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"Acid" captures literary prize

A collection of short stories by Edward Falco entitled "Acid" was selected as the first winner of the University of Notre Dame's Sullivan Prize for short fiction.

The prize, which will be awarded biennially by the University's Creative Writing Program to authors of short stories, honors a distinguished member of Notre Dame's English faculty, the late novelist and short story writer Richard Sullivan. The Sullivan Prize includes a $500 cash award and publication of the winning work by the University of Notre Dame Press. "Acid" will be published next February by the press.

Valerie Sayers, professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program and William A. O'Brien, professor of English, both novelists, served as judges for the award. "The Sullivan contest confirmed my belief that the short story is not only alive and well, but alive and kicking," said Sayers. "Ed Falco's collection caught my eye immediately, with its edgy, compelling prose and its insistence on facing the realities of American life in the 90's."


Minor fire in Badin Hall pending investigation

The smell of smoke by a dorm monitor led to the discovery of a small fire in Badin Hall early Saturday morning, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

At 1:20 a.m., the dorm monitor smelled smoke on the second floor in the laundry room. She discovered a small fire in the garbage can that had burnt itself out without causing any damage. She alerted the Notre Dame Fire Department, and the matter is still under investigation.

The dorm fire alarm did not go off because it is heat sensing and not smoke sensing, Hurley said. "They said that the fire could have been caused by a discarded cigarette, although smoking is not allowed in Badin Hall.

"We do not know if the fire was purposeful or accidental," he said. "We are investigating the incident along with the fire department."
Finally, getting a real education

I attended a small, midwestern high school for Catholic women and needed a change of pace. So for college, I went to another small, midwestern school for Catholic women. I filled up the miner van with Yahtzee and headed to Saint Mary’s. Friends had various reactions. Some were amused.

"Tell the Von Trapp children I said hi, Maria!"

Others were horrified. "What did you do—lose a bet with your parents?"

But what else could I do? Do they only admit girls with ‘Mary in their names’?

It’s been a semester now, and I have resolved myself to the idea of sharing a living space with a person who finds it necessary to blast “Goin’ Through the Big Dan’ Don’t Care” during exam and another small, midwestern space with a person who finds it necessary to how to sacrifice quarters for the luxury of clean socks, as well as carrying the terrible blast “Goin’ Through the Big Dan’ Don’t Care.” Bleached blonde stupid. Constantly.

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Jan. 22.

WASHINGTON CBS became the second network to turn down an unusual request from Republican leaders, who want their two speeches on Tuesday night, Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News, said Sunday. "I’m not going to hold up the pace of American democracy in order to accommodate you."

GOP request turned down

PHOENIX, Ariz. A proposal to require parental consent for minors seeking abortions in Arizona would endanger the lives of some girls, says an Arizona woman whose teenage daughter died after having an illegal abortion. Becky Bell, 17, of Indianopolis kept her pregnancy secret for three months until she died in 1988 after having an "illegal, botched abortion". In her last days, the Family of the southern Oregon coast enflames evacuates residents warning of floods. The Oregonian a member of the Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Floodcing devastates Ohio River area, death toll at 36

Pennsylvania flooding on the Ohio River forced hundreds of people from their homes Sunday, while residents of flooded towns upstream in Pennsylvania and upstate New York scraped mud from soaked homes and monuments.

The past week’s burst of flooding, snow, ice and cold had been blamed for at least 36 deaths from the Plains to New England. Five members of one family died when a washed-out road sent their car into a reservoir.

"It’s a big puddle of snow," said Tami Taylor of Harrisburg, Pa., whose 13-story apartment building was closed by floodwaters. "It looks like there’s 10 feet of water in the basement."

Officials in many areas had not yet fully measured the damage.

"It’s like the first precinct to vote in New Hampshire for the presidential election. Those first returns don’t tell you a heck of a lot," said Don Macqueen, the New Mexico state director of Emergency Management.

President Clinton on Sunday declared Pennsylvania a disaster area because of the flooding.

The Ohio River crested Sunday at several spots along southwest Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

Wheeling Island, a low-lying, urban enclave of some 3,500 residents connected by bridge to Wheeling, W.Va., was 95 percent underwater as the Ohio rose 10 feet out of its banks before beginning to recede. About 700 people fled the island. "Every building is flooded," said Gene Barker, Ohio County deputy director of emergency services.

Pennsylvania: More than 100,000 residents of Wyoming Valley were ordered to evacuate as the Susquehanna River rose to alarming levels.

Vermont: A teenager drowned.

West Virginia: Several towns were warned to evacuate as rivers swelled from a combination of 3 feet of melting snow and 2-3 inches of rain.

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Abortion opponents mark anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON As Congress moves closer to banning some rare late-term abortions, abortion opponents gathered in the nation's capital for their annual march to the Supreme Court to protest its landmark Roe v. Wade decision 23 years ago.

The abortion debate appears to have taken a back seat to budget and tax matters in this presidential election year. Nonetheless, it remains one of the most emotional and divisive public and political issues facing Americans.

Thousands of abortion opponents from across the country were to rally near the White House at lunchtime Monday before marching to the Supreme Court, as they have done every year since 1974. The event comes as Congress is moving closer toward dealing a major blow to the 1973 court decision by prohibiting a specific abortion procedure used in late-term pregnancies. The Senate and House have each voted to ban the rare procedure, marking the first time since Roe v. Wade that Congress has acted to prohibit a specific abortion method. Differences in the House and Senate versions of the bill must be reconciled before it can be sent to the president.

President Clinton has threatened to veto any such legislation.

Among those in Washington for the anniversary is Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" in the 1973 decision. McCorvey, who attended a memorial service at Georgetown University, admitted abortion advocates last year by announcing that she now opposes the procedure.

Meanwhile, abortion rights supporters were marking the anniversary as a day to celebrate.

"Roe vs. Wade is arguably the most important decision affecting the lives and health of women in this country," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

New evidence that Serb militiamen executed 7,000 Bosnian Muslims will be hand-ed over to the United Nations war crimes tribunal, a top U.S. official said Sunday.

John Shattuck, the assistant secretary of state for human rights, was in eastern Bosnia collecting evidence, interviewing survivors and checking conditions that war crimes investigators will face in the coming weeks.

"We believe there are up to 7,000 missing, and I'm afraid their fate could very well be very clear from the mass graves and mass executions we've heard about in the area," he told reporters.

Shattuck said survivors have named the abandoned, burned-out village of Glogova, nestled among snowy hills, as the grave of a mass killing in one of the worst of the alleged war crimes.

"Up to 2,000 people were herded into a warehouse and then fired upon by grenades and other weapons, and anyone who was left was shot when they left," the town of Kravice, just up the road, Shattuck said. Kravice was part of an eastern Muslim enclave of Srebrenica that was overrun by the Bosnian Serb forces on July 11, 1995. Shattuck did not explain how many people were buried in this mass grave.

He predicted diggers would begin work at Glogova with the spring thaw.

The war crimes tribunal in The Hague, the Netherlands, was losing hope that NATO forces would help secure mass grave sites and arrest indicted war criminals.

"We will provide whatever support we can," said a written statement by U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith, commander of the NATO troops enforcing the Bosnian peace.

Smith did not say how much military muscle would be needed, but noted NATO soldiers would "provide an environment in which (investigators) can accomplish their missions."

In another probe, the chief Muslim investigator in central Bosnia, Safet Hadrovic, is trying to determine if soldiers and other Serbs who were suspected of massacring as many as 500 Muslims missing from the towns of Vitez and Zepce, Croats and Muslims, now fled, fought each other in 1993.

Croats suggest that his probe could undermine the Muslim-Croat federation that has been given 51 percent of Bosnia under the U.S.-brokered peace plan.

Hadrovic said he would push ahead regardless. "In order for it to be a state, there has to be justice," he told The Associated Press.

Shattuck said he believed NATO forces would be securing key sites in the "very, very near future," after the primary task of separating forces was accomplished.
D'Amato denies conflict in dual leadership roles

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the Senate Whitewater Investigating Committee said there is no conflict between his dual roles as leader of the panel examining the Whitewater real estate venture and as leader of the panel continuing to hold hearings on the Whitewater real estate deal.

"One has nothing to do with the other," D'Amato said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "I don't go around campaigning and making charges or whistling as it relates to Whitewater. I am campaigning for Senator Dole because I think he will be a great leader.

The Clintons' supporters have accused the Republicans of trying to keep the Whitewater investigation alive long enough to hurt Dole in the president's re-election campaign.

D'Amato said Dole made it clear Sunday that he intends to ask Congress to extend the life of his committee for several months beyond its Feb. 29 expiration date.

"When is enough going to be enough here?" White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta asked on NBC. "In the end, the public and everyone has to ask who is in charge of this investigation. I'm saying it must end. I'm saying it now.

D'Amato, who campaigned door-to-door for Dole in New Hampshire on Saturday, insisted, "The activity of the committee will not, in any way, be prejudicial towards the first family or anyone else because of what their policies are or aren't."

Republicans say they want to know whether Mrs. Clinton, while working as a lawyer in Arkansas, had more extensive ties than she has claimed to Madison Guaranty, the failed savings and loan at the heart of the Whitewater real estate deal.

Last week, the first lady said she would refuse to testify before Congress if her testimony would end the matter. D'Amato said she would be welcome, but not forced to appear before his committee.

"Imagine what we would be accused of, being accused by the first lady," he said.

D'Amato said he would seek additional funding to extend the Whitewater committee past its Feb. 29 deadline.

Armed said he would support linking the debt limit increase to language terminating the Commerce Department, a top priority of the Republican Congress, and preventing the Treasury secretary from "ever again raiding the trust funds of federal workers' retirement programs.

After Clinton last November vetoed a debt ceiling measure with similar restrictions, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin twice tapped government trust funds to avoid exceeding the borrowing limit.

Rubin said last week that he would be forced to take further actions so the government can avoid default after Feb. 15 and suggested that this time finding appropriate accounting maneuvers might be more difficult. He said a legal review was continuing because proposals being considered did not as yet "fully pass muster."

Armed said Congress would probably agree to another temporary spending bill when the current measure expires on Jan. 26, avoiding a third government shutdown.

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Hawaii considers gay marriages

By BRUCE DUNFORD
Associated Press

HONOLULU
A thorny issue facing Hawaii's ruling Legislature has the potential to affect laws in all 50 states: whether to allow men to marry men, women to marry women, and thereby grant them the same legal and financial benefits afforded married heterosexuals.

Produced by a special commission, a 5-2 vote last month urged legalization of gay marriage. Hawaii's lawmakers — who just over a year ago voted to ban same-sex unions — face a fresh debate on the question in this high-profile election year.

There is good reason one vote in distant Hawaii is carefully watched by 49 other state legislators — and anticipated hopefully by hundreds of thousands of gay Americans.

Herding a clause in the Constitution, states generally agree to recognize each other's statutes — from driver permits and vehicle registrations to court decisions and marriage licenses.

Thus, in theory, two women or two men legally married in Hawaii would be considered legally married in any other state. Several states are already mulling ways to sidestep such recognition.

In a legal showdown convened their 60-day session last Wednesday and promptly predicted the issue might take another year to resolve.

Complex issues like this one time, said Senate President Norman Miniguchi. He also said the Legislature was more likely to consider the commission's recommendation — to devise a comprehensive domestic partnership law.

This also seems to be the path favored by Gov. Ben Cayetano, who appointed the seven members of the Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law last August.

Cayetano last week suggested the state should establish legal rights and obligations for domestic partners of the same or opposite sexes. Weddings would be religious matters, he said, and the government should cut the business of issuing marriage licenses altogether.

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Pope calls for Christian unity before year 2000

**Associated Press**

Pope John Paul II called on Christians on Sunday to smash the “walls of division” by the end of the century.

The pope used the occasion of his first visit to a Rome parish this year to preach for Christian unity, and returned to the issue later during his regular Sunday message from his window overlooking St. Peter’s Square.

Praying to parishioners at the St. Anthony of Padua church near Rome’s ancient Appian Way, the pope cited the words of the apostle Paul that Christians should speak with one voice.

**THAILAND**

Peace between rebels, military questionable

**By ROBERT HORN**

BANGKOK

Khun Sa, Burma’s notorious opium warlord, stood at a table in his jungle headquarters this past week with Burmese generals and army commanders looking ahead to the end of war.

Peace in Burma, however, may still be off.

Khun Sa’s surrender of his territory in eastern Burma does bring the Burmese army a step closer to gaining control of the country’s opium trade but leaves behind, for the first time since independence from Britain in 1948, a Burmese military that is eager to achieve that goal for many reason security reasons.

Analysts say the junta believes that it can legitimize its rule support the argument that only it can unify the insurgency-active territories and improve an image tarnished by brutal handling of democracy activists.

The prospect of peace with the various rebel movements raises some fears. Democracy advocates contend the government would use peace as an opportunity to tighten its hold on power and dismantle their movements.

Some analysts also are concerned that a strong Burmese army controlling the frontiers would create problems for neighboring countries.

The army, which killed thousands of unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators in 1988, has shown no will to compromise over its role in ruling Burma. Arrests of followers of democracy leader Aung San, who is now in exile, continue.

The military is using the border situation to try and gain support from the international community," said Josef Silverstein, a leading Burmese expert at New York’s Rutgers University.

“If they get it, that will be a crushing blow to the anti-rebel movement.”

But the junta may not be able to focus just on political dissent.

**RUSSIA**

Russian assault razes village

**By CHRIS BIRD**

DAGESTAN

This quiet farming village in southern Russia has been pulverized.

Piles of grey ash are all that remain of the village’s win­ter hay. Most of the houses, made of mud and reeds, have been obliterated. Dark shadows cover the bodies of dead Chechen rebels.

One cotton field still quietly, still alive, with her stomach hang­ing out from a gash in her side. Dark hair fell in small groups, asking one another if they should rebuild or move on after a massive Russian assault last week that came out of the blue.

“Nothing’s left — no animals, nothing,” sobbed 65-year-old Pa­timat Gazdevich, lifting her arms in despair. “What am I going to do?”

Two buckets — that’s all I have left,” said 18-year-old Yakkayeva, 39, holding them aloft next to the charred walls of her house.

Magenshod Mukhaturova just stared dumbfounded at the remains of his home. “It’s win­ter,” he said, sitting helplessly by a pile of ash. “Where will I go?”

When I left, Pervomayskaya stands on the snow-blown steppes of Russia’s mainly Muslim republic of Dagestan, near the border of breakaway Chechnya. Before last week, its main assets were farm animals.

Then it became a battle­ground when the Chechen rebels, trying to escape to their separatist homeland after raiding nearby Kizilyar for hostages, were freed and the rest were apparently got away with some money stack.

The guerrillas’ leader, who is believed to have escaped, possibly anymore dead people who died when the rebel raid began in Kizilyar. “They were bloody crowned by an iron chim­ney stack. It was all that was left — no animals, no money,” sobbed 65-year-old Khadzher.

The army controlling the frontiers would create problems for neighboring countries.

The death toll among the 120­-odd hostages and the villagers is still not clear, although Presi­dent Boris Yeltsin has claimed that most hostages were saved. The village was finally re­opened to outsiders last week­end. An AP reporter who drove into town was Sunday was one of the first foreign correspondents to survey the destruction.

Everything in Pervomayskaya changed between Monday and Thursday, when Russia declared the four-day assault over. Not much had changed, apparently, between Thursday and Sunday.

Cows and sheep lay dead and bloated in the frozen streets. Timbers that once had been roofs looked like grease skel­letes in the icy fog. Not one house escaped the hail of metal that ripped through the town.

Trucks drove out of town laden with furniture, rugs and any other belongings the inhab­itants could save.

Sharipov lay down next to Pervomayskaya’s new mosque.

It stood roofless, the iron struc­ture of the minaret blown flat on the ground.

In the main mosque lay un­claimed on the streets, one wrapped in the parachute from a plane. The man was not almost dead Chechen guerrillas.

The rebels were blockaded by a group of outskirts and rocket­fired mineﬁelds, worked near a pile of rub­bles.

A young man from the village pulled back the blanket covering one dead guerrilla, spat away in anger and swore. “Why did he have to come and die here?”

“Mercenaries,” cursed an­other.

An explosion rent the still air — Russian sappers detonating a mine.

“I nearly walked into a trip­wire mine yesterday,” said Sasha, a major from Russia’s Emergency Situations Ministry, among a team clearing away bodies. He did not give his full name.

His men, dressed in red over­alls, worked near a pile of rub­bles. “ evicted by an iron chim­ney stack. It was all that was left of the village school, where some hostages allegedly had been held.

Russian authorities had de­ nied that the school had been bombed.

They said Saturday that 26 Russian soldiers and 153 Chechen guerrillas were killed, and 30 guerrillas were cap­tured. The guerrillas’ leader apparently got away with some fighters and some hostages.

Reports said the massacre of hostages were freed and the rest were killed. One Russian soldier was reported dead.

Russian authorities said afterwards in the trenches and dugouts built un­der the walls and even in the living rooms of some houses. Only a direct hit would have harmed such a shelter.

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**EU promotes Euro-currency, plays down recession fears**

By PAUL AMES

EUROPE

More than 400 of Europe’s brightest economic minds gather here Monday to explore how skeptical Europeans can learn to love the “euro.”

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**AUSTRIA**

Leaders learn of hidden weapons

By ROLAND PRINZ

VIENNA

Fearful of a Soviet invasion after World War II, the United States hid at least 79 weapons caches in Austria for use against communists. Now the American ambassador has proposed to boost confidence by increasing private investment, introducing more flexibility into labor markets and sticking to monetary union targets of low inflation, narrow budget deficits and falling public debt.

The problem is, most EU members have tamed inflation but have failed to control unemploy­ment. To reduce the EU’s 17.5 million unemployed, economists suggest some national savings should be spent on public spending to create new jobs, even if it means a short-term deficit rise.

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**THOUSANDS NEAR STARVATION**

By ROBERT VOORHIES

BEIJING

The Red Cross says it needs more money to feed North Korea's 120,000 people who could die before the next harvest.

The Red Cross received only 70 percent of the $4.5 million it requested to help victims of last summer's devastating floods in North Korea, said Simon Missiri, deputy director of the Red Cross' Asia-Pacific department.

A new appeal will be launched, Missiri said Sunday, but he declined to estimate its goal until he holds talks with the North Korean Red Cross. Missiri said he will leave for North Korea on Monday for a five-day tour of areas hit by the flooding.

The Red Cross and other international aid groups have warned that millions could starve in the secretive, totalitarian country without concerted intervention.

Donors have not been forthcoming in part because of North Korea’s objections and suspicions that the North is exaggerating the damage.

North Korea has also accused the Red Cross of leaving vast stores of grain for the military untouched.

Missiri dismissed accusations that North Korea is hoarding grain or overestimating the scale of its needs.

"These issues are not our concern," Missiri said. "People will not survive unless the Red Cross provides humanitarian assistance."

Food remains the most urgent need and will continue to be until the next harvest, in September, he said.

Missiri said the Red Cross had to divert funds earmarked for construction equipment to build homes damaged by the floods for 120,000 people instead.

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Remembering a Son of Notre Dame with love

Editor's Note: Dave Treacy is a Sports Copy Editor for The Observer. His father passed away over winter break.

Dear Editor:

Dave Treacy left his mother's side to deliver the hardest speech of his life. He was supposed to tell friends, family and strangers how he will remember his father. He was hard for him since his father had picked him up from school just days earlier. They jammed to Elvis all the way back on Route 80. Mr. Mark Treacy was a music lover.

Dave spoke about how his parents had met, how his father often engaged in the ritual of the screaming monkey. Mr. Treacy had a million impressions. Though I remember little about my childhood, I volunteered with him at a nursing home. He impersonated Ed McMahon. I heard that those old people smiled like they hadn't in a long time. Mr. Mark Treacy was a lover of volunteer work.

Dave was not in my seventh grade CCD class; he missed seeing his father in action. Every Wednesday, Mr. Treacy opened his home to fifteen teenagers and captivated us, the way his religion captivated him. He showed us videos, he tried to teach, and he brought God present to us, only for an hour a week. Mr. Mark Treacy was a God lover and learner.

Unlike his father, Mr. Treacy did not get into Notre Dame despite two years of preparation. Nevertheless, he took the LSAT, received a great score, and transferred to his beloved university as a law student, where he graduated four years later. He has enjoyed a successful practice since then. Mr. Mark Treacy was a lover of justice.

Dave dreamed of following in his father's footsteps and of Notre Dame for as long as he could remember. Dave spoke about the bond he shared with his father when they fervently watched games, visited the campus, and told stories. It gave them a special bond. That bond was strengthened immeasurably when Dave was accepted to Notre Dame, then, he has played in the most famous college based in the world. He has written for the 1995 Women's Soccer Champions and he will write for the football team next fall. This spring, Dave will study abroad in London. How proud Mr. Mark Treacy was of his only son. Mr. Mark Treacy was a Notre Dame lover.

I never really bought into the whole Notre Dame mystique and sports迷狂热 until I sat in the chapel the day of Dave's speech. I felt honored to be part of same Notre Dame that created such an inseparable bond between father and son. It is a beautiful family bound by God. I ask you, in the midst of the whirlwind of the first weeks of this spring to pray for Mr. Mark Treacy, a Notre Dame lover.

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"From Dusk Till Dawn"

Directed by Robert Rodriguez
Written by Quentin Tarantino

Tarantino's latest offers vampires, gore, and lots more.

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Synopsis:
Two criminal brothers, Seth and Richie Gecko, have just taken down a bank in New Mexico and are on their way to the Big Grande. They rob and beat the bank's employees and use their V.K. to cross the border into Mexico.

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WHAT THOUGH THE ODDS: Father Robert Griffin

A priest's thirty-year relationship with the university continues, despite obstacles

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Notre Dame alumnus. A priest-chaplain, rector. A gifted writer. A patient observer. A man who has been writing his best often-praised column appeared in The Observer for twenty-five years. A man well-known and even more well-loved by the entire campus community, who has counted among his friends a variety of Notre Dame personalites... ranging from Father Theodore Hesburgh to a succession of cocker spaniels named Darby O'Gill.

Such a colorful array of descriptions belong to Father Bob Griffin. None who have been touched by his inspiration would deny the influence he has had upon their lives. And yet, when asked what impact he has had upon Notre Dame, Father Griffin remarks with simple sincerity, "I feel that I have shaped Notre Dame. It has shaped me."

The remarkable story of Father Griffin's journey into the heart of Notre Dame begins in 1962, when the native of Portland, Maine came west to the alma mater where he had studied as a philosophy major years before. Struggling with both illness and family tragedy, the young priest entered the offices of Holy Cross House... and ended up never truly leaving the lady on the Dome again.

Father Griffin soon became an active figure in the dorm life of the then all male campus, acting first as Keenan Halle's chaplain, then as its rector after Father James McGrath left the position. Father McGrath, now Associate Professor of English at the University of Chicago, remembers the days of Griffin's rectorship fondly. "He was excellent... such a great 'people person.' The only part of the job he probably didn't like was the disciplining... it wasn't quite his chosen bag," he laughs.

The experience of presiding over a male residence hall during the upheaval of the 1960's was one which required more than just authority, Griffin recalls. "It was a very troubled time," he observes. "In one sense, it was an upbeat, silly time... I enjoyed the students, and they seemed to enjoy me. Yet at the same time, it was a tremendously scary time. Drags were actually being burned. Things happened. I would get calls at 1 a.m. on a Saturday morning about a kid on a bad drug trip, and all I could do was talk to him. It was like acting as Mission Control to keep them in reality."

The sobering fact of the Vietnam War, too, colored the campus of the time. "It was fun, of course, yet there was deep emotion under the feeling of joy. The effort was to turn the war back into a peace dove," Father Griffin says. And yet, throughout his own inner turmoil, his concern remained with the students. "The idea seemed to be, then as now, to be there for them."

On a lighter note, Father Griffin's image cannot be invoked without a picture also of a dog named Darby O'Gill. During the 1970's, Notre Dame was not what he would call a dog-friendly, community, as Father Griffin soon found out. A call from Student Affairs briskly informed him that Darby would have to go. "Why?" Father Griffin protested. "This is a time when young people are alienated from the church, and the dog is a bridge. No dog is an island."

Darby stayed, becoming a beloved fixture in his master's life, as the campus went through the trials and the triumphs of the 1970's. Griffin's attentions were often turned away from the students who created Notre Dame's image, but it was the students who frequented the chapel, and Darby was frequent and popular guest. Upon his death, in a stomach-buried in the Grotto, he was then succeeded by Darby II and III.

Father Griffin's unwavering imagination and enthusiasm for Notre Dame students led him to excel in a variety of pursuits. After noting with concern how easily children grew restless at Sacred Heart masses, he created a special children's mass, aimed by ND and Saint Mary's students, designed to explain the experience. "The children made it beautiful, but it was the students who brought their own creativity," Griffin remembers.

Father Griffin's creativity also brought him into contact with the worlds of music and literature. Over twenty-seven years, he developed a deep devotion to the Glee Club, of which he acted as chaplain. Years spent touring with the group across the globe formed a bond which remains strong today.

The power of the pen inspired Griffin's long running Observer columns, "Letters from a Lonely God," which ignited opinions on both sides of every issue—but never diminished his readers' respect. "I don't always agree with him, but that's the beautiful thing about our friendship," longtime confidant Father Hesburgh observes. Griffin's talent led to the compilation of his Observer columns into two volumes carried by the Hammes Bookstore, as well as publication in the Catholic newspaper "The Sunday Visitor."

Perhaps Father Griffin's most impressive accomplishment, however, has been his courage in the face of adversity. "He's had his share of health problems, but he's always bounced back. He's always been so wonderful in continuing his relationship with the students," Father Griffin, currently residing in Corby Hall, has served the Notre Dame community in a variety of capacities. From serving as Rector of Keenan Hall to keeping the first dog on campus, Father Griffin had truly done it all.

By CHRISTINA FITSCAR and ERIN KELSEY

Lady in white haunts Stefano

Happy New Year Day's Fans! It's been a long time since we've heard from one of the most interesting characters on campus. The news is about Stefano. Lightening struck causing him to regain his memory. However, only the judge presiding over John's trial knows what has happened. Charles Threatened to kill him if he doesn't find John guilty.

Yes, John's been charged with Tony's murder, and he is currently in jail. Although John still gets conjugal visits from Kristen in (ugly underwear), he cannot wait to be put to with Kristen. Unfortunately, Kristen is not as wonderful as her husband makes her out to be.

She has some serious doubts about John's innocence and even offered to marry John to get out of testifying against him. Do not worry, John. Marlena would be happy to take Kristen's place, if Stefano does not get in the way.

Stefano suddenly expanded her role as a crying freak to include haunting Stefano. She lost Tony's diary which proves "Johnny's" innocence and would put him in Stefano's room. However, it is hidden in a very tricky place (on the table next to Stefano's bed), so the Lady-in-white is having trouble finding it.

Peter is still trying to mess up Jennifer and Jack's relationship. He is finally convinced that by destroying the latest evidence, he has severed his rival from Jack forever. Unfortunately, Jack still holds the6 against the bank account of Peter set up to pay off Jody. Watch out Peter, this one fake quit suddenly after being on the show for over 10 years, and we wish she would come back. The new one has all the acting talent of Sean D, with none of the personality.

Speaking of Sean D., his parents are really getting on. However, they want Sean D., and us, to not read too much into this one. But please, do not get tooemmotional, they will take you off, especially after Hope's encounter with the dangerous avalanche scene.

Sam strikes again! This time she drugged Carrie to get her into bed with a passed out Lucas. Dumb ass-rock Austin didn't see the similarity between this situation and the one with him. Luckily, Jack finally woke up and told Austin to be wary of Sami's motives. She also pointed out that he, out of everyone's, should understand waking up in someone's bed and not remembering how you got there or what happened. (Thank you Austin!)

Due to Low Hospital fans, The Observer is looking for Get well columnists. If you're bored of Days getting all the attention, help us put Port Charles on the map. Submit a sample review to 314 LaFontaine ASAP.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES UPDATE
Second half surge propels Irish past Lady Hoyas, 92-61

Allen Iverson had come and second half surge propels TIM that came to the Joyce Irish past Lady Hoyas, 92-61.

Fortunately for the Irish faithful, the second half turned out to be a completely different story. After Iverson shot the game at 39 in the opening seconds, the Big East co-leaders went on an 18-4 run that included eight points by Gaither. A timeout at the 12:37 mark by the Hoyas was not so helpful as they made no help in their cause to get back in the game. The defense of the Hoyas proved to be no more than a second half turnovers by the Hoyas. To finish each half, Gaither and Carey Poor pulled down rebounds after rebound, pre-

venting Georgetown from getting second chances. Meanwhile, the Irish offensive surge continued. It seemed the only way to stop Gaither and Morgan was to foul them. Also, the trend of turnovers was re-

versal, as Notre Dame gave the ball away only 4 times in first half and 6 times in second half. We were much more poised handling the ball.

To a result, the Irish outscored the Hoyas 53-24 in the second half. They were led in the scoring department by Morgan and Gaither, who poured in 25 and 22 points respectively. Poor also added 16 points.

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Agassi poised to usurp Sampras’ No. 1 ranking

By STEVE WILSTEIN

MELBOURNE, Australia

Andre Agassi pulled one more great escape in the Australian Open, powering past Sampras in four sets to grab the No. 1 ranking after grabbing the No. 1 seed out of a giant Aussie tune.

Agassi won five sets for the second time in defense of his championship, Agassi overcame Jim Courier 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 and reached the quarterfinals after another borderline-first-frame charge from Jim Courier.

"I wasn't a fan on this tournament, I don't want to be ranked No. 1," said Agassi, who not only was coming from Thomas Muster for the top spot. "I would fear playing Pete 99 percent of the time more than Thomas."

Muster, who came into the Australian ranked No. 3, lost to Mikael Titsson 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the fourth round but still couldn't stop Agassi from seizing the top spot as Sampras doesn't reach the semifinals.

Courier, playing consecutive five-setters, edged Marcus Fernald in South Africa 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

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The prospect of three former champions, all Americans, seeking to earn the $150,000 top seed at Wimbledon in 1987.

Sanchez Vicario next plays Garbiela Sabatini, No. 6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Sanchez Vicario has the most stunning win by an American in the last 12 years.

"We made me feel like a king tonight," his coach, Nick Bollettieri, said. "Pete must have said, 'What am I playing against?'"

Bollettieri had made plans to leave, but Phelpoussis would lose now.

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Christmas Day victory over Houston in the first meeting between the teams this season, hit a 3-pointer with 2:39 left to tie the game at 90. His flying dunk with 1:37 left put the Magic ahead 93-92.

After Haleem Glajowan, who finished with 20 points on his 33rd birthday, hit a 17-footer to give Houston a 94-93 advantage, Hardaway rammed through another dunk with 42.6 seconds left to regain the lead for the Magic.

But the Rockets weren't finished. Mark Bryant fought through traffic under the basket to put Houston ahead with 28.1 seconds to go. The Magic ran down the clock, and when Dennis Scott's long jumper missed, O'Neal grabbed the rebound and laid in the winning basket.

Cassell took the inbounds pass after a Houston timeout and appeared to be fouled by Hardaway, but there was no call, and O'Neal diverted Cassell's desperation shot at the buzzer.

The Rockets shot a miserable 3-for-15 from the line, missing their first 10 shots from behind the arc. Orlando finished the five-game, nine-day road trip, the longest of the season for the Magic, with a 2-3 mark.

HOUSTON
Shaquille O'Neal's layup with 4.7 seconds left after snaring a rebound lifted Orlando to a 97-96 victory over Houston Saturday in a rematch of the teams that made last season's NBA Finals. O'Neal, who finished with 29 points and 16 rebounds, then blocked Sam Cassell's layup attempt at the buzzer to seal the victory.

Anfernee Hardaway had 13 of his 28 points in the final quarter as the Magic turned away a Houston rally. The Rockets, losing for the fourth time in seven games, had gone ahead 86-78 with six minutes to go before O'Neal and especially Hardaway took over.

Hardaway, whose jumper at the buzzer gave Orlando a

By JIM O'CONNELL Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. - It's almost impossible to talk about Connecticut and not have the conversation dominated by Ray Allen's name.

The junior swingman had some serious competition in the pregame department Sunday after the fifth-ranked Huskies won their 15th straight game, 97-70 over No. 12 Syracuse.

Freshman Ricky Moore, who entered the game with as many career points (67) as Allen manages in about three games, was the player who drew most of the attention after the win that kept the Huskies (16-1, 8-0) perfect in the Big East.

"When Ray and I were walking off the court, the first thing he said was that Ricky was great," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "When a player says that about another player it really means something."

Allen finished with 27 points, 22 in the second half, but it was Moore's 13 points and four assists in 17 minutes that had Calhoun swooning.

"That was Ricky Moore's finest performance for us," Calhoun said. "He changed the game with his explosiveness."

The Huskies led 33-31 at halftime after having problems with the 2-3 zone of Syracuse (13-4, 4-3), which has lost five of its last six games. Allen was 2-of-9 from the field at halftime and his backcourtmate, Byron Sufleer, was scoreless, having missed three shots.

That changed when the 6-foot-1 Moore started penetrating the zone in the first half.

"He accelerated the pace of the game," Calhoun said. "He pushed the ball. We have to find a way to keep him on the floor."

Allen agreed. "He beat his man every time and he penetrated a lot," Allen said of Moore. "They tried to pick us up at halfcourt and he beat his man every time, and that allowed a lot of shooters to get open and that blew the game open for us."

Allen scored 10 points—including a four-point play on a pass from Moore—in the Huskies' 16-4 run that gave them a 62-46 lead with 9:08 to play.

"I had a shot there, but Ray was wide open," Moore said of the four-point play.

Syracuse came right back with an 11-2 run that made it 64-57 with 6:31 to play, and the Huskies called a timeout. And they're still in it in the play off the timeout to restore the margin to 10, and he made it 10 again with another 3-pointer with 2:15 left.

Consecutive 3-pointers by John Wallace and Morris Mullings brought the Orange within 71-68 with 1:32 left. But Connecticut made seven of nine free throws, and Syracuse missed its last three shots from the field—all 3-pointers.

"They made some pretty tough shots," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We made it hard for Ray Allen in the first half, and we didn't do that in the second half. He had a lot more open looks, something you expect him to get. In the first half, we were aware where Allen and Shoffler were. In the second half, we just lost where Allen was.

Allen finished 10-of-20 from the field, 6-of-10 from 3-point range.

Travis Knight also had 13 points for the Huskies, while Shoffler had nine points and 10 assists.

Wallace led Syracuse with 28 points, while Otis Hill had 14 and Janulis 13.

Wallace was 12-of-25 from the field, including 4-of-7 from 3-point range.

"John's been shooting the ball well from the outside all year," Boeheim said. "Down low everybody's double teaming him, and outside they can't do that. We have to get help for him. Allen has five points at the half, and they're still up three. If John does that, we're down about 12."
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from any contact," he noted. The problem for Notre Dame's small forwards is just that - they're small. Derek Manner is a natural at the position, but reserves Pete Miller and Antoni Wyche should be shooting guards, and don't pose any threat inside. Manner is consistent candidate for the all-baslue squad, but Finesse hasn't caught up with his fervor. His forays into the lane are worthy of the sui-

subsequent nothing. However, with his fervor. His forays into the lane are worthy of the sui-

they're small. Derek Manner has been solid, and has prevented opposing centers such as Villanova's Jason Lawson and UConn's Travis Knight from having big nights. Grade: C+

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the third period, the Irish took advantage of a power play opportunity to grab 3-2 lead. Noble, playing his best game of the season, found freshman Brian Urick wide open for his eighth goal of the year. "Steve Noble's game has stepped up considerably for us," said Poulus. "He finally looks like he's at full strength since his back surgery two years ago. It was good to see him step up there tonight."

UIC tied the game at three, but the Irish answered back when defenseman Ben Nelson slapped the puck past Flame goaltender Adam Lord for his first goal of the year and a 4-3 lead. However, moments later the relentless Illinois-Chicago squad ousted the game into over-

time on center Jeff Edwards' second goal of the evening.

In overtime, Notre Dame turned to their leading scorer to win it for them, and the senior center delivered. In scoring his tenth goal of the season, Jaimie Ling took ad-

tage of a screen in front to cap an electrifying 5-4 victory for the Irish. "He has taken his game to a whole new level for us," said coach John MacLeod. "Coming in, I heard he was a good offensive player, but he has more than exceeded the expectations I had of him." If Notre Dame believed the momentum would carry them into Saturday's matchup with Michigan, they were clearly mistaken. The 19-4 Wolverines barely broke a sweat in hand-

ning the 6-14-3 Irish their most embarrassing loss (11-1) of the season. "We ran into a team on a stretch of games, the top of the hierarchy," said Urick. "We played a strong game on Friday, but we came out flat against Michigan, and they made us pay for it." Indeed, the tale of two teams did not have a happy ending.

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Young has the same problem, having fouled out of two of the six games he's seen action in. What's worse, a good portion of the fouls are picked up 15-

one came in to pick up the scor-

ing slack. Although healthy so far, senior Keith Kowalski has not been able to provide the quick points that were hoped for. Wyche started fast, but has looked more unsure of himself on the court of late. Grade: C-

Coaching

It was pretty clear entering the season that the Irish would need some time to adapt to con-

ference play, and 1-6 is a large hole to climb out of. Notre Dame has been com-

petitive, though, and has played hard in every contest. Their have also been no debacles like the UCLA or Kentucky games of last season.

Head coach John MacLeod has had to adapt on the fly for much of the season, maneuver-

ing around injuries to Manner, Young, and currently freshman Gary Bell. Recently the Irish have been as healthy as they have been all season, and con-

sequently are playing their best basketball.

Strategic wrinkles have also worked relatively well, espe-

cially the zone defense institut-

ed against Georgetown.

Substitutions have not had the consistency one would like, as some players are still struggling to define their niche, but injuries have impacted on this as well.

The one thing missing is an upset win over a ranked team. If the Irish are to achieve that, though, they will now have to do it on the road. Grade: B-

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Freshman point guard Doug Gottleib has been maturing on the job, and the Irish look to reap the benefits in the second half of the season.
During the contest Rutgers was content to play from the arc. With a weak inside game, Rutgers' guards were forced to carry the scoring load as senior Damon Santiago had 26 and freshman Doug Gottlieb had three apiece.

"We really didn't play well enough ball-handling to win the game," Wenzel said. "Notre Dame played strong defense and they forced some turnovers. Part of that is that we were careless with the ball. 22 turnovers is very uncharacteristic for our team. We certainly didn't play well enough to win the game."

With poor shooting and a high number of turnovers, Rutgers embodied the perfect screen to hit a three-pointer. Garrity who had 12 guarded their changing MacLeod noted. and against Georgetown, he remembers this time. "Notre Dame played strong capped ofT by a similar chain of turnovers. Notre Dame squandered an eight-point lead and trailed by three at the break as Santiago hit a three-pointer with time expiring.

"I don't know what the problem is," MacLeod commented. "We can't seem to go into the locker room on a roll. We're having some difficulty finishing the first half. That's an area we need to get straightened out here." Along with Hoover and Garrity, MacLeod was also pleased with the play of Miller and Derek Manner who both had eight points. This balanced scoring is a factor for our team. We certainly didn't play well enough sparking assists from Gottlieb, Rutgers would never threaten the lead. The latter assist was in the second straight 26-point performance, Hoover is beginning to locate a groove.

"I think our players recognize the fact that we are improving and making progress. I think our mental health is quite good right now." It's quite ironic I guess that we beat Notre Dame in our first Big East victory and they beat us in their first Big East victory," Wenzel said. "I don't know what that says, but it's certainly a fact."
Belles defeat Franklin, room for improvement

Freshman Charlotte Albrecht gathered seven rebounds against Franklin, six of which were on the offensive end. By CAROLINE BLUM

At least it is a step in the right direction. After blowing their 12-point lead at the half, the Saint Mary’s basketball team hung on in the last minutes of a heart-pounding second period Saturday to beat Franklin College 70-66.

“This was our first win in a tight last few minutes of the game,” Coach Marvin Wood said. “In the past we had a terrible tendency to lose our alertness and let the other team take the game. Saturday we tightened up our defense and stayed calm.

Unlike their opponents and most other teams in the league, the Belles did not play any games over their long winter break. For senior forward Jennifer Tauenheimer, Saturday’s game was the first she had been able to play since the beginning of December.

The crowd never would have known, however, as Tauenheimer led her team with 20 points and scored several excruciating free-throw goals in the last minute of the game. Although pleased with the Belles’ ability to keep their opponents from stealing the win, she admits that in the future she would like to see the team avoid the situation all together. “We still need more teamwork,” Tauenheimer said. “We need to keep our minds attuned to the game and play our best throughout the whole game. Then we will stop blowing our leads.”

Coach Wood designates his team’s ability to stay calm and read their opponent’s defensive strategies to the win.

“Freshman forward Charlotte Albrecht really came off the bench and contributed against Franklin,” he said. “On the board and on the field she helped sharpen up the passing and the defense.”

Other remarkable performances were executed by freshman forward Sheila Sandlin who scored 19 points, and by sophomore forward Julie McGill and freshman guard Nicole Giffin who gathered seven rebounds against Franklin, six of which were on the offensive end.

“Charlotte Albrecht really came off the bench and contributed against Franklin,” he said. “On the board and on the field she helped sharpen up the passing and the defense.”

“The competition was definitely a challenge but it will definitely a challenge but it will be worth it,” senior shooting guard Courtney South said.

Individual highlights include a first-place finish in the 200 Yard Backstroke in 2:06.83, followed by captain Lauren Rely finished second in the 500 Free (4:46.13), followed by capitan Tim Sznewajs in tenth (4:52.80).

Coming off a week of tough competition, the Irish look forward to hosting annual rival St. Bonaventure at the end of the week.

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- **Guards:** Hoover starting to find consistency  
  - B+
- **Forwards:** Garrity excels, but needs help on boards  
  - B-
- **Centers:** Foul problems limit opportunities  
  - C
- **Bench:** Key to victories, invisible in losses  
  - C+
- **Coaching:** Team plays hard every night  
  - B

**Patient Progress**

Big East has been a big test thus far for Notre Dame basketball

By TIM SEYMOUR  
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The Irish roll into midseason not with a bang, but not with a whimper either. Notre Dame's victory over Rutgers proved that the Georgetown game may not have been a fluke, but the big picture still game may not have been a Dame's victory over Rutgers puts the Irish at 6-8, and proved that the Georgetown team, and every freshman more importantly, just 1-6 in the Big East has been a big test thus far. Still, the Irish are a young team, and every freshman takes some time to adjust to the rigors of college life. No deficiencies here, but some substantial need for improvements. Before the season, it would have been seen as a long shot, but if the improvement shown in recent games carries over, Dean's List may not be out of the question.

**Guards**

- When you commit to a freshman point guard, you have to be prepared to deal with the growing pains. Doug Gottlieb has been a quick study, but the rest of the team is still trying to adjust to his court leadership.
- Gottlieb's passing has been highlighted film material from day one, but his shooting is a concern. A point guard who hits 40% from the line does not inspire confidence at the end of a close game, and every three-point shot is an advantage. Still, he's started down Allen Iverson and has lived to tell about it, and he's becoming more vocal on the floor. It never hurts to have a point guard that hates to lose.
- Shooting has not been a concern of late for the other starting guard, senior marksman Ryan Hoover. Back-to-back 26 point games show that Hoover has regained the touch he lost earlier in the season, but he's yet to prove that stifling man-to-man won't slow him down, as it did against Connecticut and Villanova.
- To an extent, Hoover's been the beneficiary of Gottlieb's penetrating abilities, but he does not appear comfortable with his backcourt mate yet. That relationship needs to develop further. What doesn't is the shooting stroke, because when he's in rhythm, Hoover's one of the most dangerous shooters in the country. Grade: B-

**Forwards**

- Sophomore Pat Garrity has been the most consistent performer for the Irish so far, which explains his team leading 16.6 points per game average. Garrity's outside touch hasn't excelled this season, but he's the only legitimate scoring threat in the paint.
- Garrity is also the key reason why Notre Dame is considered one of the more physical teams in a physical conference. A concern before the season, the Irish have proven that if you come into their paint, you'll pay the price. Garrity sets the example in this department, as his omnipresent cut on his chin attests. "We might not be as athletic inside as some teams, but we're not backing down respectively. "It feels good getting our first win in the conference," Hoover added. "We felt like we should have won a few more of these. Hopefully, now we'll go out and win a lot more."
- The hot shooting of Hoover along with Garrity's strong inside play against Rutgers' zone defense complemented each other, allowing Notre Dame to tally 50 points in the second half.

**Irish Douse Flames, lose at UM**

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It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Notre Dame hockey fans just happened to experience it all in a span of less than 24 hours.

This weekend was a tale of two teams, and as the case has been all season, one would have a dickens of a time trying to figure out which team is the real Notre Dame squad and which one is the imposter.

In displaying their split personality, the Irish defeated Illinois-Chicago 5-4 in overtime on Friday before being humiliated 11-1 at the hands of first place Michigan on Saturday.

"The whole team really pulled together and played well on Friday," said goalie Steve Poulin. "It was good to see him get a win tonight after coming so close over the past few weeks."

Poulin gave junior right wing Ryan Thornton the starring nod and it paid immediate dividends. The third year forward recorded his first career goal with 14:02 remaining in the first period to break a scoreless tie. Sophomore left wing Steve Noble also got into the act, adding a score with 11:50 left in the second to give the Irish a 2-0 advantage.

"After the Flames bounced back to tie the game early in

**Men's Basketball**

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No one ever said Notre Dame's entrance into the Big East conference would be easy. In fact, most people made sure men's basketball coach John MacLeod knew just how difficult this adjustment was during the first half of the season.

On Saturday at the JACC, that adjustment was made slightly easier as the Irishnotched their first ever conference win with a 79-67 victory over Rutgers, ending their six-game Big East losing streak and averting an earlier loss to the Scarlet Knights.

"We've talked about the Big East and everyone has talked about the difficulty it is and they're right," MacLeod said. "It is a difficult, competitive, challenging conference. There's a special significance attached to any conference game and our players were happy to get the monkey off their backs."

Guard Ryan Hoover and forward Pat Garrity helped to get the primates of the collective back of the Irish as they scored 26 and 23 points, respectively.

Junior Pete Miller came off the bench to score eight points, igniting Notre Dame's second half comeback against Rutgers.