Council plans ‘Women’s Week’

By DONNA MIRANDOLA

The Saint Mary’s College Student Academic Council (SAC) met last night to give updates on the upcoming Women’s Week, the Saint Mary’s College HIPSS grant, and the SAC pamphlet that will be presented at the Student Government Forum on January 23.

As Women’s Week, February 5-9, draws closer, Council members are finalizing plans for the activities of the week. Updates were given by the members working on the Women’s Health Fair, a possible self-defense session, and voter registration, which will take place during the week commemorating the 75th anniversary of women’s suffrage.

One change was made to the schedule; the Keynote Speaker’s address was moved to Tuesday, February 20. The speaker for the week will be Dr. Jean Kilbourne, addressing the issue of images of women in the media.

A Variety Show update was given by Chairwoman Racquel Mitchell who announced that a meeting concerning the show will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 9 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. The meeting will be held to determine the level of student interest in the idea and to encourage students to participate, Mitchell stated.

The importance and goals of the Fund to Improve Post Secondary Education (HIPSS) Grant awarded to Saint Mary’s College were explained by the Council by alumna Melissa Peters, who is working on the grant. There are two primary goals of the fund. Firstly, to establish leadership models between faculty, administration, and students of the college; secondly, the fund strives to establish the leadership and identity of Saint Mary’s as a catholic women’s college, stated Peters.

An important aspect of the

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Euphoric women’s soccer team returns home with national title

By DAVE TYLER

and BRAD PRENDERGAST

News Editor

As defending champion North Carolina Tar Heels in the semifinal round of the NCAA tournament. Then they went into three overtimes and shut down the vaunted offense of the University of Portland.

And, oh yes, they came home with the national championship.

Notre Dame became only the third team in to win an NCAA women’s soccer crown by downing the Pilots 1-0 Sunday in sudden death overtime. Junior midfielder Cindy Daws’ direct kick from just outside the penalty area was a crowning moment for a program that has been playing women’s soccer on the varsity level for just eight years.

"It hasn’t sunk in yet," said a tired but jubilant Daws as she and her teammates approached the Michiana Regional Airport.

"Right now, I’m just happy to be a part of this team," Daws’ goal put a quick and dramatic halt to a match that had already seen three overtimes and shut down the vaunted offense of the University of Portland.

"It’s something that you don’t expect," said the Irish women’s soccer team celebrates (top) after defeating the Portland Pilots 1-0 on Cindy Daws’ direct kick. (Above) Shannon Boxx and Laura Vanderberg admire the National Championship trophy at Michiana Regional Airport.

Outlook gets brighter for recent college graduates

By JUDY DAUBENMIER

Associated Press

LANING, Mich. — New college graduates will find it slightly easier to turn their degrees into paychecks next spring, especially if they have an internship on their resume, a hiring survey released Monday shows.

The survey by Michigan State University projects a 4.7 percent increase in the number of new college graduates who can expect to get jobs, the third straight annual improvement.

"It remains a very competitive job market out there so the graduates by no means will find it easy hunting," said Patrick Scheetz, the survey author. "It is a modest improvement."

Scheetz, director of the Col­legiate Employment Research Institute at the school, also said the best job prospects are for engineers, computer scientists, business majors, health professionals and science majors.

Starting salaries offered to new college graduates will inch up only about half a percent compared to last year, he said.

Chemical engineers will draw the biggest pay — $41,183 — while journalists will be offered the lowest starting salaries — $20,154.

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Another voice of division

How refreshing it was to approach the issue of whom America is. Dylan Barreman
Reason this month. What this University needs at this point is precisely yet another angry, pompous, divi-sive voice.

To quote perhaps the most famous (or infamous) fe donor of this decaying decade, "Can we all just get along?"
Now don't get me wrong. I am in favor of probing questions and provoking work on this campus. After all, this is a university, and we are supposed to be questioning more issues on this campus, in this world. Right Reason wants us to exist many issues on this campus, in this world. Right Reason this month.

To continue my line of thought: a view, we are supposed to be questioning more issues on this campus, in this world. Right Reason this month.

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■ World at a Glance

Transportation strike poses threat to French economy

PARIS

Faced with a massive strike that risks shutting down the French economy, the government said Sunday it was hiring 1,700 more police than usual to manage the strike. The three Paris metro lines each have 1,000 seats. Railroad, public transport, postal and utilities workers have been striking for 10 days to protest the government's austerity measures, and on Sunday their leaders urged private-sector workers to join them the next day. Nevertheless, the conservative government determined to stick to its tight-spend plan, its third backsliding. Speaking in Bernin, President Jacques Chirac defended the plan and urged the French to trust the gov-ernment. "France is a crossroads," he said in his first comment on the strike. "If I have chosen this path, the path of reforms that have been put off for far too long." To slash its huge budget deficit, the government is freezing all wages for its 5 million public employees and extending to 40 the number of years they must pay into the social security system before retiring. That would bring them in line with private-sector workers. To get around the transport strike, buses will bring home suburban commuters from 13 points in Paris start- ing Monday evening. Beginning Tuesday, the buses will pick them up as well in 140 points in the region.

Gingrich will remain party spokesman

Republican leaders have approved appointing Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich to represent the party in explaining the situation. But those of The Observer.

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■ National Weather


The AccuWeather Forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 4. Lines separate high temperature ranges for the day.
By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

President Clinton authorized a vanguard of 700 American troops to open a risky mission in former Yugoslavia and rejected Bosnian Serb demands Sunday for rewriting the treaty U.S. forces will help enforce.

"When you make a peace agreement, not everybody is happy with it," Clinton said, referring to Bosnian Serb military leader Radko Mladic's warning that Serbs in Sarajevo will never live under Muslim and Croat rule, as the agreement prescribes.

Despite the complaints of Mladic and others, Clinton said, "I don't think the treaty is in trouble and, no, I don't think it should be renegotiated." It is to be signed Dec. 14 in Paris.

Wrapping up a five-day European trip, Clinton announced he had given the go-ahead for sending into Bosnia 700 U.S. troops trained in logistics and communications.

Within a few days, the advance troops will establish a U.S. headquarters in the northeast town of Tuzla in preparation for nearly 20,000 Americans set to follow in a matter of weeks. The Americans, part of a 60,000-troop international peacekeeping effort, will spend the winter and the months after that trying to separate warring parties and disarming land mines hidden by snow-covered fields.

As he headed home from Europe, weary from long days and late nights, Clinton faced deep skepticism from Americans citizens and the Congress about the military mission.

Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday that around Wednesday this week the Senate will take up a revised proposal to support American forces in Bosnia but also containing language from long days and late nights, the election held tomorrow," said Dole, who has agreed to put aside his opposition to U.S. participation in the peacekeeping mission so that Americans sent to Bosnia know they have the full support of Congress.

"It will be in the great spirit of foreign policy that I think Republicans and Democrats will now be united to support the American troops," Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, another opponent of deployment, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"I think the American people should know that we have a unique responsibility at this moment in history," Clinton said. America's status as a wealthy nation and the world's last superpower "imposes on us great responsibilities," he said.

Other nations have taken military risks when asked by the United States, such as in the Persian Gulf and Haiti, and Americans should be willing to do likewise for Europe, the president added.

"When we fought in Desert Storm and all those people came to help us," Clinton said, "you didn't hear them making speeches (saying), 'We really don't have a dog in this fight."

Spain's prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, at a news conference with the president, said the U.S. deployment sends a signal of utmost importance for international solidarity." Clinton's aides declared the trip a huge political success. "Unfortunately, I can't get the election held tomorrow," said Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, traveling with the president on Air Force One.

And yet, Dodd acknowledged that calls to his congressional office on Bosnia have been running "six, seven, eight, nine, John, six to one against."" Facing a tough budget fight with a Republican Congress, Clinton is likely to miss the roaming receptions and big crowds he saw over the past week traveling from London to Belfast, Londonderry to Dublin and then on to Germany to greet American troops training in Germany for Bosnia peacekeeping duties.

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press

Bosnia-Herzegovina
The region where 20,000 U.S. GIs will be enforcing peace in Bosnia is also patrolled by several groups of Muslim mujahedeen who came to Bosnia to assist the Muslim-led government.

Some mujahedeen joined special units of the Bosnian army. From their bases, they hiked through the stark hills amid coal slag heaps and strip mines above Tuzla, they say, they brought the Americans and hope to receive U.S. training and arms.

But others, more independent units who clashed with British troops earlier this year, are wild cards.

Some mujahedeen in the Bosnian army say they've already received clandestine training from former U.S. special forces officers near the small town of Lukavac.

U.S. officials have denied aiding the Bosnians. But one former mujahedeen said he fought alongside two American Muslims, who were acting independently of the U.S. government, on missions behind Serbian lines.

The 9th Muslim Brigade is based at Meskovic, 9 miles west of Tuzla, where the Americans may be headquartered. It is attached to the 2nd Corps of the regular Bosnian army.

A former mujahedeen, Amir Sakic, rejected Western fears that the Bosnian mujahedeen may pose a threat to NATO forces.

"I'm afraid that the American people look at us like some kind of astronauts," Sakic said.

A threat, however, might come from non-Bosnian mujahedeen units, the most militant warriors, said to include Afghan and Sudanese fighters funded in part by Iran.

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Interim Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs Submitted to Professor Patricia O’Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs

In your March 6, 1995, Open Letter to the Notre Dame community, you announced the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, and you asked that the committee consider the following questions:

1) How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?

2) What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?

3) What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

As you know, the committee submitted a preliminary report to you on May 1, 1995, a copy of which appeared in the May 3 edition of the Observer, in which we reported on the status of our conversations as of the end of the 1995 spring semester. Our May 1 report contained several recommendations which dealt specifically with part (2) of our mandate. The committee is pleased to note the implementation of several of these recommendations, in particular the inclusion of a workshop on gay and lesbian issues in R.A. Orientation, your words of welcome at Freshman Orientation which made specific reference to gay and lesbian students, and the efforts of several residence hall rectors to welcome and support gay and lesbian students.

Early in our work together this semester, the committee determined that if we were truly to serve the needs of gay and lesbian students on this campus, it was imperative for us to listen to a number of voices within the Notre Dame community. We have spent most of the semester doing just this. We have met six times over the course of this semester. Of those six meetings, four were devoted to listening to approximately 45 people, most of whom are gay or lesbian students on this campus.

The committee has chosen to spend this semester listening, and we will spend the early part of next semester formulating and discussing our final recommendations. The complexity of the issues before us and the committee’s desire to be open to the voices we have heard require that we take the time needed for careful reflection and honest dialogue among committee members. We have asked you to extend the time for the submission of our final report from the original December 6, 1995, date to March 1, 1996, and you have agreed to do so.

While we are not ready to offer our final recommendations, we did want to update you on the work of the committee during this 1995 fall semester. In listening to gay and lesbian students on this campus, both undergraduate and graduate, many expressed feelings of fear, frustration and isolation. The students spoke of the very real terror they experienced at the prospect of revealing their sexual orientation to roommates, friends and family. Several students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide. Others chose to act out in ways that were equally self-destructive. While some have been encouraged by the recent efforts of the University to welcome and support them, most continue to question whether they are truly valued as members of this community.

The gay and lesbian students with whom we spoke talked about how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame. These students have had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University. GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we listened.

Many gay and lesbian students spoke about their commitment to their faith and their desire to find a way to live as adult Christians. They want the University to provide gay and lesbian students with the resources they need to integrate their sexuality and their faith lives. They expressed their need for gay and lesbian role models who can assist them in this process.

We have also listened to a small group of gay members of the faculty who shared their perspectives on the needs of gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame. The faculty members underscored many of the concerns raised by the students. Some described an atmosphere of fear among gay and lesbian faculty which impacts negatively upon students who are coming to terms with their own sexual identity. They urged that the non-discrimination clause found in University publications be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Representatives from the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay (PFLAG) spoke with the committee from the vantage point of their experience. These representatives highlighted the discrimination and harassment that their gay and lesbian friends and children often face, and the erroneous assumptions so many of us make about homosexuality.

The committee has found these listening sessions with students, faculty and parents invaluable and is grateful to all who shared their insights. Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months. The members of the committee have grown in their awareness of the pain and sense of alienation experienced by gay and lesbian students on this campus. We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have cared for and assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians.

In the weeks ahead, the committee will frame its final recommendations in light of what we have heard and within the context of our mandate. It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will help to make Notre Dame the kind of safe and inclusive environment it should be and enhance the University’s efforts to meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students.

On behalf of the committee, I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann M. Firth, Chair
December 1, 1995
Childless question tax credit

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

From almost any angle, the Republicans’ proposed $500-per-child tax credit looks like a sure crowd pleaser. But there’s an undercurrent of political popularity.

However, resistance simmers among those left out. There are childless taxpayers, parents of children too old to qualify (those 16 and older) and divorced parents without custody.

“I do not have a chance to claim any exemptions, being single,” said an attorney from Huntsville, Tenn., in a letter to a GOP tax reform commission. “I have been working since I was 15 to support myself and frankly am sick of families receiving aid.”

In fact, she represents the majority of taxpayers. Only 29 million households will get the credit, in effect shifting some of the relative tax burden onto the other 86 million households.

The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform, headed by former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, solicited one-page letters in the mail and in other forums.

Most focus on the long-range issue before the commission, whether a base-wide income tax or a consumption tax should replace the current system. But many writers also commented on this year’s legislation, which includes the credit.

Earlier this year, President Clinton proposed his own per-child credit. Some see it as a sure bet because the current system. But whatever the outcome, not everyone will be happy.

“Do not limit the $500 tax credit to just families,” wrote Wayne Wesley of Newport, Ore. “Retirees and all other middle-class taxpayers need relief as well. Taxation is putting us all in the poor house.”

John Mallah, a Miami Beach attorney and president of the Association of Separated American Parents, said divorced parents without custody deserve the credit as well as “Ozzie-and-Harry” families.

“We want to provide for our children. Unfortunately, we are often prevented from doing so because of our diminished living standard,” he said.

Some, such as Joyce Ball of Danville, Ill., agreed with the Republican push to funnel tax relief to parents above the current $2,450 exemption for dependents.

“Who can raise a child on $2,450 a year?” she asked. But others want stricter limits.

“A change … to allow a deduction for only one or two children would be an incentive to produce less children,” wrote Fred Chapman of Virginia Beach, Va.

And Delores Smith, a biofeedback and stress management therapist in Twin Falls, Idaho, said parents should pay higher, not lower, taxes.

GOP: New budget crucial to avert second shutdown

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Averting another government shutdown that would lay off federal workers just before Christmas depends on President Clinton coming up with a plan to balance the budget, congressional Republicans said Sunday.

“It’s going to be up to the administration,” said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee. He said he was hopeful that a way could be found to keep the government operating, but only if the administration puts its ideas on the table.

“We have not had any good faith negotiations yet,” Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., also pressed Clinton to produce a plan for balancing the budget in seven years, saying the burden would be on the president’s shoulders if the government is forced to shut down for a second time when a temporary spending measure expires on Dec. 15.

Dole said Saturday that a repetition of the six-day shutdown in November was “not going to happen.” But he conditioned that remark in his appearance on CNN’s “Face the Nation” Sunday.

“I’m not an advocate of shutting down government. We did that. We made our statement,” Dole said. But if Clinton “doesn’t come forth with anything and make any serious offers, then we have to face up to a shutdown again on the 15th.

“Just as we are cooperating with the president on Bosnia, he needs to cooperate with us on the budget,” Dole said.

The longest federal shutdown in history ended on Nov. 19 under an agreement between the White House and Congress that extended spending until Dec. 15 while committing the president to negotiating a seven-year timetable for balancing the budget.

But the opening of those negotiations last week produced little but acrimony.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., joining Kasich on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” said the lack of progress resulted from “a huge battle going on in the White House. Actually it’s a battle for the soul of the president — does he really want a balanced budget in seven years?”

Democrats appearing on NBC countered that it was the Republicans who cut off the talks on Thursday amid noisy political posturing. “The administration was there Thursday with a load of materials ready to talk,” insisted Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn.

“To close the government down while this nonsensical postal pact is going on just stupidity,” said Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C.

Hollings in an offhanded defense of Clinton, said GOP claims the White House has failed to come up with a budget plan weren’t true.

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Christmas Movie Night

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8:00PM A YEAR without a Santa Claus
9:00PM Frosty the Snowman
9:30PM The Grinch who stole Christmas
10:00PM Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
11:00PM A Christmas Story

Free Christmas cookies, popcorn and soda will be served.

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Senior Class Play Production of Neil Simon’s Plaza Suite

There will be an informational meeting for seniors interested in acting or helping
7:00 pm Wednesday, December 6th
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Those cast will receive scripts, but rehearsal will not begin until January.
Champs

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was the conclusion, it stunned even the players and the coaches.

"I never saw the shot," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "And then, when I saw everybody react, I thought, 'Oh my God, we won it.'"

A combination of confusion by the Pilots and heads-up thinking by Daws lead to the Irish score. After a Portland penalty gave the Irish a free kick, Pilot goalkeeper Erin Fahey was so preoccupied with setting up a wall of defenders that she was screened by the players from seeing the shot. Daws noticed her confusion and took advantage of it.

"It was a great play on Cindy's part," goalkeeper Jen Renola said. "We needed brains to win this game. We were too tired." Daws would have never been in position to score if Renola had not made a clutch save on a breakaway shot from the Pilots' Kimberly Engesser (brother of Notre Dame men's team member Brian Engesser) at point-blank range in the first overtime.

"Engesser was wide open," said Renola. "As she came toward me, two things ran through my mind. I was thinking 'Wow, she is so wide open,' and then I thought that nothing was going to get through my hands."

Fortunately, Engesser did not get a good shot. The freshman forward launched a kick that went directly into the calm arms of Renola.

"After that shot, I knew that someone wanted us to win," Renola said. "Someone was on our side."

That level of cool confidence was echoed by surge of the Irish faithful as they waited at the airport terminal last night for a chartered plane to arrive, agreed.

"It's a tribute to Notre Dame," said senior sweeper Ashley Scharff. "I don't think it has hit us yet. I don't know when it will."

90 minutes of regulation, 30 minutes of overtime and five minutes of sudden death will do that to a team. 

"We were all so exhausted, so tired. (When the ball went in,) it was a relief," Scharff said. Daws though knew there was only one bottom line.

"I've heard some people say we won ugly. It doesn't matter because we're national champions."

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fund is the level of student participation. "Students will make the difference," said Peters. At the January 23 Student Government Forum, SAC will present a pamphlet detailing the responsibilities of the Council and the composition requirements for each department. Council member Emily Duncanson stated that the pamphlet will inform SAC and give people information as to who we are and what we do within the college community.

Jobs

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Scheetz said despite the projected increase, hiring still will be below the levels of 1988-89. Prospects are brightest in the nation's southeastern and north-central regions.

"There has been so much downsizing and re-engineering going on that many of the opportunities that once existed have disappeared. . . There are many jobs that have been lost in recent years and those probably will not return for many, many years," he said.

Federal agencies expecting tighter budgets are cutting staffing levels substantially while private employers are cautious about expanding too much, he said.

"The employers are all looking out of the corner of their eye at the economy," Scheetz said.

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Rabin’s assassin suggests bodyguard helped him

By DAN PERRY

TEL AVIV

Yitzhak Rabin’s confessed assas­ sinus suggested Sunday that one of the prime minister’s bodyguards helped him, saying that the truth about the slaying would “turn the country upside down.”

Yigal Amir fed rumors of a wider conspiracy in the assassina­tion when he said that au­ thorities killed a Rabin body­guard who helped him by creating confusion during the Nov. 4 shooting at a Tel Aviv peace rally.

“Why don’t you publicize that they killed one of Rabin’s body­guards?” the one who shouted “Amir was the one who shouted ‘turn the country upside down,’” Amir yelled to reporters as he was brought into a Tel Aviv courtroom to have his deten­ tion extended.

Amir, 25, has in the past in­ sisted that he acted alone, and previous reports indicated Amir was the one who shouted the bullets were fake. New evidence has surfaced so far to support his claim that one of Rabin’s bodyguards was killed.

“I can say something that will destroy everything ... Every­ thing until now was a mask,” said Amir, wearing a white T­shirt with a gray sweater draped over his shoulders as he entered the court.

“I did not think they would start killing people,” he mut­ tered.

“You are killing people,” re­ quested Judge Dan Arbel.

“If I tell the truth, it would turn the country upside down,” Amir said, waving his hand dis­ missively and sitting down.

A government spokesman called Amir’s comments “non­sense.”

Police investigator Arieh Sil­ verman requested Amir’s deten­ tion be extended eight days beyond the maximum 30 days without charge. The con­ tents of the document were not revealed.

The judge agreed to extend Amir’s detention by four days.

Palestinian police enter Bethlehem

By NASSER SHIOUKH

BETJ JALA

The first Palestinian police who will take control of Bethle­ hem from Israeli troops by Christmas raised the Palesti­ nian flag on a hill overlooking the biblical city Sunday.

About 400 people turned out to watch the 12 officers who opened the Israel-Palestinian liaison office in this neighbor­ ing village. They raised the red, green, black and white Palesti­ nian flag over the office.

Residents clapped and chant­ ed “We will sacrifice soul and blood for Palestine” when the officers marched in, carrying hand­guns, flags and pictures of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

“This is the sweetest moment in my life,” said Khalil Dalakolok, the chairman of the office.

As he raised the flag, Brig. Gen. Ziad Atrash, a senior po­ liceman commander, announced: “Christmas will be under the auspices of the Palestinian Au­ thority, and Arafat will attend the ceremonies.”

Thirty thousand people are expected to attend Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem’s Manger Square, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, for the first Christmas under Palestinian control.

In past years, visitors passed through Israeli metal detectors to reach Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, and Israeli army snipers were post­ ed on rooftops.

Israeli troops are to leave Bethlehem on Dec. 18, but there has been talk of troops retaining control of the Bethle­ hem main road and military headquarters if a bypass road around the city for Jewish set­ tlers has not been finished.

Earlier Sunday, dozens of Palestinians tried in vain to block bulldozers clearing land for a bypass road around He­bron, 12 miles south of Bethle­ hem. The road cuts through cultivated olive groves and grape vineyards in Halhoul, a Palestinian village outside of Hebron.

“This is my land, and it is the only thing I have,” said Ali Akeil, 45. “I understand that this peace is a peace for land, but the Israeli government has both the peace and the land.”

Soldiers pushed the protest­ ers back and kept them from blocking the bulldozers.

Under the Israel-PLO agree­ ment signed in September, Is­ rael is supposed to be out of six Palestinian cities by the end of the year, and out of Hebron in March.

Israel’s Cabinet said Sunday that the redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank will proceed on schedule.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat.
Communists gaining support

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press

VOLOGGRAD

Outside the huge Volgograd Tractor Factory, where half the workers have been laid off, campaign fliers are posted every yard or so — all for Communist Alevtina Aparina.

The photograph of the 54-year-old parliament member and regional Communist Party leader is tiny next to the factory's giant Soviet-era murals of muscled construction workers. But her influence is bigger.

The Communists swept the election for Volgograd's City Council in October, winning 22 of the 24 seats in this depressed industrial city once known as Stalingrad. Party leaders portray the city as a stronghold in a "Red Belt" of growing Communist support in Russia's heartland.

Actually, the Communists on the city council are having trouble even following through on their plan to change its name to "City Soviet," the term used in the days when the party held sway over all of the Soviet Union.

And nobody expects the Communists to win the same kind of margin in the national parliamentary elections Dec. 17.

But the local victory does hold clues to the Communists' strength — and the limitations they may face if they do win more power.

Aparina says the Communist victory in Volgograd resulted from voters' despair and disgust with free-market and political reforms.

"People rally for Communists because when Communists were in power, this country was to be reckoned with. When Communists were in power, children got the very best. Old people were guaranteed a secure future," she said, sipping coffee at her desk beneath a bust of Vladimir Lenin.

Nostalgia for the Soviet past is strong among workers, the old and infirm and others unable to find a niche in the new Russia. They blame democracy for the crime and poverty that has hit many Russians, forgetting the problems that brought down the Soviet Union.

The Communist victory in October was also a display of their still unique organizing skills. They essentially won by just showing up. In one district, the victorious Communist candidate was supported by just 7 percent of the eligible voters.

Other parties say they were caught unprepared or were concentrating on more important races — such as the mayoral race, which was won by a non-Communist, and the national elections.

"The return of the Communists is a myth — a bluff," said Alexander Petrov, the Volgograd representative of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's Our Home Is Russia bloc.

But while most of the 43 competing parties are still looking for their niches and bustling voter apathy, the Communists have their troops: mainly poor retirees who are determined to go to the polls. The old political network that reached every Soviet village and factory still breathes.

In factories like Volgograd Tractor, Communist activists are quietly reconstructing the party political committees banned by President Boris Yeltsin three years ago.

"Since we're not in power, we've obligated to be more prepared," said Aparina.

Rape trial threatens US-Japanese relations

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

NAHA

Three American servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl returned to court on Monday in a case that has estranged Japan and threatens the U.S.-Japanese military alliance.

The September rape triggered huge anti-military rallies in Okinawa, which is host to about 27,000 of the more than 45,000 U.S. troops stationed in Japan.

At the trial's opening session on Nov. 7, Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, pleaded guilty to raping the girl.

Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga., and Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, of Griffin, Ga., acknowledged that they helped plan and carry out the attack.

Prosecutors said the girl was forced into a car by the trio when she stepped out of a stationery store where she had been buying a school notebook. Then she was driven to a remote sugar-cane field, raped and dumped from the car, they said.

At Monday's session, officials said the court would hear character testimony from military superiors of the accused — and possibly by family members of Ledet and Harp.

In the same courthouse, closing arguments were set Monday morning in the case of Marine Pfc. Joshua Hill, who has admitted to bludgeoning an Okinawan woman to death in May. Verdicts and sentencing were expected at later sessions.

Amid the outcry, American officials have taken some steps to try to mollify the Japanese.

They have agreed that in some cases they may turn over servicemen accused of crimes more quickly to Japanese authorities.

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**THE OBSERVER**

**EDITORIAL**

No one can deny that college students work hard - often at more than one project in a 24-hour stretch (class, part-time job, athletics, community service, etc.). And, with exams coming up, that work load increases.

Is it the storm before the calm? After a week of brain-teasing knowledge-cramming, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will have a month to relax, recover and celebrate any accomplishments and attitudes runneth over. In these less-than-ideal circumstances, the college community must find some holiday meal. Then, don't just disappear from the public eye. The Observer space is available to all members of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community and to all readers. The free expression of varying opinions through letters is encouraged.

Catherine ... Eric Long

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

A recent Observer article summarized a talk by Wilson Miscamble concerning the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A number of important issues were raised by Miscamble’s talk, regarding both history and morality.

One critical historical question raised by the talk is whether the use of the atomic bomb was necessary militarily to bring about an end to WWII. This is, of course, a highly debated topic. In reflecting upon it, it seems imperative to realize that arguments against the necessity of the bombings are not at all new, but in fact represent the position taken by high-ranking U.S. military officers both before and after the bombs were dropped. General Dwight Eisenhower, for example, has written that in his view “dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary” to bring about an end to the war, arguing that the Japanese would have surrendered without the use of the atomic bomb and without a U.S. invasion. Similarly, Admiral William Leahy, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time the bombs were used, argued after the bombings that “in my opinion the use of this barbarous weapon at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was of no material assistance in our war against Japan.”

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Dear Editor:

Future graduates in last year’s freshman class will receive two documents when they complete their studies—a hard-earned diploma and loan papers—with an average debt of $31,600 per student borrower.

Helping students manage such a large debt is a big reason why the Secretary of Education created the direct-lending program.

Direct lending is simple: college student aid offices issue federal loan funds directly to students. Direct lending eliminates a lot of the red tape from the old, guarantor system. In many students can save weeks or more for loan checks under the old system, the typical processing time is three to four days because funds are transmitted electronically. Now, as its second year of operation, direct lending is being hailed by more than 250 colleges and almost two million student borrowers as a hit. Whereas students waited six years to receive two documents when they complete their studies—a hard-earned diploma and loan papers with a signature—which is opposed to it.

Dear Editor:

Learning from sins of the past
Making the future world better

None of us are above being prejudiced, because we all are. The goal is not to let your prejudice stand in a wall between you and people who are different. I believe if you sat down with some of another race or religion you would find you have a lot in common. I don’t let race become a barrier. I have many friends because of that...We have many similarities, and many differences.
Irish capture first national championship in history of program

By DAVE TREACY
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

No one knew exactly what history was in the making for Notre Dame’s women’s soccer program. They knew they were winning games, and they knew they were winning against good teams. They knew they were doing something that had never been done before.

But they didn’t know what. They didn’t know if it was big or small. They didn’t know how much it would mean. They didn’t know if it would last.

But they knew it was important. They knew it was special. They knew it was something they would remember always.

And they were right.

The scoreboard above says it all—the Notre Dame women’s soccer team has captured its first national championship. The players below prove it by hoisting the trophy.

History made with semifinal win over UNC

By JOE VILLINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

On a magical night last Friday in Chapel Hill, the women’s soccer team was smiling.

In that night’s context, those smiles reflected Notre Dame’s historic 1-0 victory over the nine-time defending NCAA champion North Carolina that provided the Irish with their second straight shot to claim the national title.

In a larger sense, their joyful expressions told us so much more.

Those expressions could be located both before and, certainly after, Notre Dame handed the Tar Heels only their fourth loss in 17 years.

"I could tell before the game that we were ready to play," Irish coach Chris Petrucelli said. "And they all sat in our locker room before the game. Beyond those 24, I don’t know how many thought we could win. These guys knew they could."

In front of the largest crowd to witness a women’s college soccer game in the United States, North Carolina encountered some adversity of their own. After entering the game 25-0, the Tar Heels could not overcome the tenacious Irish defense, and lost for only the second time in 127 games at Fetzer field.

"There was a lot of emotion out there," North Carolina forward Debbie Keller said as she tried to fight back the tears. "I think their hearts beat us tonight."

It was the type of heart that added to Notre Dame’s rich school history of legendary victories. The superlative excellence, defining North Carolina women’s soccer, that could put this win in perspective, are far too long too list.

Let’s just say the Tar Heels did not attend the NCAA championship game for the first time since 1982.

They will not be participating because the Tar Heels could not put the ball in the net all night.

Well, maybe not their net. The Irish still haven’t scored on North Carolina, but that simply doesn’t seem to matter.

After being unable to score on the Tar Heels in their previous four meetings, Notre Dame was credited with an own goal at the 19:21 mark of the first half. North Carolina forward Cindy Parlow headed the ball backward into her own net from the right wing after goalie Tracy Noonan came off her line to clear the ball.

"It just feels awesome," she said electrifyingly. "I can believe it, but I don’t know if its hit me yet."

"Never one to let a person know how she feels on the field, the whole campus should be there to see her expression off."

After all, Prime Network can only show so much.

The moments after a championship win like this reveal a glimpse of the human spirit. For it is this spirit that drives everyone in pursuit of a goal, that at times, appears unattainable.

And the goal has been reached and one can feel it, as the Irish can today and for years to come, it is the soft side of this spirit that is a joy to behold.

Afterwards, Daws talked poignantly about the type of spirit present on this year’s national championship squad. Her words reflected a history that can put this win in perspective.

"I think that we’ve really been through a long and hard year," she remarked. "There’s been a lot of doubts and people who stopped believing. I was one of those people who was on the edge of quitting. At the beginning of the year, I was on the verge of red-shirting."
Clockwise, from left: Jen Renola (top, left) makes a leaping save on North Carolina. Renola, with her teammates, (above) strikes a shot on Portland. (Above, right) Sophomore Kate Sobrero races for the ball Sunday. (Below, far right) Irish coach Chris Petrucci of the North Carolina game. Senior Michelle McCarthy (below, right) in the midfield, baffling UNC and Portland defenders with her ball of the Championship Tournament, as defenders Sobrero, Julie Vi wall to stop a Tar Heel direct kick. Cindy Daws (below, left) and the national championship game, as she alertly put a direct kick (below, far left) fights for position against Portland's Wynne McPherson. 1995 National Championship.
Photos by The Observer/Mike Runa.

in the second half of Notre Dame's 1-0 semifinal victory over Portland, All-American Shannon MacMillan exchanges words with a tournament referee during halftime. 

Despite taking a shot against Portland, McCarthy was the general commander skills. The Irish defense (below) was the true story, Kate Fisher, Ashley Scharff and Monica Gerardo form a trio through the Pilot defense. Daws was the difference in the corner of the net in sudden death overtime. Vogel

Champions
Irish hang on tight to ride emotional roller coaster

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mistake.

"I don't know exactly how far out I was, but I was trying to get up in the wall, probably," said Dawe of the header. Defender Nel Fetting tried to stop the wind, but she couldn't get there before the ball slipped inside the right post.

"It's just not the way things went," Fetting added.

After the goal, the gigantic number one on the Notre Dame net was too immense to overcome.

"As a coach I never get nervous when we score, but the way it was scored gave me a little extra tension," said Notre Dame coach Anson Dorrance. "Even when we scored, I didn't think we were the players certain didn't talk.

As the Carolina surge came, the Irish leaned on each other.

"Right before we came on the field to warm up, I had some confidence in us," said Petrucelli. "The back in the locker room, Petrucelli narrated. And we're all we've all learned from the Carolina game. We played together. To me that meant they were loose. I don't think we showed any nerves which we did last year in the final." The Irish's ability to carry a tune almost reflected their ability to carry each other past a numerical gulf.

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Daddy: There might not exist, as far as I am concerned, a more rewarding experience than watching a movie that you have most anticipated with eager anticipation, the arrival of which only to find your paltry hopes dashed on the craggy rocks of a film that horribly fails to satisfy our lowest expectations. On other occasions, we manage to ourselves pleasantly surprised by flicks of inherent beauty that we happen to stumble upon amidst of preconceived notions of doing so. While this second instance no is less of a boon in its own right, I still contend that nothing is more pleasing than finally enjoying a movie that we have waited in such a faithful fashion for. Such is the case with "Casino," a film that easily the best this year and is likely the best in the first half of this Hitlerian barren decade. "Casino" delights both the intellect and the aesthetic. It is one of those increasingly rare movies that has been blessed with an intriguing plot and director to bring it vividly to life on the silver screen. From the opening sequence complete with a savvy "body floating in the water" scene, the lines of which not seen since the opening "The World." According to Garp? that sets the stage for the story line's flashback format, to the temporal present to the return of the viewer is marked the film's resolution. "Casino" is a visually stunning d n n s l l y a w e l l - e n d e d cinematic selection that is intended to draw out the best in you, all those who open its subject lines. Martin Scorsese, Daddy's personal favorite director, reunites Robert DeNiro with Joe Pesci and adds Sharon Stone to this already magic mix in the cinematic adaptation of the latest work from the author, who in writing "Casino," also created the literary impetus for "Good Fella." Like this past Academy nominee for best picture, "Casino" finds it impossible to disappoint and promises to provide us with one of Scorsese's most powerful Courses. Dust off your fireplace mantles Martin, Robert, Joe, and Sharon. It is quite possible that your efforts might bring you some very impressive vernal accolades in '96. Undoubtedly there are some who by nature or belief would be able to foster such obscure obliquity on film. Specifically, what is it that gives Martin Scorsese a bat that makes him the perfect school siss. In order to address these queries it is imperative that I first make you all aware of the fact that I love mob movies! Few other films have the subject matter alone make the film's overall puissance believable. If they want to make a movie about an indifferent life of gangster aristocracy for an existentence spent in the pursuit of illicitly gained wealth. Movies about the mafia encourage me to adopt a Sicilian persona and acquire a batch of tough, reactionary and under-educated thugs. I figure, hell, if Pesci can do it, even I and my dimmest physical stature can a chance to do the same.

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I am only inspired by good movies and this verity is the reason I worship Martin Scorsese. This creative genius frequently breathes new life into a genre that is anything but nascent in nature. I mention DeNiro few directors left that can make a movie both interesting and entertaining. The days of Orson Welles appear to be long past and the now archaic art of balanced middle-ground between story and cinematography is sadly seemingly lost as well. Scorsese's ability to use various camera angles and vantage points when combined with his almost endless of light in certain circumstances makes him the virtual Tour of Hollywood that he is.

One need only to see the scene in "Casino" where the audience witnesses the detonation of a car bomb through the eyes of Sam "Ace" Rothstein (DeNiro) to divine the meaning of this assertion. This same gift is what still separates directors like "The Godfather" and Scorsese from pretenders to the throne like Terrence Malick. The rest of this community is just always seemingly two steps behind Martin Scorsese. Now a word about the acting! Pesci and DeNiro once again form a potent team. "Casino" is a film that Sharon Stone proves to be a capable champion in "Casino" as well. Despite these stunning performances, "Casino" simultaneously provides a wealth of talent on its periphery. This movie is not only jammed packed with fine getting, it is bustling at its seams with future stars waiting for their opportunities to emerge. Furthermore, although I cannot yet come up with the perfect description, I believe that "Casino" even comes complete with a brief cameo by "Dirty Dozen" leader Lee Marvin! All in all, the quite eclectic cast and the flair of Scorsese's ability to make "Casino" the most important movie you can see this year.

I would now like to bid a hearty farewell for '95 and with the deviations of this column the most merry of Christmases and the happiest of New Years. Remember, the yuletide season brings with it the arrival of not only a fat sausage in a red suit but also Fat Man who lives in our hearts. When that red-suited school lass? turn up at your doorstep, you can accredit it to once again the rotund one, John Taborius Zach. You can hardly wait....
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By HARRY ATONS
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. These are the games NFL
lookers look forward to.

The Chicago Bears against the Detroit Lions. Erik Kramer against Scott Mitchell. Barry Sanders against the world. Make or break time for a berth in the playoffs. It doesn’t get much better than this.

The Bears (7-5) snapped a three-game losing streak last week with a 27-24 victory over the New York Giants. The Lions (6-6) kept one of their patented late-season runs alive with a 44-38 shootout win over Minnesota, extending their win-
ning streak to three games.

“This is just at this time of year, anyone who has a chance with six or seven wins at this point of the season, it all turns into one-game seasons, and that’s where our team is right now,” Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt said.

The Lions to keep win tonight’s game, they will need Scott Mitchell to continue the play that has produced the No. 3 offense in the NFL. The Lions have rolled up 4,580 yards and 23 touchdowns. Mitchell has passed for 3,100 yards and 23 touchdowns.

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Pete Sampras magnificent as U.S. reclaims Davis Cup against Russia

By DAVE CARPENTER

The victory gave the U.S. team an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-5 final. Andre Chesnokov closed the final margin to 3-2 with a 6-7 (7-1), 7-5, 6-0, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), ending the match emphatically with an ace down the middle, and giving the Americans their first Davis Cup title since 1992.

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The Russians had installed a red clay court last month especially to slow down the powerful Sampras, whose record on clay is unspectacular.

But the world's No. 1 acted as if it were his favorite surface throughout the weekend. He beat Chesnokov in a grueling five-set match Friday that saw him collapse with leg cramps afterward and teamed with Todd Martin to overwhelm Russia's respected doubles team in straight sets Saturday. He saved his best for last on Sunday, calling it his top performance ever on clay.

"I think the Russians were looking at me as being the weak link on the slow red clay," Sampras said. "But I played some good tennis when I had to."

He was brilliant for much of the match, cracking cross-court and down-the-line winners, blasting 16 aces and dominating Kafelnikov.

"Pete played wonderfully today, and he didn't leave any chances for me," Kafelnikov said.

Sampras lost only four points in his first eight-service games, reeling off 11 points in a row during one stretch of the second set as his cheering U.S. teammates, including Andre Agassi, leaped to their feet to cheer him on.

Kafelnikov, now 0-4 lifetime against Sampras, was reduced to waving helplessly as winners smoked past him, shaking his head in disgust. At one point, he put away a volley, the 21-year-old Russian belted a ball into the upper deck in frustration.

The third set turned out to be critical, however. Stretching his sore hamstring gingerly during changeovers, Sampras began chosing down fewer balls and it was clear he might not be able to win a long match.

"If I would have lost the third, I think I would have had the energy to keep on playing," Sampras said. "But how effective I would have been, I don't know."

Trailing 3-1, Kafelnikov began bringing winners from the baseline and coming to the net more often, gaining confidence as he broke Sampras' serve to tie the set-3. The two exchanged service breaks and headed into a tiebreaker, where Sampras' serve-and-volley strength prevailed as he won three points to go up 5-2. On his second match point, he drilled an ace down the middle and thrust his hands into the air, then was embraced by his teammates.

Sampras admitted that the thrill didn't compare with winning Wimbledon or the U.S. Open, which he did this year. But it was particularly poignant to win it in a year when his long-time coach, Tim Gullikson, was battling cancer and Gullikson's twin brother, Tom, captained the Americans to the title.

"I'm extremely happy for the team and for Tom," Sampras said. "I thought about Tom, and about Tim, during the match. It's been an emotional year."

Kafelnikov, meanwhile, got a 2 hour, 1-minute lesson on the difference between Nos. 1 and 6 in the rankings.

"I felt very calm today," he said. "I felt I could beat Sam­ pras. But his serve was faultless. If your serve is strong, it's two-thirds of success on any surface."
Down-and-out Redskins shock Cowboys

By DENNE FREEMAN

Norv Turner did it again to the Dallas Cowboys.

With a brilliant gameplan centered around Heath Shuler and Terry Allen, Washington used Turner’s knowledge of his former employers to stun the Cowboys 24-17 on Sunday and sweep the two-game series for the first time since 1987.

Allen scored two touchdowns and Shuler passed for another as the Redskins (4-9) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Cowboys’ loss to their former offensive coordinator prevented Dallas (10-3) from clinching a playoff spot.

The Redskins beat Dallas 27-23 in the fifth game of the season when Allen scored twice and gained 123 yards.

In the third quarter, Shuler drove the Redskins 83 yards for a touchdown that put his team ahead 14-10. Shuler hit tight end James Asher with a 20-yard pass on the drive. Allen ran 13 yards and Shuler found Henry Ellard with a 10-yard TD pass.

The Redskins made it 21-10 after Stanley Richard intercepted a pass by Terry Allen and returned it 24 yards to the Dallas 27. Shuler hit Asher with a 12-yard pass to the 1 and Allen scored on the next play.

Dallas had to punt the first four times it had the ball before putting together a 69-yard scoring drive helped along by a 21-yard pass interference penalty against Darrell Green on Irvin.

The penalty put Dallas on the Redskins 7 and, after an incomplete pass, Smith scored a touchdown, his 22nd of the season.

The Redskins retaliated with a 63-yard drive with Allen scoring from 2 yards out. Allen got 45 of the yards after a 20-yard Shuler to Brian Mitchell shovel pass got the drive going.

Smith rushed 21 times for 91 yards and Irvin caught 10 passes for 101 yards. Irvin set an NFL record with his 11th 100-yard receiving game.

Panthers 13, Colts 10

CLEMGON, S.C.

It’s getting so the Carolina Panthers can count on big performances from their defense. On Sunday, they got something they didn’t anticipate — an assist from Indianapolis defensive back Derwin Gray.

Gray’s face-mask penalty set up a 38-yard field goal by John Kasay with eight seconds left, giving Carolina a 13-10 victory over the Colts and adding another chapter in the Panthers’ stunning first-year run.

Carolina (6-7) has doubled the record for victories by an expansion team. The 1961 Minnesota Vikings won three games, as did the 1966 Atlanta Falcons and the 1967 New Orleans Saints.

“If people want to continue to act surprised by us, then let them,” said linebacker Darion Conley.

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Kinder may stay home for bowl

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Notre Dame tailback Randy Kinder is in a quandary about whether he may miss his second straight bowl game because of a violation of university policy.

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz did not go into detail about the problem.

"I can't tell you anything about that," he said. "I don't know enough about it. Any comment would have to come from the university."

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Saturday was Notre Dame's first practice in preparation for the bowl game. Kinder was not in attendance. At Friday night's annual football banquet, Holtz did not announce Kinder, the team's leading rusher with 809 yards, as a letterwinner.

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"If and fellow running back Robert Farmer were involved in a disciplinary case last year, when they were accused with assault by a female Notre Dame student. The two were cleared of charges.

The announcement was the culmination of a policy that we needed to execute properly," Holtz said. "The last time Bobby lost a game, he was eligible to be drafted by the NFL but he lost his starting job to freshman Autry Denson."

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Outside hitter Jenny Bidnner and freshman Lindsey Treadwell go up for a block against Iowa State. Both women contributed heavily to the Irish win.

Patrick Roy suspended

AssistedBy: MONTREAL

Patrick Roy, the star Montreal goalie who argued with the team’s coach and president after an 11-1 rout, was suspended indefinitely Sunday by the Canadiens and placed on the trading block.

Roy had an angry exchange with coach Mario Tremblay and club president Ronald Lawrence when he was lifted from the plume to Palo Alto and hopes that a good scouting report will help them prepare.

"In practice, we will gear a lot of what we do to getting our players familiar with their players, Brown said. "And continuing to do what we did well and decrease the number of errors."

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After the Bulldogs tied the game, Dhadphale was determined to make sure the Irish did not leave town without their fourth victory of the season.

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"The team is starting to finally come together like we knew we could," said sophomore goaltender Matt Eisler, who continues to frustrate opponents inside the net. "The defense has been strong for the past few games, and when we continue to frustrate our opponents inside the net, we can play with anybody."

Senior Jamie Ling tallied an assist in the Irish victory over the Ferris State Bulldogs.

"There is no question that our confidence is a little higher now that it was earlier in the year," said Lorenz. "We’re making the plays now that we weren’t making in the earlier part of the season."

Irish seniors have been instrumental in the quick turnaround over the last three weeks of the season, and they stepped up once again at FSMU. With 14:13 to go in the third period, senior right wing Brett Bruininks received a pass from senior center Jaime Ling and found the back of the net to give the Irish a 3-2 advantage.

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"The team is starting to finally come together like we knew we could," said sophomore goaltender Matt Eisler, who continues to frustrate opponents inside the net. "The defense has been strong for the past few games, and when we continue to frustrate our opponents inside the net, we can play with anybody."

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The Irish drop first conference game at Rutgers

By TIM SEYMOUR

They did almost everything right. The problem was, for Notre Dame in the Big East, almost everything will translate into an almost win.

That's exactly what happened Saturday afternoon, as the Irish experienced first hand the perils of the road, losing their Big East debut 86-80 in overtime at Rutgers.

Before the season began, Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod stressed a number of fundamentals that would directly correspond to Notre Dame's success in its new surroundings. Rebounding, front-court point production, and taking care of the ball were the imperatives.

Two out of three isn't bad, but it wasn't enough.

Notre Dame outrebounded the Scarlet Knights 44-33 and got a combined 29 points from forward Pat Garrity and center Matt Gotsch.

25 Irish turnovers, however, contributed to Notre Dame's demise, allowing Rutgers to post its first-ever conference win.

"We are glad to be part of a historic event, and glad it turned out this way," said Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel in the first half, that historical milestone looked to be heading Notre Dame's way. Behind 52% shooting, the Irish rushed out to a 17 point lead before going into the half up 13.

The second half proved a different story, as the Scarlet Knights caught fire from three-point land, dropping in their first four baskets of the half from behind the arc to put themselves back in the game.

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Part of that juice was sitting on the bench, as foul trouble plagued the Irish throughout, allowing Rutgers to take command of the game.

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All three endured foul trouble throughout, and Garrity exited only 17 seconds into overtime. Things were so bad at one point that shooting guard Pete Miller, playing his first game back from injury, came in at the power forward spot.

Despite these personnel problems, however, rallying from a six point deficit at the end of regulation to tie the game at 73.

An unlikely three-pointer by the 6-11 Gotsch with twelve seconds left ensured the extra period, but a 7-0 Scarlet Knight run in overtime sealed the outcome.

Freshman Geoff Billet scored 22 to lead the Scarlet Knights, while senior Ryan Overor paced the Irish with 22 to lead the Scarlet Knights, while senior Ryan Hoover paced the Irish with 20, but finished only 4-15 from three point land.

Notre Dame gets its next opportunity to make history with a Big East win on Wednesday night, when it hosts Top-10 ranked Connecticut at the Joyce Center at 8:00 p.m.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Routine changes are not as extensive as you thought they would be. People will probably not notice until you have passed them, be patient. Choose your professional and personal alliances more carefully. A business expansion next May will be everything you want. Tread ahead prudently in midsummer. Get everyone on your team, even full-time. Improved health habits keep you in top shape mentally and physically.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: actress Rae Murray, author Alejandro Salazar, financier Jody Hackel, politician Carla Foulkes.

ANSWER (March 21-April 19): Restore assignments held (work stop). Love yourself; your own work; progress is assured. What you personally do and say will attract more attention than a lot of paid-for advertising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Romance sparkle. Spend your money wisely. An inexpensive but imaginative gift can mean more than a high-cost item. Enjoy any time you can spend alone. The rest of the house is being remodeled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Tend to events ahead of you in the day, streamline office procedures, give some time and money. Great teamwork is ahead. Avoid second guessing of a young person who does not share your views.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Be on the lookout for the unexpected. Errors can result if directions are misunderstood. Ask questions if you are not certain about your instructions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Rest as an edge to the changed certain role in make up.
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**FOOTBALL**

Notre Dame set to face Florida State in Orange Bowl

By MIKE NORBut

The speculation can finally stop. The armchair quarter­backs around the country can finally put their tarot cards back in their closet and stop. Irish may lose Kinder for bowl game. See page 16 reading their horoscopes.

People can actually compare their attempts at mind-reading with the actual results.

In short, the Bowl Alliance made public Sunday the matchups for the nation's top three bowls. Notre Dame will meet Florida State in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1996. It will be the final Orange Bowl to be played in the stadium of the same name. The 1997 Orange Bowl will stay in Miami, Fla., but will be moved to Joe Bobbie Stadium. It will be Notre Dame's first appearance since 1991, when the Irish fell to Colorado 10-9 after a "Rocket" fumble punt return for a touchdown was called back because of a clipping penalty.

"We've been to the Orange Bowl, but we haven't been back there for about five years, so we're excited to have that opportunity," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "We don't have any body on that team presently even close to what they had in 1991 when we played them." Holtz said.

The observant fan would have noted Florida State had won its last nine games, while the Irish were 1-3 in their last four.

With the first and second selections, the Fiesta Bowl chose No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Florida to play January 2 for the national championship. The Irish were chosen third and the Seminoles fifth by the Orange Bowl, while the Sugar Bowl took Texas with their fourth pick and Virginia Tech with the final selection.

But who the Irish play pales in comparison to the actual event of playing in a bowl.

"It's just great to be going," offensive guard Ryan Leahy said. "Choosing an opponent is like asking, 'What kind of car do you want?'"

But the prospects of playing Florida State is a nice one in Holtz's eyes.

"I enjoy (Seminole coach) Bobby Bowden's companionship, and we're looking forward to playing down there," he said. "We're playing Florida State at a neutral site in Florida. We see any land in Florida Seminole territory."

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