn't get the zip on balls. Sometimes he's caught flat-footed. But he's fine. The guy is throwing the ball good. Sometimes he misfires, like any quarterback."

Miami's injury-hampered offense has been inconsistent this season, and Marino's production dipped during a four-game stretch in October. But he declines to blame his ailing leg for any difficulties. And besides, the Dolphins lead the NFL in total yards, while Marino ranks fourth in passing and second in touchdown passes.

"At times I haven't thrown the ball as well as I'd like to," he said. "Fourteen interceptions are too many for me. And there were a couple of games where I made some bad decisions on a couple of throws that I'd like to have back, but nothing that really hurt us that bad.%"

In the season opener, Marino answered speculation about his health by throwing for 473 yards and five touchdowns to beat New England. He threw for 431 yards and three scores in a loss at Minnesota. He threw for 359 yards last Sunday against the Jets.

"He astounds you. How can a man keep doing that?" Buffalo coach Marv Levy said.

Marino this season passed the 300 milestone in touchdown passes and needs 20 more to break Fran Tarkenton's NFL record of 342. He also should break Tarkenton's record of 47,003 passing yards next season.

Fourteen months after his Achilles tendon ruptured, Marino is again marching toward the Hall of Fame.

"The guy is unbelieveable to come back from that type of injury as quick as he came back and play the way he's playing," Jackson said. "He limps out there and he's still rolling out and trying to make plays. He should get a courage award."

Falcons seek revenge after early blowout

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Six weeks ago, the Atlanta Falcons had the same record as the San Francisco 49ers and saw their first meeting as a chance to challenge for supremacy in the NFC West.

The 49ers settled that on Oct. 16 by blowing out the Falcons 42-3, the second in what has become a string of seven straight wins.

The latest, a 35-14 victory over New Orleans on Monday night, allowed San Francisco (10-2) to clinch its 11th division title in 14 years.

San Francisco (6-6) has gone 2-4 since getting floored by the 49ers and former Falcon Deion Sanders, who punctuated his Atlanta return by getting in a fight with Andre Rison and returning an interception 93 yards for a score.

The Falcons revived their chances for a wild-card berth by beating Philadelphia 28-21 last week, but must play Round 2 against San Francisco on Sunday.

"We got embarrassed the first time. It was 42-3 and who wants to be embarrassed like that?" said Atlanta's Terence Mathis, who's second in the league with a career-high 90 catches.

"We were both fighting for possession of a division lead and we feel like we had a strong team at the time, but we found out we had a ways to go. But we learned from that game. We've gotten better, and, of course, they've gotten better."

As for another sideshow, both Rison and Sanders said forget it. The two, each fined $7,500 by the league for fighting, said they have no intention of trading punches this time.

"I won't fight. That's foolish," Sanders said.

"That game is dead and gone," Rison said.

Besides, Mathis said, the Falcons can't afford any more distractions if they're going to make a serious run at a post-season berth over the season's final month.

"This whole team has something to prove, that we can play with a team like the 49ers any Sunday," Mathis said.

San Francisco, which struggled with a banged-up offensive line early in the season, has gotten healthy and enters the rematch with the Falcons on an ongoing offensive roll.

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Cleveland

The way Carl Banks sees it, nostalgia doesn’t apply. The New York Giants team that will visit Cleveland Stadium Sunday bears little resemblance to the group he helped fame in the 1980s.

“That’s free agency nowa­­-­days,” said Banks, who won two Super Bowl rings with the Giants before moving to Washington in 1993 and to the Browns this season.

The old coach, Bill Parcells, is in New England. The quarter­back, Phil Simms, is a broadcast­er, as is the defensive leader, Lawrence Taylor.

But Banks and Pepper Johnson, who along with Taylor helped give the Giants one of the most intimidating defenses in NFL history, are together again as starters for the Browns.

And both are playing as well as ever. With Johnson anchoring the middle flanked by Banks and Frank Stances, Cleveland has given up far fewer points (148) than any other NFL team. Pittsburgh’s defense ranks next in points allowed with 172, followed by Buffalo.

Johnson leads the Browns with 157 total tackles. Banks is fourth on the team with 76.

“I think their quickness and speed on defense is very similar to Dallas,” Giants coach Dan Reeves said. “They’re very balanced offensively, and they’re well-coached. I think as far as offense, defense and special teams, this is as close a team as we’ve seen to Dallas.”

Reeves, named coach of the Giants in January 1993, let Banks leave as a free agent less than six months later. The outspoken Johnson, who led the team in tackles in 1992, left for the Browns late that preseason because he had been a leader here and had been one of the great players during the years they had won their Super Bowls.”

Reeves said, “We just felt we had some linebackers who were playing a little better and could make us better in the future.”

“I didn’t think his attitude was the best thing. He had a great deal of influence on everybody. Sometimes that can be good. Sometimes that can be bad.”

Banks, however, said Sunday’s game won’t likely deteriorate into a grudge match, nor will he be awash in sentiment for him and Johnson.

The Browns (9-3) have far too much at stake with the right combination of help from other teams Sunday, they could clinch their first playoff berth since 1989.

“The only special meaning that this game has to me is that it’s one that we want to win,” Banks said. “I can’t get sentiment now. I have to play against these guys, and we have a great deal of respect for their talent. There’s nothing reflective about playing against the Giants right now, except that they’re an opponent, and a very worthy opponent.”

Banks was hesitant to compare the current Cleveland defense to the New York units until he was part of it.

“I think this team is very talented, and in some ways more talented than some of the ones I’ve been on,” he said. “But until you win championships, it’s a little bit unfair to even try to draw comparisons.”

“That defense was a different time and a different place. This group of guys has worked very hard to establish their own identities. It’s not my place to say this is just like the one I was on. I’m new here.”

By KEEN PETERS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The similarities are painfully obvious.

The New Orleans Saints and Los Angeles Rams are both “rebuilding,” a euphemism for losing. They both have 4-8 records and rank in the lower echelons of the NFL in most statistical categories.

The Saints have lost two out of a row, three of their last four. The Rams have lost three straight, four of their last five.

New Orleans coach Jim Mora still prefers to look at the glass as being half full, not half empty, for both teams as they head into Sunday’s game at Anaheim Stadium.

“The Rams as a team hit a low spell a couple of years ago, John’s (Robinson) last couple of years, they plummeted. Chuck (Knox) has gotten them better,” Mora said. “He’s made a lot of changes and they’re a much better team.”

“Our plummet has been more recent. We’re on the way back to being a good team. Both teams are in that category. Both of us could be better than 4-8. I look at them and don’t see a whole lot of difference between them and many teams with better records.”

said Knox: “They’ve been in a lot of football games, just like we have. They’re trying to build, just like we are, and we have the same record. They played the 49ers last week (a 35-14 loss by the Saints) and we had the 49ers two weeks ago (a 31-27 loss by the Rams).

The Rams are a good football team with some excellent talent.”

Among the bright spots for New Orleans is Jim Everett, the quarterback who will return to Anaheim Stadium for the first time since the Rams let him go following last season. Everett has thrown for 2,916 yards and 16 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions and a passing rating of 82.7.

By contrast, the Rams’ Chris Miller, signed as a free agent during the offseason, has a 66.9 rating, with 12 TD throws and 13 interceptions and has missed part of the season because of injuries.

“I think Everett had done a fine job,” Knox said. “He has a similar quarterback rating to what he had here in ’92, when he played quite well for us.”

The contest will be a rematch of the “many happy returns” game the Saints won 37-34 on Oct. 23 in New Orleans. During that wild afternoon, there were four returns of more than 90 yards for touchdowns.

The Saints’ Tyrone Hughes returned kickoffs 92 and 98 yards; the Rams’ Robert Bailey had an NFL-record 103-yard punt return on a strange play when he picked up the ball and took off after most players on both teams thought the play was dead in the end zone; and Los Angeles’ Toby Wright returned a fumble 98 yards for a score.

Knox and his staff obviously have been considering ways to make sure Hughes doesn’t get loose again.

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After the Olympics, Brown returned to Arizona State and completed her degree in physical education. She feels that both her experience as a player and in education has played a big factor in her ability and effectiveness as a coach.

"Having been a player helps with my credibility," said Brown. "I've been in the athlete's shoes, and it helps me to understand their feelings."

"My degree in education also helps a lot with my ability to coach."

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In the match against the Hawkeyes, middle hitters Melanie Gutierrez, a six-foot sophomore, and Jennie Driscoll, a 5-11 sophomore, combined for 36 of the team's 70 kills. As a team, Pitt blocked 15 of Iowa's attempts. Pitt's strength in their middle hitting and blocking," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown. "We are looking to neutralize the middle."

The Irish have had extra time to prepare for the match, with the bye, and are ready to go at the Panthers.

"We had a really good practice today," said Brown of practice on Thursday. "It was very competitive, and the team is starting to feel the emotion of the tournament."

The Irish are looking to improve their 24-game home winning streak. The team was undefeated with a 15-0 record at home this season, the first time in the 15 years of Irish volleyball that this has occurred. Although both Christy Peters and Kristina Ervin are recovering from injuries, the Irish will still look to the likes of senior co-captain Nicole Coates and middle hitter Angie Harris to maintain the powerful outside attack that the team is so famous for. Junior setter Shannon Tuttle's consistency and leadership will play a big role in the success of the Irish on Sunday, as it has all season.

Coach Brown expects the match to be a complete team effort and intense match, as any match at this level of tournament play would be.

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Great Eight answers, raises questions

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

The second night started with No. 9 Arizona's 78-57 demolition of No. 17 Michigan. The Wildcats showed there will be plenty of offense without Khalid Reeves. Damon Stoudamire had five 3-pointers, seven assists and plenty of time in the open court. Reggie Geary backed coach Lute Olson's claim he is the best defender in the country by stifling Jimmy King in a 2-for-12 night.

Boston College
The Eagles had to play the day they learned freshman guard Chris Herren would miss the season because of wrist surgery. The team played down and coach Jim O'Brien has to work on keeping heads up to avoid a disastrous season.

Connecticut
Ray Allen lived up to the billing as the sixth man who would burst to stardom as a starter. Kevin Ollie looked very solid at the point and the Huskies played the trapping defense just the way coach Jim Calhoun likes it.

Duke
Cherokee Parks played well and laid claim to the season's most controversial technical foul so far.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski had to be happy with the play of freshmen Steve Wojciechowski, Trajan Langdon and Ricky Price. It should be fun to watch that perimeter trio improve throughout the season.

Michigan
The crowd really gave it to the Wolverines for their woeful second-half performance. Jimmy King and Ray Jackson were a combined 6-for-27 from the field and none of the freshmen even came close to picking up the slack. Coach Steve Fisher knows it's going to take time to find consistency.

Missouri
The Tigers looked very good until the final minutes against Purdue, but by then the back-court of Paul O'Neive and Jason Sutherland had taken over and that pleased coach Norm Stewart. Sammie and Simeon Battle are more than a curiosity as twin 7-footers. They are also pretty good basketball players with quite a bit enthusiasm.

Purdue
Junior college transfer Roy Hairston was the only offensive positive for the Boilermakers. After the game he and coach Gene Keady had to deflect talk of his filling Glenn Robinson's scoring shoes. Connie Martin and Matt Waddell aren't near 100 percent after knee surgeries and they'll have to play their way into shape.

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Sanders learns price of fame

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Barry Sanders never wanted to be famous. Fame just showed up after Sanders became the best running back anybody had ever seen.

Sanders doesn’t mind it. What he minds is the extra baggage that seems to come with fame. That can be a much bigger burden than a holier-than-thou NFL lineman.

“I think you just learn to deal with it. You learn to adjust,” Sanders said during a break in practice. “It’s just another phase in my life. I won’t always be famous. It’s part of my environment right now.”

Sanders will be the subject of much attention Sunday when the Detroit Lions (6-6) play host to the Green Bay Packers (6-6) in an NFC rematch in which both teams are fighting to stay alive for a wild-card playoff berth.

The Packers held him to just 47 yards on Nov. 6 in Milwaukee and Green Bay won 38-30. The Packers hope that by putting the clamps on Sanders again, they can keep their own playoff hopes alive.

“The crucial thing for us is to key on Barry,” Packers defensive end Reggie White said. “What he does is unbelievable.”

Adulation like that, Sanders can handle. In fact, with 1,406 rushing yards already on the 1994 book he deserves that kind of respect from his peers.

It is adulation of another sort, a sick sort, that can make Sanders uneasy.


There are other forces at play, too. They have more to do with football than fame. Yet they are all tied together.

Sanders has been a star in the NFL since the Lions made him their No. 1 draft pick in 1989. Since then, he has rushed for 8,195 yards, an average of 4.8 per carry. And he has helped Detroit win the NFC Central two of the last three seasons.

Sanders said it is a Super Bowl favorite. And they still have a decisive game left against co-leader Cleveland in two weeks. But the Steelers (9-3) have made believers out of a lot of people, including themselves, by winning their last four games.

Another victory Sunday over the Cincinnati Bengals would make it their longest winning streak since 1983.

A win also would give them a decisive game left against co-leader Cleveland in two weeks.

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Sanders is one of the NFL’s good guys. He doesn’t showboat, on the field or off. He is soft-spoken and easygoing. He also is a rather private person, but that has nothing to do with how he feels about the burden of his fame.

In most cases, people just exalt bad manners.

“You have to learn to cope with it,” Sanders said. “That’s hard sometimes, especially out in public.”

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Bills, history to challenge Dolphins

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

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Three weeks later in the playoffs, on a snowy field at Buffalo, the Dolphins lost again, 44-34.

And in October, when the Dolphins were 4-1 and gaining momentum, they lost at Buffalo, 21-11.

“Whenever people have counted the Bills out, they always have found a way to get back in it,” Cox said. “This is a time where people have counted them out, so they’re a dangerous team at this time.”

But rarely has the Bills’ situation looked so dire. It’s been seven years since they were .500 this late in the year; it’s been five years since they lost six games in the regular season.

Seven losses could keep Buffalo out of the playoffs.

“We’ve got to win and keep winning,” coach Marv Levy said. “I don’t know if we would put us totally out of it, but we’re thinking of it in those terms.”

Still, Levy declines to concede that the Bills’ four-year reign as the AFC’s dominant team is over.

“That’s like saying at the end of the third quarter that the game is over,” Levy said. “I think it’s premature to make that type of speculation. We’re still very much immersed in the fight.

The past four years, the Bills are 12-6 in December. They finish the season by facing Minnesota and New England at home, then traveling to Indianapolis.
Eagles need more than win over Cowboys

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
A victory against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday would do wonders for the Philadelphia Eagles, reeling from three straight losses. Still, the Eagles wonder if it would be enough to turn them around.

"Realistically, we still have a lot of work cut out for us, even with a win," Eagles defensive end William Fuller said.

Dallas (10-2) can clinch its third straight NFC East title by beating the Eagles (7-5). The Cowboys will be starting their third quarterback in as many weeks, but that's a trifle compared to the concerns the Eagles take into the game.

Coach Rich Kotite, whose .596 winning percentage (37-59-2) is the lowest in NFL history for a head coach with a winning record, has even fewer viable options than normal.

Arizona and Atlanta the past three weeks.

Three straight unsightly losses are bad enough, but they came right after Kotite, emboldened by a 7-2 start, attempted to pressure new owner Jeffrey Lurie into addressing the coach's future with the team.

When he bought the team for $185 million in March, Lurie inherited front office and coaching staffs hired mainly by former owner Norman Braman. At the time, Lurie said he planned no major changes, but would spend the 1994 season evaluating who would stay and who would go.

After beating the Cardinals and Buddy Ryan, the man he replaced as Eagles coach, on Nov. 6, Kotite said maybe it was time for him to start doing some evaluating of his own.

The clash between Lurie, a former Hollywood movie producer who wants to be a hands-on owner, and Kotite, a blue-collar guy who would prefer to make the football decisions himself, seemed inevitable. They have agreed not to talk about Kotite's status until after the season, but the consensus in Philadelphia is that, barring a trip to the Super Bowl, Kotite won't be back next year.

There likely will be no Super Bowl trip unless the Eagles show they can beat the Cowboys, who have won the last five meetings. What makes them think they can beat Dallas when they couldn't handle an average Atlanta team last week?

"I think now we realize we can be out of the valley," Randall Cunningham answered. "We bottomed out last week. I don't think you can go much lower than we've gone offensively.

The NFL's top-rated offense only a month ago, the Eagles have managed only 23 minutes of possession in each of their last two games. In the past four weeks, they have scored four touchdowns and three field goals. Cunningham's quarterback rating has plummeted to 10th in the NFC, 19th in the league.

They will go against a Cowboys defense ranked atop the NFC. In addition to stopping opponent's offenses, the Dallas defense sets up its own offense: The Cowboys have forced 25 turnovers in their last nine games.

"It's like playing robots. They play their coverages very well," Eagles running back James Joseph said. "Defensively, they have the total package — and you know what the offense is like.

"The offense probably will be without Troy Aikman (sprained left knee), but with third-string quarterback Jason Garrett last week the Cowboys still scored 42 points.

"That's a tribute to the talent we have here and the support ing cast," coach Barry Switzer said. "Dallas is a very sound team when we're healthy."

Garrett returns to the bench this week in favor of Rodney Peete, the former Detroit Lion who has played sparingly in four games as Aikman's back up.

Peete has a sprayed right thumb but said he'd be ready.

"Throughout the season, I really have had a whole lot of practice time," he said. "Sometimes, it's like coming out of a game this week this will be good for me to get some practice time and be ready.

The Eagles are playing poorly and realize they can't afford many more losses and hope to make the playoffs. Switzer said that worries him.

"They're desperate," he said. "They've still got a chance, but they've got to make it happen. They're dangerous. That's brought to our attention."

Patriots, Jets have even battle

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass.
It's a game the Jets simply have to win. Or do they? The Patriots are in the same predicament with the same 6-6 record. Shouldn't they have to win, too?

The crowded pack of contenders has made the AFC playoff picture so puzzling even New York coach Pete Carroll doesn't know what to make of Sunday's visit to New England.

"This may be the one that settles the issue, and so we've got to take every one of them like it's a championship game," Carroll said.

But, moments later, he added, "for weeks, media people have been saying, 'OK, you lose this game, you're out of it.' That could be further from the truth."

So what is the truth?

With four games left, 12 of the 14 AFC teams still have a chance to make the playoffs. Eight of them are 7-5, 6-6 or 5-7. The Patriots and Jets can win the AFC East or finish in last place.

The Jets were headed for a first-place tie with Miami, leading the Dolphins 24-6 with a minute left in the third quarter last Sunday. New York lost 28-24.

The Patriots started the season with two losses and endured a four-game slide that dropped them to 3-6, leaving little hope for a playoff berth. But they won their last three games.

In the past seven seasons, the Jets have made the playoffs four times, the Patriots not at all.
Struggling hockey squad meets Michigan

By MICHAEL DAY
Sports Writer

The sand slowly but surely sifts down to the bottom of the hour glass. Translation: time is running out on the Notre Dame hockey team to turn around a thus far disappointing season.

True, there are still three months of hockey to be played in the CCHA. But with seven straight losses and just one win in conference play, the Irish certainly have their work cut out for them heading into Saturday's matchup at Michigan.

Despite the slump, head coach Ric Shafer is confident the team will snap their five-game losing streak against the third place Wolverines.

"Without one or two big scorers, we've struggled scoring all year long," said Shafer. "But if we do a better job executing, especially on power plays, then we'll be able to turn it around." The offense is led by junior center Justin Ling and sophomore center Tim Harberts. With a score against Princeton at the Great Western Freez-Out over the weekend, Harberts leads the squad with 10 goals. Ling also ranks among the conference leaders in goals and assists.

For the Irish to enjoy success over the remainder of the season, they must receive more consistent play at goaltender. Junior Wade Salzman started both games over the weekend, but Shafer still plans to alternate Salzman and freshman Matt Eisler for now.

Both players have solid performances in starting assignments, but neither has been consistent enough to lock down the starting position. Opponents are averaging 4.31 goals per game against Salzman, while Eisler has struggled with a 4.63 mark.

The Michigan defense, led by goaltender Marty Turco, is the third ranked defense in the CCHA. Turco has been outstanding so far this season, saving over 88 percent of opponents' shots on goal.

On the offensive end, the Wolverines rank second in the conference with 5.62 goals per contest. Left Wing Kevin Hilton is tied for first in the CCHA with 17 assists, and center Brendan Morrison ranks second in the conference with 24 points.

Should the Irish upset Michigan, they will have an excellent opportunity to move up in the standings with struggling Alaska-Fairbanks and Miami of Ohio visiting the Joyce Center on Dec. 9-10. However, getting by the Wolverines will be no small task.

Mired in ninth place with the season rapidly passing by, it could be now or never for the Irish.
FOUR FOOD GROUPS OF THE APOCALYPSE

No. 12. E-ALL (f) Of the food groups, I really want to work on...

I just say I' m too busy to learn. Then I get some body else to do my work.

- SCOTT ADAMS

The Juggler Literary Magazine is holding a poetry one-fiction reading on Wed., Dec. 7th. It starts at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. It is an event that has already been published. Prof. Scott Appleby will speak on "The Catholic Character of Social Concern" at the Center for Social Concerns at 11:15 a.m., Friday, December 2, 1994.

Anne Quick from the Discus of Jamaica-Pargo will be available on Saturday, December 3rd, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the LaFortune Student Center basement near the Society Bank to interview those students who are interested in the two-year teaching program in American Samoa.

Ice Skating at the JACC will be sponsored by Flylads the group dedicated to promoting the exciting and non-alcoholic solution for post-football season boredom. It's this Saturday, December 3rd from 10th to 12p.m. at the JACC, Hockey Rink. Cost is $1 if you have your own skates, $2 if you need to rent them. Questions? Call Mary (495) 449 or John (6410) for more details.

A "Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Siegfried-Flamson Players at 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. In Washington Hall. Tickets available at LaFortune Info Desk or at the door, $3. Proceeds go to charity.

Candlewood for Hope is a program to raise awareness of the homeless in South Bend and to raise money for Hope Rescue Mission. The Candlewalk will take place on Dec. 4, beginning with a prayer service at the Grotto at 6:30 p.m. The half-hour long service will be followed by a walk to the Grotto where the Glee Club will sing Christmas Carols. Luminaries on South Quad will be lit up 5pm. Contact your dorm's community service vice commissioner to make donations. They will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 9th.

Student for Environmental Action meeting will be on Sunday Dec. 4th at 8:30 p.m. in the C.S.C. We will be wrapping up the semester and making plans for the next year. If you cannot attend please call Meghan at 2665.

A World Championship "Tie" Tournament will be held on Dec. 10th and 11th. The 18hr. tournament of the famous board games will be held in Galien, Michigan, 24-30 minutes away from Notre Dame. Trophies to be given along with $1000 to winner. Next year's tournament will be in Galien Lunar Club. $15 entry fee before or on Dec. 7th. Questions? Call Rick Redding (616) 545-0455. Breakfast will be catered.

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Irish must maintain momentum

By JASON KELLY
Associate Sports Editor

These are good days for John MacLeod.
Jokes come a little easier.
Smiles stretch a little wider.
That's because today, the Notre Dame men's basketball coach stands on the threshold of a successful season, which just three days ago seemed to be almost an impossibility.

MacLeod understands that Tuesday's 80-79 win over Indiana was just the first step, albeit a big one, on the long road to respectability for the Irish.

His players understand, too. One after another talks about maintaining focus and mastering fundamentals, about continuing to strive for success not yet achieved. But they say it with a smile.

Allow them this brief bit of basking. These are good days.

"There has been a flood of phone calls since the Indiana win," MacLeod said. "The whole office is excited. The energy level has been tremendous and hopefully we'll see a lot more of that."

For that to continue, the Irish must win at San Diego Saturday in their first road game of the season. Notre Dame will stay on the west coast for a Monday date with Loyola Marymount.

"Anytime you go on the road, it's a challenge and we've got a lot of young players who will have to be ready to go," MacLeod said. "This will be a big-time test for us."

This is the kind of test the Irish have been prone to fail in recent years. Notre Dame has been known to play to the level of its competition, always challenging—if not conquering—college basketball's best, but never matching that effort against the mediocre.

With a lighter slate this season, consistent victories in those "should-win" games could propel the Irish into some sort of post-season party, not to look too far ahead.

But the Irish have their eyes on those long-range types of

JASON KELLY'S PICK
Notre Dame by 14.

TIPOFF:
Saturday at 10:30 p.m. EST at the San Diego Sports Arena.

OUTLOOK:
Notre Dame has been known in recent years to lose games to lesser opponents after big wins like Tuesday's upset of Indiana. For the Irish (2-0) to have the successful season they so covet, they must defeat the San Diego on their schedule.

The Toreros (1-1) are a talented team, boasting guard Doug Harris, who is averaging 25 points in San Diego's first two games. Forward Sean Flannery adds 19 a contest. Notre Dame is no longer a one-man show. The Irish bring three double-figure scorers into the game, led by freshman forward Pat Garrity's 16 points per game. Ryan Hoviver is averaging 11.5 and Keith Kennewski adds 10. That balance will be the main ingredient in any Irish victory this season. When the offense becomes too top heavy with one scorer, Notre Dame becomes vulnerable.

Netters seeing Brown

Success follows fourth-year coach to Notre Dame

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

When the 12th ranked Notre Dame Volleyball team takes the court at 2 p.m. Sunday for the first match of its third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, it will not only be playing for the pride of the blue and gold, but also for the Brown. Debbie Brown, that is.

As Irish head coach, Brown has had nothing but success in her four seasons at Notre Dame, and this year is no exception. In fact, the 32-3 record the team has achieved this season has gone above and beyond any accomplishments of previous Irish teams, including Brown's first three.

Brown came to the Irish in 1991 after completing six years at Arizona State. From 1983 to 1988, Brown led the Sun Devils to five NCAA appearances and a total record of 117-33. Arizona State is respected as one of the top volleyball programs in the country.

In 1988, Brown took a leave of absence from Arizona State to be an assistant coach for the U.S. National Team for the year and also at the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. After completing the 1988 season, Brown accepted a full-time job as assistant of the National team where she stayed until coming to the Irish.

Before she began coaching, Brown played at USC, where in two years, she captained the Trojans to a 72-1 record and two national collegiate titles. Her 1977 team remains the only undefeated women's collegiate volleyball team in history.

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team opens up NCAA tournament action this Sunday versus the University of Pittsburgh. The Irish, who drew a first-round bye, have the homecourt advantage as the match will be played at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center.

The 12th-ranked Irish, who completed their regular season with a record of 32-3, were expecting to see Iowa travel to South Bend this weekend, and were surprised to hear that Pitt had come behind to knock off the Hawkeyes in five-game thriller 5-15, 16-4, 4-15, 16-14, and 15-10. Pitt now stands at 21-10, 7-1 in the Big East Conference in which they placed first. It will be an interesting match-up on Sunday, much because it will give a preview of what the Irish can expect next year when they join the Big East.

Pitt's strength lies in their middle blocking and hitting.

Irish host Pitt in first round

Irish of note...

Notre Dame women's soccer midfielder Cindy Daws has been named one of four finalists for the 1994 player of the year award.