Ad Hoc Committee reports on progress

Group attempts to meet needs of gays and lesbians

By MEGAN McGRATH
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame took another step in its months-long process of trying to decide the question of how to better meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students Monday.
The Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs made public its interim report to Vice-President for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara in a full page ad in The Observer.

"We wanted people to have some insight into what we've been doing this semester," said Committee Chairperson Ann Firth, who also serves as O'Hara's assistant.

The document, authored by Firth and submitted to O'Hara on Dec. 1, outlines the experiences and impressions the group formed and had since issuing a preliminary report May 1.

"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," Firth wrote.

The group held six meetings this fall, and four were devoted to listening to the concerns of gay and lesbian students, for the purpose of hearing numerous voices from within the Notre Dame community.

Firth noted that these meetings provided probing insights into the lives of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame, finding that there often existed a "real terror" in their lives.

"Some students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide," the report reads.

The committee also heard testimony about how gays and lesbians attempt to balance their sexuality and their faith. Gays and lesbians want the University to provide the resources they need integrate their sexuality and their faith lives.

The committee report also noted gay and lesbian student concerns about "how very difficult it to be gay at Notre Dame."

"These students have often had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University," Firth wrote.

Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs also suggested the formation of a strongly gender-balanced group, with a large portion of its members, to be known as "the community for gender equity, we feel it is our responsibility to the women and men of the most disturbing experiences of the most disturbing reasons," including:

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Women's Resource Center responds to sexist e-mail

By MEGAN McGRATH
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women's Resource Center is sponsoring a petition addressed to administrators at Cornell University to respond to an e-mail chain letter circulated by four Cornell students.

The list, entitled "Top 75 Reasons Why Women (bitches) Shouldn't Have Freedom of Speech" has been circulated to several members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community via e-mail.

The list is a strongly misogynist nature, containing such reasons as "Of course, if she can't speak, she can't say no" and "If it hurts, I don't wanna hear it."

Women's Resource President Erin Trahan said, "As a student organization that promotes gender equality, we feel it is our responsibility to report the event to Notre Dame students and respond to such hateful, violent acts."

WRC officer Chrissy Kenny released the list just before Thanksgiving break and brought it to the Center. For Trahan and the other WRC members, the list drew comparisons to last year's Hall Notes scandal at Notre Dame.

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Co-ed dorm debate continues

By AMY SCHMIDT
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The Campus Life Council is currently working on a resolution requesting dialogue on the hotly debated issue of co-residentiality that will be submitted to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees in the spring of 1996.

However, the CLC has not, as yet, chosen a vehicle for representation to the Board. The draft of the preliminary resolution included a clause that "urges Patricia O'Hara, the vice president of Student Affairs, to present the option for co-residentiality for upperclassmen in one or more of the new facilities to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for consideration as an item of action."

Because parliamentary procedures regarding CLC matters and the Board of Trustees have not been fully investigated, the Board is postponing a decision on both the content and the vehicle for the final resolution on co-residentiality until next semester.

At the meeting yesterday, some members of the CLC suggested that Jonathan Patrick, student body president, serving as the voice of both the student body and the CLC, present the resolution to the Board of Trustees.

The CLC also suggested the possibility of having a few members of the Council accompany Patrick in his presentation of the resolution.

In other CLC news, the subcommittee for advising systems at Notre Dame has been researching the effectiveness of departmental advisors in the Colleges of Architecture, Engineering, Business, Arts and Letters, and Science. Discussion on the effectiveness of advising will continue next semester, with the possible planning of a professional, campus-wide or college-wide advising system.
Fighting the seasonal sorrows

Seasonal depression is heralded by the sun less and less every day, or so it seems. Rain, wind, and snow are attacking us harder and harder. We sleep more and we are piling on more and more warm clothes to combat the cold. As a result, we have the sniffles, a cough, and a fever. We are tired, and harder, and we are spending more and more of our money as we spend more and more time as the final rush up on us like rabid wolves.

I say that we should all reject stress. Return to childhood. I don't mean that we should be sitting in front of a television watching cartoons. Nothing remains of nights of days of sleep when we were young, when we went to bed by eight and got up at nine the next morning. In addition to this gross amount of sleep, we need to take at least one nap during the day. While we really don't need that much sleep can be considered complete if the pillow qualifies that brief nap as study time. Perhaps you like to say and you know what I mean, then I'll see you tomorrow at some time to get in touch with your outer self or maybe your inner self as well.

Here are three of my suggestions. Keep them in mind this next week and a half.

1. Take advantage of study days to sleep. The Pillowcase Rapist linked to 200 sex crimes in Southern California in the 1970s is still considered dangerous, but prison officials have run out of legal reasons to hold him. Reginald Muldrew, who earned his nickname because he put pillowcases over his victims' heads to conceal his identity, was to be released from county jail Monday, prison officials said. Then and when he would be freed. Muldrew, 47, has completed his prison term and two six-month extensions for psychiatric treatment is not available outside prison which makes him a danger to others and for which he must be released 35 miles from the home of one of his victims, said police.


3. It's a nice day, go out and play. Have a friendly bear or favorite blanket in your backpack with your books, hike over to the library, and find a cozy spot to cuddle up with a cozy book. Dr. Seuss story. Perhaps you like "The Lorax" or maybe "Cat in the Hat." Both are great examples of the wackos, the wacktards, and all that. Perhaps note are that funny, no real interest to you. Perhaps you want to learn more, to read to hear it from a Who. If you understand what I say and you know what I mean, then I'll see you tomorrow at PS three-five-thirteen.

My point is this: Slow down and allow some time in touch with your outer child. For half an hour, listen to Adm. Clennon K. Ross in place of the Bobo Bird instead of Edith Vrooder or David Gilmour, read Grimm or Silverstein instead of Shakespeare or Yeats, skip or eat your ice cream instead of pushing or lifting weights. Embrace a little bit of time the way you used to when you were little, it will make the week that little bit easier.

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Jet crashes in swamp, 72 passengers reported killed

DOUALA, Cameroon

A jet overshot a runway at Cameroon's largest city airport, crashed into a swamp, killing 72 of the 78 people aboard, officials said Monday.

The Cameroon Airlines Boeing 737 was making a second try landing Sunday night when it blew out about 2 1/2 miles past the airport at Douala, a port city of about 1.5 million on the Atlantic coast about 175 miles west of the capital, Yaounde.

A survivor told local radio station Africa Number 1 that sparks started shooting out of the right engine as the jet was about to land.

The pilot tried to abort the landing but hit some trees and plunged into the water, said the survivor, who was not identified.

The pilot was pulled from the wreckage alive, but died later. Survivors included at least two of the five crew members — a co-pilot and flight attendant.

Most of those aboard were believed to be Cameroonians, an official of state-owned Cameroon Airlines. The flight came from the neighboring country of Benin.

Military helicopters and navy boats searched the waters off the Wouri River for survivors, bodies and clues to the cause of the accident, but the thick fog hampered the hunt.

The reason for the first abort land

San Antonio

A man who claimed a woman had given him AIDS burst into her home with a pistol and shot five people, killing two, before shooting himself to death, police said. Ulyses Miller, 22, was found in the front yard of the house, dead of a self-inflicted wound to the head, police said. He had been at the home earlier Sunday looking for the 24-year-old woman who said infect

ed him, said police Sgt. Bay Torres. The intended victim had recently moved out of the house but at least nine relatives, including four children, were present. He said morning eating and watching television when Miller entered the house through the garage and family shot Henry Crawford, police said. As Miller moved through the one-story house, unloading 10 shots from a .25-caliber pistol, family members scrambled to escape, police said.

None of the children was injured. "He shot several times," neighbor John Baray said in Monday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "He first went in and started firing, then came outside and unloaded. Then he went inside, fired again." By Monday afternoon it had not been determined whether Miller was infected with the AIDS virus. Tests were to be done on him.

Police refused to identify the intended victim or comment on her alleged relationship with the gunman.

Student tries to hijack school bus

GREENVILLE, S.C.

A 13-year-old boy was arrested Monday after he boarded a school bus with a semiautomatic weapon and dared the driver to go to Georgia. Bus driver Gloria Stamey told the boy she didn't have enough gas for the trip and talked him out of the hijacking attempt. Ms. Stamey then drove to the police department. The North Carolina School Bus Driver's Handbook says that drivers who carry weapons are not released because of his age, was arrested. The boy boarded the bus and showed the driver a gun that he said was his father's .40-caliber semiautomatic pistol and 60 rounds of ammunition, school officials said. When the boy showed the gun to other passengers on board, a student alerted Ms. Stamey. She then went to the police department. According to police, the boy was transporting the gun to the Greenville School District. Ms. Stamey had a warrant to search the boy's locker. The boy never threatened anyone with the gun. But he also had a warrant for a weapon.

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University to increase funds for scholarship aid

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Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame will increase expendable funds for student scholarship aid by $5 million over the next four academic years, according to Father E. William Beauchamp, executive vice president of the University.

A projected 425 undergraduate students will be recipients of the new scholarship money over the four-year period. Scholarship awards will be made to first-year students in each of the four entering classes beginning in the fall of 1996.

In accordance with each University policy, awards will be based on students' academic and personal qualities as well as demonstrated financial need.

The awards will carry over from year to year with adjustments for increased University costs and any changes in students' need.

"All too often, students whose first choice is Notre Dame and whom we would like to have on campus are going elsewhere because they've been offered better financial aid packages," Beauchamp said.

"This new infusion of funds is an investment in the future of the University—to help us bring Notre Dame to the students who will help fashion our future.

"Sources of the $5 million in new expendable money will include proceeds from bowl appearances by the football team, revenues from the University's television contract with NBC and income from its product licensing program. Some sources already have generated more than $30 million in increased financial aid endowment in the past three years alone.

"Our commitment to endowment as the soundest, surest source of financial aid for the long term is undiminished, and that will continue to be our primary fund-raising goal," Beauchamp said. "At the same time, however, the officers of the University feel that an immediate infusion of funds will give new impetus to our efforts—and will help bring to Notre Dame outstanding students who otherwise would be unable to attend.

"Our new infusion of funds is increasing financial aid has been Notre Dame's foremost priority for more than a decade, and concerted efforts since 1990 have doubled the level of scholarship aid now available to undergraduate students.

Air Force ROTC plans award ceremony

By HEATHER CROSS

News Writer

As the dust settled from the recent resignation of the former Notre Dame RHA executive board, last night's election saw four enthusiastic women take on the task of running for RHA president and vice president.

Sarah Sullivan and four other board members ran the election, in which each hall had four votes: two from the executive board and two from representatives. Annuncia-tia Hall, however, was only allowed one representative vote due to its small number of residents.

All of the candidates were given time to speak on why they wished to be elected. Nikki Milos, who ran for the position of President and Vice President, stressed the importance of "continuing the work we've started and getting things done."

"I look forward to working with RHA," said newly-elected President Nikki Milos, "I'm going to do my best to help them in any way, with any problems, at any time," added former RHA Treasurer Cynthia Exconde.

"I look forward to working with RHA," said newly-elected President Paulette Raczkowski. "I have a strong power on this campus, and I'm going to be able to work with this organization."

Raczkowski has set unity within student government as a goal for RHA.

"I look forward to working with the BOG, SAB (Student Activities Board), and SAC (Student Academic Council) on campus-wide activities and events."

Correction

The Observer regrets to make the following corrections:

An article in last Wednesday's edition incorrectly identified the group Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE).

Last Friday's article on consequences for university presidents incorrectly designated the destination of Father Mai-

LOVE LIGHTS A TREE

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GM President to seize control for chairman

By MIKE MCKESSION
Associated Press

DETROIT
Three years after a boardroom coup gave leadership of General Motors Corp. to an outsider, the chairman said Monday that the recovery is well on its way and it's time to return control for chairman GM.

Chairman John F. Smith Jr., who led the board in the 1992 revolt, will take the title of chairman and CEO, in a move announced in a news release.

Smith, who has been CEO since 1990, said in the news release announcing the changes:

The 1992 rebellion was triggered by billions of dollars in losses from US G.M.'s North American operations. Chairman and chief executive Robert Stempel was forced out, Smale became the first GM chairman since the 1950s who was not a GM executive, and Smith was charged with turning the company around.

The company earned record profits of $4.1 billion last year, including $640 million from its international GM operations.

Smith will continue as president and chief executive. The company also said Harry Pearce, its executive vice president, will become vice chairman and join Smith as the second company executive on the 13-member board.

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Heat rises in French rail strike

By EDUARDO CUE
Associated Press

PARIS
A strike by public workers intensified today with major unions urging the private sector to join the walkout and Prime Minister Alain Juppe calling an emergency meeting of his government.

The 11-day strike has idled French trains, buses and subways, unnerved millions of commuters and hobbled almost already weak economy.

There was no immediate indication of what would be discussed at the Cabinet meeting tonight. Until now the government has held firm to its plan to overhaul the social security system and slash the $6.4 billion deficit.

However, some in the government have suggested President Jacques Chirac might dissolve the National Assembly and call early legislative elections to break the impasse.

Unions scheduled demonstrations in Paris on Tuesday to maintain pressure on the government in the most serious labor unrest in nearly a decade. Two unions flatly reject wage freezes for all 5 million public employees and cuts in their benefits. A third major union has accepted some of the proposed revisions in health and retirement programs.

Transport, utility, postal and other public workers remained off the job. The strike has shut down 57 of France's 137 post offices.

Financial markets today reflected concern that the strikes could spread to the private sector. By late afternoon, the CAC 40 Index of most actively traded stocks was down 2.5 percent.

Chirac, speaking Sunday night in Besan on a summit of French-speaking nations, reiterated that he would not back down.

"France is at a crossroads," Chirac said. "This is the path the path of reforms that have been put off for far too long."

Union leaders also talked tough, demanding that the government's plan be withdrawn as a condition to opening negotiations.

"In our interviews with the committee we sought to remind them that their mandate came first from the community and second from Patty O'Hara. The community and student organization demanded action be taken," he said.

Blandford went on to say that he was pleased to see a reference to the Stempel report. "An overwhelming majority of the gay and lesbian students that the committee talked to were GLND/SMC members," Blandford said. "It was good to see that noted." At one meeting out of 36 students in attendance, GLND/SMC, he said.

Blandford still says he feels that if the committee is honest and answers its mandate, a recognized, independent gay and lesbian student group will be among the panel's recommendations.

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First American troops arrive in Bosnia

By MARK PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press

SARAJEVO
Two American sergeants became the first U.S. troops in Bosnia today when they arrived to help lay the groundwork for a 60,000-strong NATO mission to enforce the Balkan peace.

The officers flew into Sarajevo on a camouflaged British C-130 Hercules transport plane carrying about two dozen NATO troops, including British, French and Belgians.

A second plane to Sarajevo brought a seven-member British logistics team, and a third flight carrying troops was expected later today in Croatia, 56 British communications experts arrived in the port city of Split.

A third of the NATO force will be Americans — the first U.S. ground troops sent to Bosnia in more than 3 1/2 years of war.

"We'll be setting up the headquarters for the bigger force to come down," said Sgt. Matthew Chipman, of Beardsport, Ill., who arrived today with Sgt. Todd Eichmann, of Kansas City, Mo.

Chipman said the time frame for the rest of the troops' arrival was undetermined. "Everybody is hoping as soon as possible," said Chipman. He said he and Eichmann will go to base in Augsburg, Germany, so quickly he didn't have a chance to say goodbye to his parents.

A British soldier who flew into Sarajevo as part of the logistics team said that serving with the NATO force would be better than his previous job as a U.N. peacekeeper in Split because he is now authorized to use force. "It's the same job," Sgt. Eric Johnson said. "But it's easier this way."

The soldiers who arrived today are the first of 2,600 assigned to lay the groundwork for whole force. In all, some 60,000 NATO troops — a third from the United States — will take part in the mission.

President Clinton gave the official go-ahead Sunday for the first small groups of U.S. soldiers to leave, but their travel plans were not clear. Some Americans were expected to arrive early this week in Kosovo, Hungry, to set up a transit point.

The 56 soldiers who came to Croatia today as part of Britain's 7th Signal Regiment will start dealing with communications, logistics and supplies. Some will head for Sarajevo and Tuzla, and others will stay at Split, a key transit point for Bosnia.

A convoy of 15 to 20 trucks was set to leave a NATO base in Naples, Italy, on Tuesday for Zagreb, Croatia, to bring equipment for the operation's headquarters, said NATO spokesman Franco Veltri.

Clinton, speaking Sunday in Madrid at the end of a five-day European trip, brushed aside a defiant statement by the Bosnian Serb military leader, Gen. Ratko Mladic.

On Saturday, Mladic demanded a reconsideration of the peace accord's transfer of control over Serb areas around Sarajevo to a new Muslim-Croat federation.

Speaking to his troops, Mladic said Serbs will never permit themselves to be ruled by "butchers" — his description of the Muslims and Croats they have fought for more than 3 1/2 years.

Clinton was unyielding. "No, I don't think the treaty is in trouble, and no, I don't think the treaty has to be renegotiated," he said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, speaking on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," also emphasized that the agreement was broken.

"Ohio, "will not be changed, it will not be modified" to meet Bosnian Serb objections about the future of Sarajevo. He said NATO forces do not expect organized resistance from the Serbs.

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia "understands he has a responsibility to get them under control and we expect him to carry out that responsibility," Christopher said.

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11:00 PM A CHRISTMAS STORY

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Throwing down the Gauntlet of debate

I have never started any of my columns with "Dear tight-ass authoritarian conserva-..."

Needless to say, I am a growing tad of being addressed by my detrac-..."-

What I could do is sling some more mud with mud," method of dis-...e

Matt Apple

Because I'm "simply" a writer is not much of an argument.

A liberal says to question my slant on American history, please take your head out of your high school history book and reconsider a small fact. First. To consider a small fact, the War Between the States was not only not fought to "free the slaves," but in fact Abraham Lincoln had no intention of freeing the slaves when he took office. At the time, he didn't believe that it was his right to impose his morals upon a large section of the American populace. Lincoln only issued the Emancipation Proclamation because the North was losing the war and hoped that the freed slaves would join the Union Army.

As far as my "advantages" as a white male are concerned, let me give a brief history of my family's history. My parents were the first ever Catholic family to move to Notre Dame. All reasonable discourses depend upon successfully pandering to the idea of someone rammng their "objectivity" down my throat?

Therefore I have the following to ask of anyone who wishes to take issue with anything discussed in my columns: by all means, go right ahead and dis-agree with what I say, but if you do, kindly stick to the issues. It is perfectly fine to say you have a different opinion regarding a philosophical stance such as, say, moral relativism (more on my moral relativism in future columns). On the other hand, claiming that I don't know anything about the real world because I'm "simply" a writer is not much of an argument.

One short thought on the American Christmas season: I find it almost embarassing that Americans have per-fected the ritual of mass mail-shopping (giving credit where it's due, this was actually my roommate's comment, with which I happen to agree). This is some-what of a Catch-22 for me, as my job depends upon successfully pandering to said masses. I do so with the knowledge that my own family cannot afford to shop in the store where I work, and that many of my presents this year, as in previous years, will be clothing donated by local area church-goers. I like to think that we don't get caught up in the "money-for-familial-love" trap of mod-ern culture, that we actually celebrate a family holiday by being together under one roof, and sharing a holiday meal. It doesn't always work out that way (with little kids, something disruptive happens almost like clockwork), but with fewer material presents each year, it gets clos-er and closer to that ideal. I often won-der if Christmas would truly be a holiday or a winter festival if nobody bought anything for their relatives.

One final word of advice to would-be have-been absuers of the English Department: it is not wise to pass off a large group of writers. Live by the word, die by the pen. It's your choice.

Happy Christmas, one and all.

Matt Apple is one damn good Creative Writing student of many at Notre Dame. All reasonable discourses accepted liberally at matthew.a.apple7b.nd.edu.

\[quote the day\]

Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations...so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust, and soot of your complaints.

---Sir William Osler
Dear Editor:

In response to the letter, "Right Reason" contradicts its own terms," (Nov. 28, D. MacIsaac), I submit the following: it is wholly erroneous to state that one cannot be both a faithful Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church, and, at the same time, a modern political and economic conservative (Pardessons of the "Right Reason" MacIsaac, are merely ideological paraphrases of a political position that neglects the pressing loaft). To support his contention otherwise, the author, who spent sixty-four years in Rome, began his column by quoting Pius XI, who was then the "most famous" (as he was then called) of the "free-market" economics. (Then what exactly is "free-market economics"? The term is attributed to a British economist/philosopher named Mullins, holding the position of "Professor of Political Economy," which was a purely academic position, and is, thus, should be completely self-directing. Accordingly, only when completely self-directing, and only by regulations could those "free" markets best serve society at large. Even though such a policy may bring about serious economic hardship, severe in some parts of the country etc., the market in the end would be self-correcting and result in the highest number of better-off people. Indeed, then, according to Mullins's philosophy as one where utility presupposes morality, spoke out against it. In the quote MacIsaac gracefully, fluently, "in the end," that Church's position against any economic system which leads to a hierarchy of the poor, he made clear, a society like fashion, has also written substantially condemning any economic system: whether it be atheistic Communism or mainstream Capitalism, is "free-market." Mullins was completely anathema to the spiritual needs of the people.

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Even if those you love have been especially naughty this year, be nice and give them something extra special this holiday season. Since our dads are tired of ties, our moms' closets couldn't handle another sweater and by this time in the semester most of us are poor and lethargic, here are some sure-to-please gift ideas to take the trauma out of holiday shopping. Accent staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Good Luck finding a parking space.

**Friends and Siblings**
- A picture in a frame
- A poster of a favorite movie or rock band
- A picture of the family
- A needlepoint pillow
- A tape recorder or Cassette
- A letter from abroad
- A miniature easel with oil paint
- A personalized mug or coffee cup
- A customized candy cane
- A gift certificate for the spa
- A personalized watch
- A sack of favorite candies
- A framed print
- A personal gift
- A knitted afghan
- A book on astrology
- A world globe
- A relaxation tape
- A pet's picture
- A scrapbook
- A signed photo
- A piece of jewelry
- A gift certificate

**Dads**
- Plane 234 Tackle Box ($24.96, The Sports Authority)
- Business Card Holder ($20, Bentley's Luggage)
- Shave kit
- The dapper
- Autographed memorabilia from their favorite sports hero (check your local phone book under collectibles)

**That Significant Other**
- Massage oil
- A mix tape of all your favorite tunes
- Anything but flowers or chocolates
- A watch engraved on the back
- A concert ticket
- A happy mother ($11 for large, $10 small, with a free Santa hat during holiday time)
- An illustrated time-line of your relationship
- A watch engraved on the back
- A holiday theme gift certificate

Certain members of Accent Staff would like to congratulate the 1995 Women's Soccer Team (and especially their roommates who they haven't seen all semester) on a fabulous season. Go IRISH!
Blimpies. It was a good weekend for the Irish, including Notre Dame, Niagara, and Buffalo, the teams were able to hold their own with a personal best from Katie Rose in the 200 IM. Other stellar performances were achieved by Sara Gillen, Allison Smith, Shannon Kelleher, and Jen Mitchell who each swam the 500 freestyle in both the morning and night sessions of the invitational.

"We knew better than to expect to compete with Notre Dame this weekend," Coach Mike Whatley said. "They are tough teams. But the fact that we were able to swim against them with quality performances is a high point for us this season."

After Wednesday, the Belles were set to step up their game against the strong teams.

"We used the strength of the other strong teams to push us to go faster," Coach Mike Whatley said.

On Friday, the Belles showed their desire to improve. Freshman Tara Thomas with a time of 1:04.82, broke the team record in the 100 back-stroke, while Allyssa Camedy placed 17th in the 100 yard butterfly. The face suggested Camedy with a season best performance.

The 800 freestyle relay team, composed of Smith, Mitchell, Kelleher, and rose placed fifth ahead of Kansas, Buffalo, and pulled, and pushed the Belles ahead of Niagara for seventh place.

On the final day of competition the Belles maintained their lead over Niagara, with commendable performances from several team members.

"It was a good weekend for the NCAAs in the freestyle," said Allison Smith. "The team achieved a personal best in every swim.

="It was nice a end to the meets for the swimmers," Coach Mike Whatley said. "We broke the records and swimmers were happy with their performance."

Shannon Kelleher had 15th place finishes in the 1500 free and the 200 fly, Mary Bushmich placed 20th in the 200 backstroke, and Jill Cooper qualified for the final for both times in the 100 back.

The performances helped the Belles to hold on to 7th place finish in the Invitational.

"It was nice able to beat Niagara at that finish line," Smith said. "We were really impressed by the accomplishments. We may not have been able to pose serious competition in the invitational, but the meet was a great experience."
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A pre-season No. 2 ranking in the Big East 6 coupled with an impressive win against conference foe Rutgers gives the Irish reason to be confident.

Notre Dame, however, suffered its first two losses of the season this weekend at the Kona Women’s Basketball Classic in Hawaii.

Penn State defeated the Irish 86-77, and Texas A & M narrowly beat Notre Dame in overtime by a score of 84-82.

Notre Dame’s only win, an 80-67 victory, came against the Washington Huskies.

Considering that both losses were at the hands of nationally ranked squads, Coach McGraw was pleased with her team’s performance. “This early in the season, I’m really happy with the way we are playing.”

Notre Dame’s most feared rival in the Big East will be defending national champion Connecticut. The Huskies possess some of the best talent in the country, including the Big East’s pre-season player of the year Jennifer Rizzotti and pre-season rookie of the year Tammy Arnold.

Along with Connecticut and Notre Dame, the Big East 6 consists of Villanova, Boston College, St. John’s, and West Virginia.

The other conference division, Big East 7, is led by pre-season favorite Seton Hall. Last season, the Pirates earned their second straight NCAA tournament appearance and spent ten weeks in the Associated Press Top 25.

Joining Seton Hall in the Big East 7 are Providence, Miami, Rutgers (which begins its inaugural Big East season along with Notre Dame), Pittsburgh, Georgetown, and Syracuse.

Notre Dame’s entrance into the Big East has not only affected its own players and coaches. Its presence is being noticed by teams throughout the country, including the Big East, and it makes the Big East a stronger conference all the way down the line,” commented Sam Henderson, assistant sports information director at Miami.

Junior co-captain Beth Morgan is anxious to prove that Notre Dame can compete with the top teams in the Big East. She played brilliantly this weekend against some of the top players in the country, including a career-high 24 point performance in the overtime loss to Texas A & M.

“I’m really excited about playing in the Big East, because of the quality of the teams,” commented Morgan. “Both of our losses this weekend we could have won, which is frustrating, but we know we can play with the good teams.

The Big East has plenty of good teams. Notre Dame’s goal is to establish itself as one of the best.

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But talk to Gaither herself, and you realize that this is no puffed-up star.

“Everybody becomes a leader at a certain time on this team,” commented Gaither when asked about her role as a team leader. “Whoever comes through and steps up their game when we need it becomes our leader.”

Gaither became such a leader last year, when she stepped up her game in impressive fashion, tripling her scoring output from her freshman year to finish with a team-high 19.0 points per-game average. She has continued to lead the Irish this season, averaging 15.9 points over six games while leading the team in rebounds with a 9.8 average.

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Clearly, Katryna Gaither has arrived. She is a leader every time she steps out on the court.

Katryna brings a lot of strength to our team,” said Irish head coach Muffett McGraw. “We need her to continue to rebound well. She’s improved on defense this season, and has been more of an intimidator around the basket.”

With the loss of Letitia Bowen, Notre Dame’s all-time leading rebounder to graduation last year, Gaither knew that she would have to improve on her 7.7 rebound-per-game average from last season. She also knew that she would have to do even more.

“T need to do a little bit of everything,” acknowledged Gaither. “My job usually requires me to do a lot of rebounding and block shots. But I’m willing to dish off an assist whenever we need it as well.

To be honest, I just like to run a lot.”

It is this tireless work ethic which has enabled Gaither to reach the next level of play over the last two years, a fact which doesn’t go unnoticed by coach and fellow players alike.

“You could tell when we began practice last season she had worked really hard on her game in the off-season,” commented Morgan. “She has a great work ethic.”

McGraw echoes Morgan.

“She’s just one of those players who is a pleasure to coach.”

A pleasure to coach, but certainly not a pleasure to play against, the hard-working Gaither is intent on reaching new levels of success during her collegiate career.

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Beth Morgan, Notre Dame’s leading scorer, will look to pace the Irish in their inaugural season in the Big East.

"Katryna gives us a good inside attack," commented leading scorer and fellow junior Beth Morgan. "She is a great rebounder for us, someone who the other team has to make sure to watch out for every time we take the court."

While her increased rebounding and continued prolific offensive production have drawn attention to the affable junior from Mt. Vernon, New York, Gaither’s other contributions have not gone unnoticed.

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Turnovers force All-Star draw

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Some may say pop-tarts, but the story of the women's interhall all-star game was turnovers.

Even after 60 minutes and a potential tie-breaker, neither the Blue or Gold division was able to enjoy the sweet taste of victory as costly miscues at critical times resulted in a 6-6 tie Sunday at the Loftus Center.

"It was a great opportunity, and we had a lot of fun, but we wish we could have settled it on the field," said Blue running back Wendy Mores.

The Gold squad, determined to avenge last year's 21-14 loss, charged out of the gates in a hurry, using trickery and deception to build a 6-0 advantage before the Blue division knew what hit them.

After receiving the well-thrown pass, Siegfried's Jen Laurie hit Elizabeth Plummer. "I knew it was a good play, but I didn't know it would work as well as it did."

With fans and players alike thinking that the offenses would dominate for the second straight year, the two defenses took control of the game. The score stood 6-0 until a costly Gold turnover late in the first half turned the tide.

Blue linebacker Shelly Dillenburger stepped in front of a Laurie pass and returned it to the Gold 20-yard-line with 1:07 remaining in the first half. Four plays later, Blue quarterback Julie Byrd connected with tailback Wendy Mores for a 12-yard touchdown.

Defense was the story of the second half as neither the Blue nor Gold squad was able to maintain any kind of consistency at the offensive end.

"The defense really stepped up in the second half," said Blue tailback Trish Sorensen. "It was important that we got the touchdown at the end of the first because it was tough to move the football in the second half."

Following regulation, each team had one opportunity to try to score on four plays from the 10-yard-line. The defenses once again stepped up, and neither squad was able to get into the end zone to break the tie.

"We were lucky to get the two interceptions when we needed them," said Sorensen. "Those two turnovers kept us in the game when we struggled offensively for the most part."

Indeed, interhall football fans were lucky to get the two touchdowns, but turnovers and tough defenses led to a 6-6 draw of the All-Star contest.
Gold Division narrowly prevails in All-Star battle

By JOE CAVATO

The men’s interhall all-star game this past Sunday at Loftus was a classic gridiron battle in the trenches. Defenses bent, but didn’t break. The offenses created big plays to open the scoring. In the end, the Gold All-Stars edged the Blue by an 8-6 final score. The tone for the day was set on the first drive of the game. The Gold offense pushed up several first downs. However, the Blue defense then stood tall and forced a change of possession. This type of trend would last throughout the day.

The first big play of the day occurred when Planner’s Scott Lupe picked off by Gold’s David Meffle out of St. Eds. The interception gave the Gold offense an opportunity of which they took full advantage. From the Blue thirty Gold’s running back Matt Bundeck (Zahm) and Dayne Nelson (Fisher) drove to the fifteen. Then Nelson scampered into the endzone for the score. Sorin quarterback Chris Bryant hit Todd Kuczak, Carroll’s big tight end, for the conversion.

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Lions keep play-off hopes alive, beat Bears

By HARRY ATKINS

The Detroit Lions can still think playoffs.

With Scott Mitchell passing for three touchdowns Monday night, the Lions won their fourth straight game, a 27-7 victory over the Chicago Bears. Lions coach Wayne Fontes was given a win-or-else ultimatum by club owner William Clay Ford four games ago. Now Detroit, playing with great confidence, is 7-6 and still alive, with a soft schedule ahead.

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Assistant Sports Editor

During both games at North Carolina last weekend, Irish opponents were starting into a wall of green.

As the women's soccer team removed their warm-ups on Friday night, they showed off their Kelly green uniforms with matching socks to boot.

Coach Petrucci and the Irish hoped the new look would provide a lift considering the history of those famed jerseys.

"It gave us a huge emotional lift on Friday," Petrucci said.

"Today (Sunday) we talked about wearing them and I left it up to the team."

The players saw no reason that the Portland final was any less special than the North Carolina game.

"Their comment to me was 'You keep telling us we're here to win a national championship and now you're going to tell us that the North Carolina game was more important than not wearing the green on Sunday.'" Petrucci added. "It made sense to me."

Simply the Best: Five Notre Dame players were named to the All-tournament team during the weekend. Colleen Dews, Michelle McCarthy, Kate Sobrero, Holly Manthei, and Jen Renola all garnered the honor.

Kate Sobrero and there's no defender I would rather have in front of me," Renola said.

In addition to Scharff and Sobrero, Renola could also not do without Fisher and Vogel.

Throughout the year, Fisher and Sobrero complemented each other, continually backing the other up and preventing breakdowns. Vogel's mid-season addition to the lineup brought with it a new vigor on the defensive side, while she provided a welcomed scoring threat to the offense.

Once this defensive unit became cohesive, the only thing that was threatened was a record for shutouts.

37.15 points and third in the 3-meter competition with 410.25 points. Sophomore Courtney South finished strong in the freestyle events, matching a fourth place finish in the 200 (1:55.86), third in the 100 (52.81) and fourth in the 50 (24.61).

On the men's side the Irish also finished third overall. Pittsburgh won the meet with 843 points followed by Kansas with 740 points and the Irish with 512 points.

"The field was definitely the toughest we have faced in a while but it brought our level of competition up a notch," commented captain George Lahr.

Sophomore Ron Boyer led the Irish with a strong finish in the 50 Free (21.09). His time was only a half of a second away from an NCAA consideration time.

Freshman Jeff Page finished third in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:54.41 and fellow freshman Scott Zumbach finished second in the 400 Individual Medley (4:01.40). In the Breaststroke events junior Matt Rose and Steele Whowell exchanged finishes, with Rose placing second in the 200 (2:07.37) and Zumbach in 200 (2:06.84) and Whowell finishing third in the 200 (2:09.91) and second in the 500 (58.54).

The Irish will wrap up the first half of the season Saturday with a dual meet against Ball State University.

Senior co-captain Joy Michnowicz helped lead the Irish to a third place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish placed behind Kansas and Pitt.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The month contains several following any-thing of the Second Vatican Council on the Church and People of Latin America with special reference to the "Preferential Option for the Poor." In a lecture scheduled today by Marcos McFarland, McFarland in the Emeritus Archbishop of Panama and Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute. The lecture will be today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103, Hesburgh Library Center for International Studies.

A Shenanigan Christmas concert will take place tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Come see and hear your favorite Christmas melodies performed with Shenanigan unique style. Admission is only $2 per person. Tickets are available at the door or at the LaFortune Information desk.

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Defense keys championship run

Irish blank all opponents in NCAA tourney

By JOE VILLINSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

With one day in the rearview mirror following the women's soccer first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the first national championship.

People will point to Cindy Daws' alert play in sudden death in the final or the self-inflicted wound on offense, how­ever, is not her specialty.

Sobrero was named outstanding defensive player of the tourna­ment after tightly marking Portland All-American Shannon MacMillan in the final. With Sobrero on her like glue, MacMillan was limited to just five shots in 125 minutes on Sunday.

"MacMillan is our best front­runner and we thought if we could shut her down then we could pretty much shut down their whole offense," Sobrero added. "We pretty much did that with a few exceptions."

"I played with Kate Sobrero before," MacMillan said. "She's a

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Challenge of Big East ahead for Gaither, Irish

Junior forward leads in boards and heart

By DYLAN BARMER
Sports Writer

A quick perusal of the Notre Dame women's basketball team media guide yields the following prophetic tidbit of inform­ation regarding junior center Katryna Gaither.

"Her ability to score and rebound inside will be critical to Notre Dame's success this season.

Yet another quick perusal, this time of the box scores of the six games the Irish have played this season, reveals the harsh reality of the above quotation.

In a season-opening 82-73 win on the road against perennial power Indiana, Gaither scored 31 points to accompany 14 rebounds. In a 80-67 win over Washington at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii this past Saturday, Gaither poured in 20 points while grabbing five rebounds in just 23 minutes of play. In an 86-77 loss to power­house Penn State the day before, Gaither man­aged just 12 points and six rebounds.

There is no mistaking it: Gaither's contribution has enormous bearing on the Irish's success.

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Kona tournament prepares squad

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

High hopes. Quality of the opposition. Strength of schedule. NCAA Tournament.

These are the catch phrases for the Notre Dame women's basketball team as they enter their inaugural season in the Big East Conference.

"The Big East has a greater strength of sched­ule that will be more favorable to the NCAA tournament selection committee," commented Irish head coach Muffet McGrath.

Make no mistake, an NCAA tournament berth is the ultimate goal for this year's team. Although a Big East title would be an excellent addition to Notre Dame's trophy case, the Irish hope a strong perfor­mance in one of the nation's top conferences will earn them a coveted spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"Both the Big East championship and the NCAA tournament are important to us, but we realize that we do not have to win our confer­ence to earn a spot in the tournament," said McGrath.
He's just a man. Defensive backs think. He's nothing special. He's not even fast. I can stop him.

Derrick Mayes burns them.

"He's just a man," defensive coordinators say. "If one guy can't stop him, we'll double cover him. He's not that spectacular."

Yet, Derrick Mayes gets open. Or he makes the catch in traffic.

Maybe opponents should learn from Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus. He knows better than anyone.

"Derrick is the man," he says.

Specifically, the man with the red cape.

When he's on the field, Mayes throws the hat and glasses aside and gets the job done like only a superhero can. Dazzling catches look about as easy as walking and chewing gum. Getting in the end zone is about as routine as running sprints in practice.

But off the playing field, Mayes assumes the mild-mannered reporter image, which is difficult to do when you're expected to be a...
The Mildcats are not an unstoppable. Speedy Ike Hilliard and remarkable quarterback Tommie (CBS) directed by Reisman hopeful Danny Wuerffel, to be undisputed, undefeated heavyweight champion of the nation's top-ranked squad for roughly half the season, have not shown any signs of being distracted by the Lawrence Phillips' affair nor quarterback Tommie (ABC) getting Texas' visit to Notre Dame Stadium. Believe it or not, the Longhorns ended the season ranked ahead of Notre Dame in the USA Today/CNN Coaches' Poll even though that two top five pit­ted against each other and they didn’t have nearly what the Buckeyes did out.

The Buckeyes will still be smarting from the Michigan disaster but bring some of the nation’s best skill position talent to the table. With NFL scouts galore in attendance, possible Heisman Trophy win­ner Eddie George will have his eyes focused not on a trophy, but on a payday. The battery of Bobby Hoying and Terry Glenn will be out to prove to doubters their worth. The Hoying and Terry Glenn will be out to prove to doubters their worth. The defense must make the option, as evidenced by Arkansas.

Many argue that the Volunteers are the most over­rated team in the nation and that their strength is not enough to make the SEC one of the nation's best conferences to enough to make the one interesting.

The Irish staff will never be confused with Danny Sheridan but they have put together a respectable cumulative record of 85-53-6 this season. No spreads are involved so don’t go running to your bookie just yet.

Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), Jan. 1, 5 p.m. (ABC)

"The Granddaddy" once again has been frozen out of national title implications but does feature college football’s greatest story this year, the improbable Northwestern Wildcats. Gary Barnett's "Cats continually proved skeptics to be wrong with their undefeated run through the Big Ten. Oh, by the way, they play USC.

Utah State beat Notre Dame, Michigan, and Penn State. Almost as impressive, they beat the Sports Illustrated cover jinx. The loss of inside line­backer and emotional leader Pat Fitzgerald is bound to hurt but the wave of emotion the Pasadena Purple is riding cannot be underestimated. A loss would con­firm what many still suspect - the ‘Mildcats are not an endangered species just yet. Southern Cal resided on the other end of the spect­rum. A mid-season drubbing at the hands of the Irish and an inexplicable loss to cross-town rival UCLA took away what little credibility John Robinson's national championship argument had in a New York minute. It's saying something that Koyshawn Johnson talks a better game than he plays.
Controlling ball, clock essential

By MEGAN McGRATH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense is going to have to do more than just score in order to beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

The Irish will have to keep the Seminoles from working their top-ranked offense, and that means dominating time of possession.

"We're not going to put a whole lot of points on the board," head coach Lou Holtz said. "It's going to come down to how well we can slow them down.

While it will be the defense's job to slow Florida State when they have the ball, the offense will need to slow the overall tempo of the game. Improvements in the offensive line and the emergence of freshman Autry Denson indicate the Irish have the talent to control the ball.

"The last time we played them (1994), the game wasn't as close as the score indicated," Holtz said. "But last year we had some struggles on our offensive line and they have really improved and made some great progress."

The offensive line has helped Notre Dame pick up 2,572 rushing yards, averaging 233.8 yards a game. Junior Randy Kinder has been the main benefactor of the line's improvement, earning 609 yards in ten games. However, due to disciplinary reasons, Kinder will likely be unavailable against Florida State.

Without Kinder, the Irish will rely even more on junior fullback Marc Edwards and Denson. Edwards is tied with Kinder for most rushing touchdowns at nine, and Denson is right behind with eight.

Edwards is second on the Irish, averaging 65.2 yards a game. Denson averages 63.2 yards, and both backs are getting 5.1 yards a carry.

But Notre Dame remains haunted by a sack by Navy's Fernando Harris, which ended quarterback Ron Powlus' season.

"We're pretty close to being back on top, and are capable of beating anyone in the country," Holtz said. "But without Ron Powlus, you take out very a strong quarterback and makes us questionable there. You can't expect to win a game with a second string quarterback."}

Junior Tom Krug led Notre Dame to a 44-14 win on the road against Air Force, starting in place of Powlus. Krug has the advantage of a talented receiving corps, featuring All-American candidate Derrick Mayes, who is averaging 18.4 yards a catch.

"The Irish could also exploit the Seminoles' lack of size at line-backer by working huge tight ends Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace."
**THE STATS...**

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**THE STRATEGIST...**

**BOBBY BOWDEN**

20th season at Florida State
Career Record: 258-81-4
Against Notre Dame: 2-1
Highlights: Second winnigest active head coach in college football, he has a 14-3-1 bowl record including 10 wins in a row. Coached the Seminoles to a National Championship in 1993.

**THE SITE...**

**ORANGE BOWL**

Opened in 1937
Capacity: 75,500
Largest Crowd: 82,227
Surface: Grass
ND at Orange Bowl:
9-7-1
FSU at Orange Bowl:
12-16
FIGHTING IRISH

THE STATS

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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LOU HOLTZ

Tenth season at Notre Dame.

Career Record: 208-92-7

Against Florida State 1-1


THE STRATEGIST

Louisiana State University 31 Florida State University 23

MATCHUP

Notre Dame trails: 1-2

Last ND win: 34-27 in 1993

Last Florida State win: 23-16 in 1994

THE ORANGE BOWL

Notre Dame 9 Colorado 10

Raghib "Rocket" Ismail's miraculous late punt return was called back due to a Greg Davis clip. The Buffaloes overcame an injury to quarterback Darian Hagen to win.

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THE ODNSE
Mayes
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vocal leader.

"I don't really know how to approach the situation," Mayes said. "When people are reaching out for instruction, that's when you can feel comfortable lending a hand."

Members of the the Irish receiving core, the AFR05 (America's Finest Receivers On Saturdays) don't find any problems with asking Mayes for advice.

"I wouldn't want to be under any other receiver my freshman year," fellow receiver Bobby Brown said. "Just watching his performance on the field has helped me a lot."

Mayes 22 touchdown receptions makes him the career leader in that category. It's reason enough for his teammates to have voted him the team MVP for the second consecutive year. Mayes joins Tony Rice and Rick Mirer as players in recent Irish history that have enjoyed that honor twice in their careers.

"It's a real honor and a tribute to the other guys," Mayes said. "They're all just great to be around."

They obviously think likewise.

"We've seen all the great receivers this year in (USC's) Keayshawn Johnson, (Ohio State's) Troy Glenn and (Texas') Michael Adams," sophomore receiver Malcolm Johnson said. "Derrick's number one on my list."

Mayes has one more catch and five less touchdowns this season than last, which is considered by many to be an off-year. Criticisms are riding high and visibility is dimming for Mayes, who now finds himself on a top ten team heading for the Orange Bowl.

"It doesn't bother me," he said. "It's just a reflection of stats."

Though he was the only weapon on a feebly Irish squad in 1994, he personally carried the team to a 6-5-1 record. Not good for Notre Dame's standards but not bad considering Mayes often found himself playing in 1-on-11 situations.

Mayes was the only glimmer of hope on a team of dread. He provided the only solace for fans and was the only subject for NBC's cameras.

After scoring against Air Force in 1994, Mayes was flagged down by field reporter John Dockery, in the end zone, who took his gloves and gave them to his father.

"He asked me about it on that Friday," Mayes said. "I told him, 'I'm not going to look for you,' and he said, 'Don't worry, I'll be there.'"

Everyone was at his beck and call in 1994. But the team got hammered because of a lack of depth and confidence.

Mayes contemplated going pro and skipping his senior season, but something called him back. Things like going out a winner and being with his teammates kept him rooted in South Bend.

But the 1995 season was not what it was supposed to be. Losses to Northwestern and Ohio State hurt. An awful individual performance against Washington ached.

It was the game in which he broke the career touchdown record and caught the game-winning two-point conversion. But it was marred by a couple of dropped passes and a fumble.

"It was not the way I envisioned [breaking the record]," he said after the game.

The pride factor kicked in when he returned to Notre Dame. Self-imposed extra work after practice was the answer.

"He caught 300 passes after practice that Monday," recalled Brown. "It was amazing to see that kind of determination. He showed the true Derrick Mayes that day."

It's the behind-the-scenes, Clark Kent persona that Mayes exudes in practice that makes him a leader. Just when you don't expect him to need extra practice, he stays late to work on his catching skills.

Derrick Mayes working on his hands. What a weird concept.

"It's a credit to the way he is," Johnson said. "(Excellence) is the standard he sets for himself. That's just the way he is."

Excellence is what the AFR05 strive for. But without Mayes next year, a less-experienced receiving core may not be ready to shine in the big show.

"There's always someone to fill the shoes," Mayes said. "They have the capabilities and their talents are going to carry them."

Their abilities can carry them, but if they don't have the mental edge, the road could be a tough one. But that's where their leader comes in.

"A lot of what he does is he gives us confidence," Johnson continued. "A lot of the stuff he says is motivation. I think we're going to surprise a lot of people."

So might Mayes. In the pros, that is.

A so-called off-year has lowered his draft stock in the eyes of some critics. And with his last game in the gold helmet approaching quickly, he can't help but think about his future.

"Everybody thinks about their next of employment," Mayes said. "You have to think about supporting yourself. I know what I can do. Regardless of where I go, the cream always rises to the top."

The number one is always there to begin with.
With his straight-ahead style on and off the field, Irish fullback Marc Edwards has earned The Observer's Player of the Year honors

By Tim Sherman

The Observer

NOTRE DAME fullback Marc Edwards burst through the Boston College defense during his finest performance of the season. Edwards' inside runs thoroughly confused the Eagles.

Graded Position Analysis-Final Report

Quarterback B+

Ron Powlus' stats declined some last season but he did improve upon the most important number - wins. Muffed punter exchanges plagued the Irish for much of the season, but Powlus evolved into a team leader, not to mention a pretty effective quarterback. Tony Krug handled his late season thrust into the limelight with aplomb.

Running Backs A

Marc Edwards was perhaps the team's biggest surprise (see above). Fleet-footed freshman Autry Deasun also was a nice find. He showed a knack for making people miss and turning a non-starter into a four-yard rush. Randy Kinder lost his starting job in the middle of the season but still turned out to have a productive enough season.

Receivers B

Derrick Mayes' numbers were not eye-popping but his mere presence prevented many teams from totally focusing on the running attack. Emmett Morely was reliable, as was the tight end tandem of Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace.

Offensive Line A

Other than Northwestern, the Irish front dominated virtually everybody. An early injury to guard Jeremy Akers could have been a major hole in the line but it was not. The tackles showed much improve- ment throughout the season. Leadership and effectiveness were the hallmarks of Ryan Leahy and Dusty Ziegler.

Defensive Line B

Not expected to offer too much, the front three didn't. However, their gritty play was embodied by Paul Grasmanis, who seemed to tell the Trojan at least one more year to go and their Notre Dame jinx. But one game defined Edwards', and maybe even Notre Dame's season, it was the contest against the Eagles. In fact, the opening drive in which Edwards ran twice for 47 yards and scammeder 17 yards after a screen pass, spoke volumes for the player he had become.

"We just took what the defense allowed because they were doing a lot of different things," explained Edwards.

Linebackers A

The heart and soul of the defense, the quartet of seniors Sean Grasmanis, Mike Defense, Mike Ziegler, and Dusty Ziegler.

Secondary B-

Notre Dame's Achilles' heel coming into the season, the defensive backfield was a major liability early. However, the maturation of Allen Rossman and John Weidman realized his potential to a major improvement, though it was hindered by Lallon Moore's utter ineptitude.

Special Teams C-

Fumbled punts were a major nuisance. In addition, placekicker Kevin Kopka was the biggest flop of the season and could have killed the Irish in their numerous losses. The return game wasn't of the game-breaking variety that Lou Holtz is used to, but it did the job well enough.

Coaching A-

Holtz's surgery could have been lethal but the Irish coaching staff came together and did a great job. Two early losses could have made for a long season, but the USC win was a boost.

Overall Grade 3.37

The Irish rebounded nicely from a tough start. They provide hope for the future.

Marc Edwards burst through the Boston College defense during his finest performance of the season. Edwards' inside runs thoroughly confused the Eagles.
This FSU matchup pales in comparison

Clearly, this is the only way it should end. About two thousand miles too far east and two years too late, Notre Dame plays Florida State...

The above should read "for the national championship." Indeed, insert "in a bowl game, for a lot of money."

It is that former statement that still haunts the minds of upperclassmen. Although two years have passed, it is that magical Florida State game that dominates conversation in dorm rooms and dining halls.

The memory of Shawn Wooden knocking down Charlie Ward's last pass still lingers. Most of us haven't gotten past it.

"That," we say in knowing tones to the current freshmen and sophomores, "was a football game. It will never get any better."

And truly, it didn't. Two years later, one is hard-pressed to find memories dating after that magical 1993 season.

The Irish Extra ranks the Heisman contenders

1. Danny Wuerffel
   Quarterback
   Florida

2. Eddie George
   Running back
   Ohio State

3. Tommie Frazier
   Quarterback
   Nebraska

by Steve Spurrier.

The 'Noles don't have a celebrated two sport athlete. It's even been a long time since they were "equipped" by altruistic alumni.

Still, there was mild celebration when the pairing was announced. The question remains whether it was this year's matchup that people were anticipating, or the images of that fantastic fall day that the name "Florida State" conjures up.

My suspicion is the latter.

Ron Powell and Derrick Mayes have done us a great service. They have played good football, they have played winning football. They have represented the University with class. They will never replace McDougal and Lake Dawson.

I respect Paul Grasmann, Brian Magee, and Lyron Cobbins. But my heart remains with Jim Flanigan, Jeff Magee, and Derrick Mayes. They have represented this University with class.

This year's bowl gives the Irish a chance to crack the Top-5. That's well and good.

But more importantly, it offers the opportunity to wax nostalgic. It will never replace the memories of the 'Game of the Century.'

Nor do we want it to.

Papa Predicts:

Notre Dame 32
Florida St. 24

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