By LORI ALLEN  
Saint Mary's Editor

On a warm August morning the members of the class of 1997 turned onto the tree-lined lane that leads to Saint Mary's College. Four years ago, they thought that 8 a.m. classes were a good idea, that their professors were always right, and that the Linelbacker was just a defensive player on the football team.

Four years later, the seniors discovered that, because of the Linelbacker, 8 a.m. classes are not such a good idea, and have argued relentlessly with their professors.

After countless hours of studying it all comes down to one piece of paper. This weekend, in the 150th Commencement exercises, 365 women will graduate from Saint Mary's College and receive this piece of paper.

"I never could have imagined what it would take place over the next four years when I first drove in the front gates of Saint Mary's," said senior Alme Holmman. "As I leave now it is bittersweet, I will take away with me memories and friends that will last a lifetime."

Of the 365 degree candidates, 213 will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree, 66 with a bachelor of business administration, and 50 law students will be awarded degrees for their years of work.

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Kentucky congresswoman Anne Mearger Northup will be leaving the graduates with parting words as the 1997 commencement speaker for the 150th graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 17. A 1970 alumna of Saint Mary's, Northup became the first Kentucky woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in more than 60 years and the first Republican to represent Kentucky's Third Congressional District.

Koritnik handles busy balancing act with success

By DAVID FREDDOSO  
News Writer

It's not easy being perfect. It's even harder to be perfect for four consecutive years.

But Anjanette Koritnik pulled it off somehow. "I'm far from perfect," laughed Koritnik, a chemistry major from Livonia, Mich. Maybe she's right, but she was still good enough to make her the valedictorian of the University of Notre Dame's 1997 graduating class.

Koritnik, who was selected from among the University's top-ranked seniors, had not even seriously considered going to Notre Dame until...

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SMC graduates 365 in 150th commencement

By HEATHER COCKS  
News Editor

They graduated from enormous lecture classes to tiny discussion groups, from section 35 in the end zone to section 29 at mid-field, from Bridget's to the Lineelbacker, and from dorms to off-campus apartments.

Now, over 2,030 seniors will graduate from the University of Notre Dame at the 152nd Commencement exercises on Sunday, exchanging the Golden Dome for life in the real world.

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Urda follows in family tradition with top honor

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Saint Mary's Editor

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No regrets

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The Hickey Years

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- Joins the Saint Mary's faculty as a biology instructor

1970:
- Named professor

1971:
- Named biology department chair

1972:
- Named for academic affairs

1974:
- Named VP and Dean of Faculty

1975:
- Serves as acting President of the College

1980:
- Serves as acting President of the College

1986:
- Inaugurated President of Saint Mary's College

1994:
- Completes 150th anniversary fundraising campaign

1996:
- Announces resignation

1997:
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Administration bans GLND/SMC, denies recognition

After GLND/SMC was prohibited from meeting on campus in January, protests were organized and councils passed resolutions calling for official recognition of the group. However, recognition was never granted. Later in the year, the administration created a committee to address gay and lesbian issues. GLND/SMC, in addition to other campus organizations, are currently awaiting a revision of the University's non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation. The Office of Student Affairs promised in the spring of 1996 to consider amending the clause, but no decision has been reached to date.

SMC appoints Hickey's successor

After an exhaustive one year search, the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's College appointed Martin Eldred as the new College president. The first female layperson in the job, Eldred comes from a job as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. William Hickey served as president for 10 years.

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Authorities clear Kinder and Farmer

Sophomore running backs Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer were cleared of any involvement in connection with an alleged assault incident following the Notre Dame football team's loss to Brigham Young that fall. Both men will graduate from Notre Dame on Sunday.

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Chaves on leave after harassment charge

Following an allegation of sexual harassment, associate professor of sociology Mark Chaves, a tenured professor, was accused of making sexual suggestions to a female undergraduate research assistant.

Hickey defers Alliance decision

President Hickey announced his deferral of official recognition of The Alliance for Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight, and Questioning Women. The Board of Governance had approved recognition a week earlier, seeing what seemed to be a precedent, especially in regard to Notre Dame's refusal to acknowledge GLND/SMC.

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Notre Dame senior Patty Kwiat was on route to France when TWA Flight 800 crashed and claimed her life. On the same day, former Notre Dame point guard Doug Gottlieb was officially revealed as a suspect in credit card fraud and theft from fellow students.

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Year provides roller coaster of emotions

By HEATHER COCKS

New Editor

1996-97 was a bittersweet year for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community. The autumn semester began with the territory of the new, bringing the beginning of new eras on both campuses.

By departing loss to Ohio State and an unexpected defeat at the hands of Air Force, the winter semester was cloaked in a cloud of worry about the possibility of losing the Big Ten rivalry. The Bulldogs went on to win the Big Ten game, the first in eight years, in the spring.

The spring semester concluded with a controversial situation from her week's festivities, Hesburgh recalling someone posing the question, "How do you feel the church ought to treat its members?" He said, "I have a simple, uncomplicated answer — the same way we treat men." Hesburgh stated.

"Switching frequencies" Close to two years of planning finally came to fruition for the WVFI-AM radio station, as the Office of Student Affairs approved their proposal to move to the FM band.

"We've been doing this for so long. It's all we've been doing," Flood stated. "Our rotations summer of 1996, nears completion and will open to the public when the Irish play Georgia Tech on Sept. 6. In addition to the over 20,000 extra seats excising the original red brick facade of Notre Dame Stadium, NBC purchased lights to be permanently affixed to the building. Officials assure that no right games are scheduled, but that the lights are an investment in a "quality television picture."

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By ALLISON KOENIG
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On Sunday, May 3, Saint Mary's annual Honors Convocation con-
vened in O'Loughlin Auditorium. The newly-formed class of 1997,
the faculty and administration were in full attendance for the cer-
emony.

College president William Hickey presented the first award, the
president's medal, to senior Sarah Carroll for her "outstanding contri-
bution to scholarly excellence." She continued: "Notre Dame
fosters a love of learning and a sense of community, things that a lot of other schools don’t, especially while keeping a great experience.

Scott O'More, professor of English, noted the many accomplishments of the Class of 1997: "And this is the day we celebrate our seniors, the winners of the Thomas More Award. The single honor bestowed to the seniors, come not from academic laurels but from the ample extracurricular opportunities.

"The out-of-classroom moments taught me the most," said Banks. "I learned a lot from my friends and the other special people I met here."

"I left Notre Dame with a sense of community, of friendship, and a feeling of independence. I learned a lot about the people here."

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ally expanded my mind and my perspective on the world," said Alison
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West Quad dorms prompt 18-hole golf course construction

Judy Creek health draws local concern

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

Progress in the construction of Notre Dame's new golf course north of Douglas Road is at a standstill as administrators and community members consider its repercussions for a dying creek and await the approval of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to begin work.

Underwritten by William Warren Jr., a 1956 alumnus, the $7 million course is planned to be constructed on a 260-acre property between Juniper and Ironwood Roads. But the area is also home to Judy Creek, which has felt detrimental effects of construction in the past. With the new project, environmentalists do not want history to repeat itself.

"The stream has deteriorated over that last 20 years due to development upstream from campus and on Grape Road," said Ron Hellenthal, director of Notre Dame's environmental research center.

Hellenthal, who was hired to advise University officials about the creek's health, has been conducting studies for the past two decades regarding the state of the stream, which he says is poor.

"During the mid to late '80s, almost all of the organisms in the creek disappeared," said Hellenthal. "Many of the steps the University is taking may help improve the stream and bring it back."

Those steps include digging a number of bends in the creek, adding gravel to its bed to provide a cleansing effect, planting trees to increase the stream's canopy, and installing a filtration system to siphon pollutants from Ironwood Road.

According to Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations, these alterations should be sufficient for the University to attain the permits necessary to begin the project and sidestep Indiana's new anti-degradation provisions to the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative.

"According to IDNR, we cannot do anything to harm the creek. We have demonstrated that with the present plans we are actually trying to help it. We fully anticipate having things approved," Brown said. If permission is granted as anticipated, the course will be built by August 1998 and ready for play in spring 1999.

Hellenthal believes that planners, including designers Coore & Crenshaw Inc., are keeping the health of the stream in mind.

"The University is doing an incredibly responsible job. I think it has gone out of its way to respond to all the concerns it's received," Hellenthal said.

Some of those concerns have come from neighbors like J.C. Sporleder of the Illinois Walton League, a national conservation organization, who is not completely confident in the University's plans for the creek.

Land on old course holds new dorms, construction proceeds on schedule

By MICHELLE KRUPA
Assistant News Editor

The construction of McIlhany and Robert and Kathleen Walsh Family residence halls is continuing one month ahead of schedule and will be completed in four to six weeks, according to Mike Smith, director of facilities engineering.

"They're coming along great," Smith said. "All that's left is painting, carpeting, moving in the furniture and putting a mint on the pillow."

With structure completion set for mid-July, the dorms, which each have a $2 million price tag, are progressing more quickly and efficiently than their counterparts, Keough and O'Neill Family Halls, which were completed just days before the opening of the fall 1996 semester.

According to Tim Ackerson, on-site project manager for Castle Construction, an earlier scheduled starting date helped the project move along.

"We are now one full month ahead of schedule compared to O'Neil and Keough. Mike Smith said that we have an easier time if we laid the foundation for McGlinn and Welsh earlier," Ackerson said. "Then, because the foundation was set, we had more grace period as far as when we could start different aspects of the project, and now we're ahead."

"They have to put down carpet and install a few doors and things," he continued about the work of the 40-member crew, "but when they're done, it takes the owner, which is University of Notre Dame, about a month to move in."

According to Paula Carlaccini, project manager for facilities engineering, the process of moving in will begin directly after construction completion.

Bed units and student room furniture is scheduled to be delivered on June 15, and all general furniture, including that for lounge, study room and social areas, should be in place by July 7.

"Shortly, by the end of July, we will be ready to move everybody in. The reactors should be in around that time, and then it will be all ready for school," Carlaccini said.

Additionally, chapel furniture will be provided by University artisans and ready for the dorms' openings in the fall.

"We construct all the altar furnishings for our campus chapel, and that is in the works. Some of it is already done," Carlaccini added.
ND kicks off $767 million fund-raising campaign

Colloquy 2000 provides basis for largest drive in ND history

By HEATHER COCKS
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In an unprecedented fund-raising effort, the University has pledged its intent to raise $767 million by the year 2000 in "Generations: A Campaign for the Notre Dame Student." Aiming to augment scholarship funds, faculty positions, campus libraries and construction plans, the campaign is the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Catholic higher education and the ninth-largest capital campaign now in progress in American academia.

"The total (dollars amount) is intended to suggest a realistic appraisal of what is both possible and necessary," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "In the same vein, if we had a hope and dream list, this is what would be on it."

The wish list was created in conjunction with the Colloquy for the Year 2000, a campus-wide study to determine the needs and priorities of faculty, students and staff, and which also serves as part of the University's accreditation report. Once defined, administrators determine the amount of money necessary to accommodate each request as thoroughly as possible.

Over 60 percent of the total monetary goal has been attained thus far, with some of the $470 million already being invested in projects like the Main Building renovation and construction of the dorms on West Quad. The stadium project is not part of the campaign.

"Most money, especially that for construction, is given for a specific project. What people give will hopefully correspond to what our goals are," University provost Nathan Hatch said. "We're completing what we call the 'quiet phase' during which we talk to the people most likely to donate the largest amount," said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations. "If we're heading into the last, most time-intensive stage directed at a larger group, that's just fine." The fundraising proposal outlines the allotment of $268 million for direct student needs, including undergraduates, graduate and law scholarships. Malloy explained that endowments give for financial aid, which pay annual dividends on donated gifts, provide Notre Dame with a lasting source of funds.

"Endowments are like constant dollars. If we just spend that money, it's more decisive and predictable, but the more internal resources we have, the more control we have over the mix of our student body," Malloy said.

He clarified that once invested, five percent of the endowment is available annually; thus, it is a guaranteed source of financial assistance that cannot be spent all at once.

Presently, the University provides consistent assistance to a large percentage of students as Notre Dame or Holiness Cross scholars, with the latter intended for minority students. Malloy asserted his desire to continue the expansion of those programs, with special interests in increasing the percentage of minority applicants.

"Our need to keep up our effort to recruit minority students, and competition to recruit the best minority students is driven by the amount we raise," Malloy said.

"What is just loans and work-study for several students right now will ideally become solid scholarship money," Moore added. "Endowments are a nice way of ensuring we have constant funds to back up that idea." Concluded Hatch, "Our goal is to have full need met."

In addition to financial aid, the campaign will also focus heavily on raising funds for the construction of physical facilities. A science teaching facility and new bookstore are in the planning as goals of the $167 million-facet of the project.

The science building will be totally devoted to undergraduate education. It will address the question, "What will science teaching be like in 10-15 years?" Hatch said.

Facility development is also strongly represented in the plan, with $153 million allotted for its strengthening. Much money donated will be used to create endowed professorships, but continuing education for current professors will also be targeted.

"We want to enhance the people we have now, but we feel the faculty should grow. We also would like to draw more professors to keep a good faculty/student ratio without increasing tuition," Moore said.

Malloy and Itchch explained that the advantage of additional endowed professorships is tuition that then pays for a smaller percentage of faculty salaries; thus, an increase in endowed professorships has no effect on tuition costs because those donations are not included in the University's annual operating budget. This is especially pertinent as the University has changed its distribution of faculty teaching, research and service time commitments, allowing professors less time in the classroom.

"That translates to either larger classes, or more professors. We'd prefer the latter," Malloy said. "Teachers can maximize their faculty potential and live up to our high expectations."

Another $116.3 million will cover the enlargement of various undergraduate programs on campus and abroad, and $70.3 million will be used to augment campus libraries. The final $25 million will be added to fund the center's current operations, including grounds upkeep and building renovations.

As it stands, Notre Dame has made history with the funds already amassed en route to the $767 million goal, although the final stage of the campaign is about to kick into high gear. Malloy explained that soliciting the final 39 percent will require a concerted effort from University officials.

"If we don't raise another dime, this still goes on record as the largest amount raised by any Catholic university," he said. "But we still need to engage the interest and support of a broad range of people. It's daunting, but doable."
The Office of Residence Life and the Office of Student Affairs wish to thank the 1996-97 Residence Hall Assistants for their hard work and dedication this year. Congratulations and Good Luck!

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Not forgotten

From hurt, fond memories of Kwiat emerge

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Outside the main door of Farley Hall, a newly-planted tree overhung a plaque honoring the memory of Patty Kwiat.

Kwiat, who died aboard TWA Flight 800 last July, would have graduated this Sunday with her fellow members of the class of 1997. It has been a year of emotional highs and lows for Kwiat's friends in Farley Hall, marked at times by the shocking pain of such a tragic loss.

But as her friends go through the final days of Senior Week — sharing times that should have graduated this Flight the final days of times by the shocking pain of such a woman whose infectious smile for the chance to have known the around doing absolutely nothing. Besides rollerblading, Kwiat was also known for her love of movies, Bob Marley, and especially children. She babysat for a Notre Dame professor, Jim Langford, and spent time at his farm for disadvantaged children located south of South Bend.

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"It's been a rough year," Fry said. "It's been hard for the whole dorm. Every time, it's like yesterday. Every once in a while, I'll see a freshman that makes me think of her." In response to Fox's death, the dorm organized a Fun Run that has since become an annual tradition. Held on the anniversary of her death, the run raises money for a scholarship fund in Fox's name.

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"We used to go rollerblading around campus, and now when I go running around campus, I think of her," Yeend continued. "When we're doing something fun, I think of how much she would have enjoyed it.""The reflections are common to all Kwiat's friends, but more often than not, they're personal and left unspoken. "We're all thinking about her, but no one really wants to bring the party down," Fry continued.

"It's somber, but it makes me happy, because I know that I had that time with her. It makes me think, 'Wow, what an amazing person.'"

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Gleams the Gold and Blue,
Glory's mantle cloaks thee.

Golden is thy fame,
And our hearts forever,
Praise thee, Notre Dame,
And our hearts forever,
Love thee, Notre Dame.

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Hesburgh receives his 135th honorary degree

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
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Last week in New York, two different institutions honored Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame.

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y., awarded Hesburgh an honorary law degree.

It is his 135th honorary degree, which, according to the Guinness Book of World Records is the most bestowed on any one person, living or dead. The late Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, holds the second most degrees with 89.

"I only get one or two a year," Hesburgh said. "But I have one from each of the Ivy Leagues and a couple from overseas. I am running out of those kind of schools though."

In receiving the degree, Hesburgh attended the graduation at the College of Saint Rose and addressed the graduating class.

"I go and talk to the kids," he said. "I tell them what they have to expect and what they have to look forward to."

Also last week, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) awarded Hesburgh the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a ceremony in the recently refurbished Great Hall on Ellis Island.

"A few years ago, the island was in an absolute state of ruin," he said. "It was so bad that they even offered to sell Notre Dame a plot of land on the island. But they thought that they should fix it up instead. And to keep interest in the program, they created this medal of honor."

"The group gives it out to people who they consider to have worked toward advancements in morals and civil rights in the country," he continued. "The last four presidents have received it, as have many other civic leaders. Every one has to give a speech at the ceremony, and I was also asked to give the closing benediction."

President of the University from 1952 to 1987, Hesburgh has held 15 presidential appointments, including the chairmanship of former President Carter’s Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

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she visited the place five years ago.
"When I came and visited the campus, I just fell in love with the place," she said.
"My mom was the one who suggested Notre Dame. I didn't mention it, but I thought that it would be too expensive. But my mom said, "What about Notre Dame?" and I went along."
And today, as she is about to graduate, Koritnik has no regrets about her decision to attend Notre Dame. They always say that college is the best four years of your life, and I can't say that Notre Dame has done me in that way," she said. "I really think that this is the best place you can come for an undergraduate career. The faculty at Notre Dame is clearly here for the undergraduates."
Koritnik is planning a career in academia, beginning with graduate school in chemistry at Stanford University next month. And then what?
"Actually, I'd like to come back some day and teach at Notre Dame," she said. At Stanford, Koritnik plans to study biologically active compounds. "I am interested in organic synthesis on an interface with biology — studying molecules to learn more about their biology."
She has already engaged in independent organic synthesis research under Marvin Miller, Clark professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Notre Dame. Koritnik has accumulated many academic honors during her time at Notre Dame. She was the recipient of a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for the current academic year — one of 244 undergraduates selected from a field of 1,200 candidates.
In 1995, she was a summer research intern at the Schering-Plough Research Institute in New Jersey, where she was assigned to an organic synthesis project in the allergy and immunology division. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Koritnik received this year's Notre Dame Outstanding Chemist award and was an honorable mention member of USA Today's 1997 All-USA Academic Team. She completed her undergraduate studies in January.
But as her roommate, Doreen Supon, said, Koritnik is "not just a geek who spends all her time studying." And Koritnik participated in many extra-curricular activities during her college career. Beginning as a sophomore, she tutored Notre Dame freshmen and student-athletes in chemistry and physics. She was a Notre Dame Representative to the 1994 National Bioengineering Career Symposium. A resident of Farley Hall until her senior year, Koritnik volunteered in a number of hall social service activities.
She was a member of the very successful Ku Klux Klan, a member of the North Carolina College of Pharmacy, and a member of the North Carolina College of Medicine and the idea that we should continue to attend Notre Dame. When she was forced by injury to stop running, she decided on the advice of a friend to try out for the Notre Dame Band.
"Going out for the band was the best thing I did at Notre Dame," she said. "It just made the whole Notre Dame experience that much more complete."
This Sunday at the Commencement exercises, when Koritnik gives her valedictory address, she plans to talk about the uniqueness of the students at Notre Dame.
"I'm going to talk about my ideal — how I think Notre Dame students are, and how we go after our dreams," she said. "It will be motivational. Is perfection going to her head? She doesn't have time to worry about that. She has two other people in mind, Tony and Tanya.
"The thing that makes me the most excited is my parents. They sacrificed a lot so that I could come here, and I just want them to be happy," said Koritnik.
"I want to make sure that my parents are the friends that I have made here, the memories, and the idea that we should always look for opportunities to serve one another," said Koritnik. "It's a Nobel English Prize. "I have a love for English and would really like to teach literature on the college level. Whatever I do, I know I'm happy," said Koritnik.
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Law student Streitz will receive posthumous degree

By DEREK BETCHER
Associate News Editor

Doug Streitz died last summer in a small plane crash just weeks after finishing his second year of law studies at Notre Dame. A Double Damer, Streitz will be awarded a posthumous law degree from the University at commencement exercises this weekend. He received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame in 1994, majoring in history and economics in the College of Arts and Letters.

Friends, professors, and classmates echo each other in pointing out the love Streitz had for Notre Dame. Those who knew Doug mourn losing the energy and exuberance that his life had characterized. 

"He was just vivacious, he was always on," friend and classmate Katie Elias recalled last fall. "Doug kept us laughing and realizing that there was a world outside of law school."

An infectiously carefree disposition endeared Doug to his friends, who remember him both for his ready sense of humor and for his straightforward honesty.

"You always knew where you stood with Doug and that kind of openness was particularly helpful in a law school environment," Jonathan Lienhard, one of Streitz's classmates, said.

"He was very much loved Notre Dame, he loved this place immensely. He loved law school more than most students do, and he certainly loved his friends and classmates," Father John Pearson, one of Streitz's law professors recalled. Pearson also represented the University at Streitz's funeral Mass last summer.

In his spare time, Streitz was an avid tennis player and had been on Notre Dame's crew team. His interests included law, and friends report that his family, especially his older sister, Kimberly, were very important to him.

Streitz was with two others on June 13, 1996, when shortly after takeoff the trio's single engine plane plummeted nose-first to the ground.

"He really fit the spirit of this place," said David Link, dean of the Law School. "He was at some disadvantages, but he never let things get in his way."

A campus memorial service was held on May 6 so friends could join Ciraolo's parents both in grief and in celebration of his life. Russell Ciraolo will accept a law degree in his brother's place at Commencement exercises.

"He fought for that degree. He wanted it, and fought to pursue it," Link said. "You have to admire that; what a wonderful spirit."

Math program among nation's best

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame joined prestigious company when its graduate program in mathematics was named one of the 23 best in the nation. Princeton, Harvard, MIT and Cornell are among those cited with Notre Dame by the National Research Council (NRC), who formulated these rankings from assessment scores.

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Mother, daughter study together at SMC

By SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Not only is graduation a time for reflection with friends, but for Saint Mary's senior Stacy Curtis and her mother Linda Tafelski, they have spent senior week reflecting together as mother-daughter graduates. In anticipation of when they both receive degrees on Saturday, Curtis and Tafelski will receive degrees from the English department. Curtis in English literature and her mother in English writing. Because the mother-daughter are in similar majors, they have taken classes together and guided that sharing classroom experiences helped their relationship grow in a number of ways.

The feelings generated from being in the classroom with my mother are full of emotions," said Curtis. "We did a project together in a Southern Black Women's Writers class and researched the genealogy of our family. It was a great bonding experience as my mother, grandmother, and myself researched our family's history while creating stronger bonds between the three of us.

Curtis and Tafelski are not the only members of their family to graduate from Saint Mary's. Shella Curtis, a sister earned her degree from Saint Mary's last year. "As a mother and graduate, I am a huge fan of women's education, especially Saint Mary's," said Tafelski. "I have seen my daughters develop into articulate, educated women who know the issues going on in the world today.

As a mother with a career, Tafelski has paved as a good example for her two daughters of not only how to balance a career and family, but also an education at the same time.

When Tafelski graduated from high school, she won a scholarship and immediately entered a local college. Shortly after, Tafelski thought marriage and starting a family at the time was more important, and dropped out of school to raise a family.

In 1982, Tafelski accepted a job at Saint Mary's, and in the Spring of '83 began taking classes at Saint Mary's while raising two daughters at the same time.

"For myself, this has been a lifelong culmination full of feelings of joy and pride not only for myself, but especially for my daughter," said Tafelski. "It has been a project that has taken many years, and for that I am extremely proud of this accomplishment." Over the past few weeks, the women have shown time to reflect and show their appreciation on another as mother/daughter and as classmates. Sometimes I just send little gifts to my mom to let her know how proud I am of her and how much I appreciate her support as a mother and friend," said Curtis.

Although the two women agree that graduating from Saint Mary's at the same time is unique and special, the two women are not in total agreement on who graduation is more significant for.

"I don't think a college degree is as big a deal for me as it is for my mom," said Curtis. "It is just normal anymore to earn a college degree at my age and then start a career and family. But for my mom, because she got her degree later in life and worked a long time toward a degree, the degree is more significant for her."

It is also flatter to receive this award from the student leaders on the Board of Governance, who are some of the greatest in either community. They have accomplished a lot," added White.

White has in added in pioneering roles since his 1988 arrival at Saint Mary's. White has been involved with programs such as the FIPSE grants and COLT teams, the annual Play of the Mind weekend, the Leadership Development Committee, and the Center for Academic Innovation Grants Committee.

The Observer wishes all seniors a happy graduation.
Malloy breaks ground for Eck Center

By MICHELE KRUPA
Assistant Sports Editor

Wielding make-believe shovels and pretending to toss dirt over their shoulders, Father Edward Malloy and benefactor Frank Eck "broke ground" on May 2, marking the start of construction on the new bookstore.

The Eck Center, a two-building facility to be erected near the Morris Inn, will house a visitors center, Alumni Association offices and the new bookstore.

Despite nature's dank obstacles, which moved the ceremony indoors to the Center for Continuing Education, the project commenced amid a congregation of University administrators and Alumni Association members, whose office will open in the center upon its December 1998 completion.

"It's raining outside, so I'm going to have to ask you all to use your creative imaginations," said Malloy as he began the makeshift ceremony. "This is either bad May weather or excellent study-day weather."

"We'd like to thank Mr. Eck for making it possible for the Alumni Association to have a new home," said Rod West, president of the Alumni board of directors. In addition to housing the association and visitors' center in over 20,000 sq. ft. building, the Eck Center will allow space for a new 70,000 sq. ft. bookstore behind the Morris Inn to replace the existing Huxes Bookstore. According to Malloy, the location on Notre Dame Avenue will provide a great plan for Notre Dame visitors.

"It will serve as a grand welcoming spot for the people who come to Notre Dame," Malloy said. "We see in front of us what we think is going to be one of the most attractive parts of this campus. It will welcome back those who have known Notre Dame first-hand."

Augmenting his history of generous donations to the University, Eck, a 1944 alumnus, decided to underwrite construction of the project for $10 million as an expression of his strong commitment to Notre Dame.

"It's truly a wonder to do something good while you're still here and alive to see it," Eck said, concluding an address to a baseball fan's misconception that he, the benefactor of Frank Eck Stadium, was dead.

"I'm glad I'm alive because I've found that whatever you do for this school comes back to you 10-fold!" he said.

Malloy presented to Eck an artist's rendering of the completed building and expressed his gratitude.

"We all know that Frank has been generous to Notre Dame, he rose to the occasion. Thanks for allowing Notre Dame to dream big dreams," Malloy said.

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Looking back on four years

Bernadette Pumphiac

on campus, and sometimes we still say "Hi! I don't remember a single person I met during the Graffiti Dance, but I still have the shirt. I learned how to put on a bra, I learned how to blow my hair down a loft. I learned how to forge room condition reports at the beginning and the end of the year.

I will forever be known as "that girl hugging the tree in the Dogblock," and was asked to a toga party and six because of it.

I met during the Graffiti Dance, but I still managed to get my friend not to back up in the parking lot at three in the morning, even when they were in Italy, bought me Mr. Misty at the Diary Queen when I was just because my friend had four suitcases in my car didn't entitle him to being dropped off in his dorm when it was raining. I got on campus more than once by telling the guard on duty that I had to pick donuts up from the architecture building.

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I had to go to the emergency room after a linebacker stepped on my foot at a Stanford Hall formal. I went to the emergency room when one of my friends fell in a hole rolling through. I went to the hospital when Tracy had her baby, when Danny had a collapsed lung, and when Danny misdiagnosed me with a cough and I ended up with bronchitis.

I learned a lot from hospitals. I learned that friends don't laugh when you accidentally fall backwards off your bed and hit your head on the radiator; good friends are the people who will accompany you to the emergency room, and that really good friends are the ones who will stay with you until the CAT scan is finished. Classmates came and went, but friends always stayed, sent postcards even when they were in Italy, bought me Mr. Misty at the Diary Queen when I was just because my friend had four suitcases in my car didn't entitle him to being dropped off in his dorm when it was raining. I got on campus more than once by telling the guard on duty that I had to pick donuts up from the architecture building.

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Dear Editor:

For about one month, I have publicly remained silent about the vast amount of criticism towards the Notre Dame football program. It began with an article by Stewart C. Gipper, followed with a letter to the editor by Francis Cleran, and culminated with another letter to the editor concerning Senior Week. In addition to these public accusations, I have received several personal letters and phone calls. I have not written before now because I did not realize the widespread belief of these rumors and accusations. Furthermore, those to whom I have confided who know me understand the misconceptions in these events called into question. I did make an effort to contact each critic and discuss the issues at hand. I write now because of a letter I received that urged, "We want to hear from you, and until we do, what other choice do we have but to listen to the mob that would like to cover the banks. It did not sell out.

The column reveals the Senior Class Final. The reason the event was not published more profusely, was that there was an unexpected holdup in the approval process which must precede advertising. The Office of Student Affairs was concerned with the food options that were going to be served in the Student Union. The trip to Cedar Point and the Cuba game both sold out. We hoped and expected that both of these events would sell out, and we encouraged those who were unable to get tickets to go to other events and activities that are different from the football program. The class could not purchase additional tickets because of the corequisite (Student Affairs) that bio-transmission also be provided. The budget was already overextended, and additional expenditures were not available. The budget committee of 14 events that the class sold out was the negative reaction concerning these ticket shortages did not discourage attendance at the other events.

I apologize for any miscommunication surrounding class events in the last semester. It has been my privilege to serve you as a class officer for the past two years. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve until new officers are elected at our five-year reunion. Best wishes in all that you do after graduating this weekend.

Chris Kratovil

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Finally, the most recent complaints have been about Senior Week. When this letter goes to print, the event will be over and I hope that it is lived up to everybody's expectations. The class was allotted $5,000 for the week, and through fundraising this number was significantly increased. It is very different to provide a week of activities for a class of over 2,000 with this disbursement. I propose that the Budget Committee for a $5,500 increase, but was denied this request. We based our ticket purchases on the past five-year reunion. Last year's Senior Week, and response to this year's welcome Back to school party. The trip to Cedar Point and the Cuba game both sold out. We hoped and expected that both of these events would sell out, and we encouraged those who were unable to get tickets to go to other events and activities that are different from the football program. The class could not purchase additional tickets because of the corequisite (Student Affairs) that bio-transmission also be provided. The budget was already overextended, and additional expenditures were not available. The budget committee of 14 events that the class sold out was the negative reaction concerning these ticket shortages did not discourage attendance at the other events.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to all the members of the Class of 1997. Confinement is a time of mixed emotions. Pride in your achievements, excitement and apprehension about new beginnings, happiness and sadness all come together as you prepare to take your next steps.

For those of you who are graduating seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people never wane. You will find me at Obergefell for you. I have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as you resolve your disciplines. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to my two assistants. They never take a break and are always ready to give. You have made a variety of contributions to your fellow students, to the University, and to those of us who remain behind to administrate for you.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years to come. I am deeply grateful to be able to bless you as members of the Notre Dame family.

PATRICIA O'HARA

President, Class of 1997

BILL HAMMONDS

President, Class of 1997

Chris Kratovil will attend law school at the University of Texas in Austin in the fall.
Dear Editor,

Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, in his book "Snooching Towards Gomorrah," says the radical rejection of Western values in the sixties on the college campuses is a main reason why our country is morally decaying. Indeed, one month before I began my freshman year at Notre Dame, I lived near Madison and that summer there was much excitement among my friends and relatives about the rejection of Western values in the sixties on the college campuses. I was a social worker but became disenchanted with our welfare system. I went back to school to get a master's degree in sociology. I began working with many a week in the juvenile centers and the St. Joseph's Children's Home. I was able to substitute teaching. Substitute teaching also provided me time to prepare myself for the jail ministry by reading the Bible during silent hours.

After a graduated from ND I worked to the guidelines of a Jesuit Church since my father, the doctrine, the students recognized I was a Christian. I lived in their neighborhood, rode the city bus with them, played basketball with them, and preached the gospel to them after school. My students taught me many things. In the Indiana Constitution requires them of: "to encourage by all suitable means moral improvement."

I found the best way why my fellow teachers were afraid to obey the constitution and the Indiana statute called the "Judiciary if they were loyal to the oath they all made to our state constitution, written in 1851, their children believe the Bible so they would not end up in deep sin like they themselves.

Yet this government said I violated the separation of church and state. I gave Bible in the classroom in the presence of students. Many of these students were relatives of the 8,000 yearly students who were my job. Suddenly I was innocent of that law plus the Constitution. I was formerly dismissed by the Governor.
The authors of our state constitution, written in 1851, agreed with the Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, in his book entitled "Their Church and State Doctrine," was president of the FreeMason, illegally dismissed the case without a court hearing. A Notre Dame law student argued my case. Again, the court agreed with the Supreme Court in 1990.

I was the first time when there was a court ruling that broad latitude courts have given schools to regulate behavior in public schools is not thought to encourage proselytizing. That meant placing a Bible on the desk. The teachers knew the Bible needs to be the main textbook in schools if we intended on preserving our nation as a true Federal Republic. The Federal judiciary, comprised almost exclusively of lawyers, ordered out all religious influences from government schools. They did this using the names of our Founding Fathers as their authority. Their motives were evil.

The word "lawyer" in Greek can trace its meaning to "society devourer," and in the Latin dictionary "lawyer" can mean "shyster." Combine this with membership in the FreeMason secret society and we are dealing with dangerous and crooked "Federal judges. Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said in Luke 11:52, "Woe to you, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. Yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering." The Federal Judiciary will suffer greatly for disbelieving our Lord's command written three times in the gospels: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Because of evil Supreme Court decisions there is an increasing need for bigger government and more lawyers to handle all the crimes now being committed. Because the Supreme Court has kicked God out of school statistics reveal that 65 percent of all crime is committed by school age children. Tragically, this country has many people willing to take our tax dollars as wages in exchange for prostituting themselves by working to help further the evil designs of a corrupt government, a government operating in open rebellion to its creators, the framers and ratifiers of the Federal Constitution.

My friends in the 60s widely discovered that our government had become very corrupt. However, most failed to discover that an even greater corruption lay in their own hearts. Only faith like that of our Founding Fathers in the blood of Jesus can cure the corruption in the heart. Jesus said, "First clean out the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean." St. Peter said, "Save yourself from this corrupt generation." St. Paul told us how to do it: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."
This is the time to remember

What will you remember most about your years at Notre Dame?

Mike Flintosh
Off-campus

"Florida State victory during freshman year."

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"My roommates coming home from An Tostal covered with war-paint and fruit roll-ups."

Jake Rademacher
Off-campus

"Walking away Sunday evening after the last night of ‘Grapes of Wrath."

Dave Mullen
Alumni

"Going to Ireland."

Matt Mendlik
Zahn

"Waking up each morning and knowing I was at Notre Dame."

By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

I guess what they say is true — You always remember the good times. That’s good news for this week’s graduating seniors, because remembering is not something that they will take lightly in the next few months, years, and even decades.

As they don their caps and gowns a small tingle may run down their spines. Yes — it will be a tingle of joy. It will be in anticipation of standing in front of parents, friends and family and realizing that they’ve made it — they’ve succeeded and are finally done with college.

But more than that it will be the tingle if memories. T will set in that they are finally finished and from hence forth their lives as students at Notre Dame will lay behind them.

As the tingle fades they will look in the mirror to make sure that their hair is perfect and their gown is straight and their caps are tilted just so. And perhaps they may see something else in that mirror. Instead of a mature, college grad who is ready to face the world, they may see a young freshman wearing not a cap and gown but blue jeans and an ND sweatshirt.

They may remember walking onto campus for the first time as a student looking up at the Golden Dome and thinking “My God, this is all mine for the next four years.” Or maybe they’ll remember meandering around at the graffiti dance with a marker in hand and wearing a clean white T-shirt. They might see themselves running around campus for their first North Quad/South Quad snowball fight.

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Some will recall meeting their future husband or wife and some will remember making decisions that have affected the rest of their lives. For some, the best memories come away from Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. Summers in Washington, semesters in London, Australia, France and Austria or a year in Italy, Spain, or Ireland. A great number of them will remember some of their best times in serving others. Hundreds will remember working for poor communities in Appalachia or spending the morning fixing houses with Christmas in April and others spent much of their time tutoring impoverished children.

Some of these moments may bring a tear to the eyes of our graduating seniors as they watch themselves progress through four years. But many more memories will make them laugh like four guys in a car singing Wilson Phillips' "Hold On" at the top of their lungs. Others will reminisce about toga parties or SYR dates that kept falling asleep.

And the parties — oh the parties. They will remember fantastic parties and having wonderful times. But they will also recall terrible fights they can't remember and even worse mornings they wish they would forget. Who can forget the jello pits of PigTostal or the utter insanity of PigTostal. Saint Patty's Days were unbelievable and Spring breaks were even better. Pictures of Morrissey men running through the campus in February in nothing but boxers or groups of men streaking through the library wearing nothing at all will come into focus. Promises of bringing the Grateful Dead to campus will occasionally bring a chuckle to the lips.

Roadtrips with buddies will glimmer into view as a few drunken men go on a random search for a large body of water, or the quest to get to New York city. Some will remember trying to go rockcimbing while in a drunken stupor or just hungover and others will remember late night trips into Chicago. Yes, the seniors will look in the mirror and watch themselves grow up. They came here like so many before them thinking perhaps that they knew everything. They leave having learned so very much.

### More Memories

Amy Schmidt, Kathryn Sutliff, Stacey Raczka, and Megan O'Neill

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"Friendship."

Erin Gowen

Lyons

"Chicken strips at the Dining Hall."

Alan Smith

Planer

"Getting trapped in the Architecture Building's elevator for two hours in the middle of the night."

Duane Cobenais

Carroll

"Lou Holtz finally leaving."

Brian Welch

Carroll

"No parietals at Carroll Hall."

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Moving On Up

ACCENT ASKS...

What is your favorite memory of Saint Mary’s College?

Courtney O’Rourke
Mishawaka, Indiana
Biology

“Laughing my way through four years here.”

Jennifer Ligda
Evergreen Park, Illinois
Communications

“Going to Nick’s at 8 a.m. on Saint Patrick’s Day and having beer for breakfast.”

Gayla Spanney
Marshall, Missouri
English/Communications

“Playing freeze tag with shower shoes in the rain.”

Corrie Hanrahan
Wheaton, Illinois
Business/Theatre

“Meeting with friends at the dining hall and talking about the night before.”

Meghan Maloney
Apple Valley, California
Biology/Nursing

“Having dancefests in my room with my roommates during final weeks.”

Weep not for the memories...

By NORA MEANY
Saint Mary’s Accent Editor

“I will remember you....
Will you remember me?
Don’t let your life pass you by....
Weep not for the memories.”

—Sarah McLachlan

Spring is here again. South Bend is thawing out, the flowers are beginning to bloom and Saint Mary’s College is graduating another class of mature young women. Although the challenges of school have been met and dealt with accordingly, the class of 1997 are facing the next struggle of graduating—packing and moving out. Deciding what to take with as one embarks upon the real world can be a quandary. Along with the knick-knacks, furniture and unreturnable books that have been amassed in the last four (or five, sometimes six) years, the graduates will be taking their memories of college in their hearts. Untangible and priceless, these touching moments are the stuff that teary-eyed reunions are made of. However, along with the monumental events are the everyday occurrences that one tends to forget off-hand.

“It’s the little things that I’ll miss the most.” says Amberly Herschberger, a graduating social work major. “Popping in on somebody at 2 a.m. to say hello. Things like that.”

When asked what their favorite memory is, the standard reply from many was that there was “too much” to recall. Although scrapbook-fillers such as certain SYRs, spring breaks and wild nights of bar-hopping were easy contenders for a favorite, it seemed that the warmest thoughts are made up of a million little things put together.

“I think that I will miss meeting with friends in the dining hall for breakfast and talking about the night before.” Says Corrie Hanrahan, a double business and theatre major.

When taking a stroll down memory lane, here is a list of a few understated memories that should jog the brain, but usually get lost in the shuffle of thought.

10) Roaming the floors of a Domer dorm trying to find a party.
9) Ordering pizza and watching a movie with people from your floor.
8) Your first buzz.
7) Countless all-nighters to finish assignments.
6) Midnight Meijer runs.
5) Waiting for the last shuttle at the Grotto on a Saturday night.
4) Going off campus for dinner freshman year.
3) Panicked trips to University Park mall for last-minute shopping.
2) The guy that never called back.
1) Seeing bands play anywhere from the Joyce Center to Bridget’s.

Although the applause will fade with the end of Saturday’s commencement ceremony, the memories will stay vivid and sharp in the minds of the Class of 1997. And hey, if connections to Saint Mary’s College dwindle, it’s only a few years until the “big ten” reunion. So clear your calendars for the first weekend of June in 2007, and most of all, “weep not for the memories.”
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student body. We will continue to be a team that played with great toughness, great determination and great enthusiasm, but above all, with class.”

Though his words sound like something straight out of a Holsten script, Davie vowed to be his own man.

But it is his familiarity with the Irish program that was one of his main selling points in getting the job.

“Bob Davie emerged as the unanimous choice of our selection committee because of his intensity and his conviction about the standards and values of Notre Dame and its football program,” stated Wadsworth.

That selection committee consisted of Wadsworth, University executive vice-president Father William Beauchamp, and assistant athletic director George Kelly.

“We feel very fortunate to have had a candidate of the caliber of Bob Davie already on our staff,” Beauchamp said. “Bob’s person-

al and professional strengths, his knowledge of the University and the program, and his appreciation of all that it means to be the head football coach at Notre Dame made him the clear-cut choice in succeed Lou Holtz. We look forward with great anticipation to the Bob Davie era at Notre Dame.”

That era will likely be characterized by the hallmark of Davie’s defenses — aggressiveness.

Such aggressiveness very much could have meant that Davie would no longer be at Notre Dame had Holtz not stepped down.

Coveted last year by schools to be a head coach, Davie admitted that had the Irish not come calling, he might have moved on.

“Right now, I feel like the luckiest man alive,” Davie said. “Words can’t describe how proud and honored I am to be the next head football coach at Notre Dame.”

“I’ve waited a long, long time for this moment,” Davie said. “I can tell you, standing here, that it’s been well worth the wait.”

He promised to the Notre Dame family that I’m going to do everything in my power so that hopefully one day people will look back on this as a great decision for Notre Dame football.”

Notre Dame fans hope so too.

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Tar Heels prevent Irish repeat

By KATHLEEN

In a season filled with a majority of ups, the Irish were forced to endure one major down. Despite being ranked No. 1 for much of the season, the women's soccer team fell short of its goal to repeat as national champions.

Before the largest crowd ever assembled for a women's soccer final, the Irish were forced to take on their rival, North Carolina. In a tight match, Notre Dame fell short. With 9:04 left in the second overtime, Tar Heel forward Debbie Keller drilled in a header off of forward Renola and junior Holly Manthei were named to the third team.

Several milestones were reached in this season as well. Daws gained the title of career points leader. Manthei broke the record for assists in the NCAA tournament in the semifinal game against Portland.

Next year, Irish fans will get a glimpse of the Class of 2001. The class boasts some talented players, including Meotis Erickson, who is considered one of the top players in the nation. Petrucci also signed Monica Gonzalez, who led her club team to the national championships in 1995.

However, the Irish suffered their first season loss (22-12) in Brown's six-year tenure under the Dome as injuries and the inability to finish matches plagued the squad all season long. Despite the disappointing season which saw the Irish fall out of the top 25 from their preseason ranking of sixth.

Brown still sees the positives in their season. "We lost more games than I have before, but it was still the most fun I've had in a real team. It was really a great team. They worked really hard, and I think they will come away from this season with great memories."

Even before the first match, Coach Brown and company were faced with a daunting challenge after junior center Carey May suffered a dislocated shoulder that would sideline her for nearly half the season.

Junior Jaimie Lee slid over from her outside hitter slot and filled in at setter in May's absence. Lee's play earned her Big East Player of the Year honors.

Despite the efforts of Lee, the Irish were never able to get into the groove. Their starting lineup was not on the floor for more than a handful of matchups with senior Jen Rouse and junior Angie Harris ending the year on the shelf.

The remarkable senior class provided the glue to hold the team together, and some young players showcased their talents on their way to remaining perfect in Big East play while making their fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance.

"It would have been nice to see us as healthy, so we could have gotten really comfortable," Brown said. "We had great depth, and if we wouldn't have had that depth, we would have had a horrendous season."

The graduating class of Jenny Birkner, Jen Briggs, Kristina Ervin, and Jen Rouse helped Brown build the program into a national power. They have set an example for talented players such as sophomore Lisa Troyk-Davis and freshman Mary Leffers.

The leader of the seniors was the class boasts some talented players, including Meotis Erickson, who is considered one of the top players in the nation. Petrucci also signed Monica Gonzalez, who led her club team to the national championships in 1995.

Congratulations and best wishes to Maggie Long and Alyson Frick. I am proud of their achievements here at Notre Dame. I wish them the very best in their future endeavors. We are family.

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Congratulations to our Homecoming King and Queen!
Irish seniors bid farewell after frustrating season

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Any other school would have been satisfied. If nothing else, the 1996 football season could be characterized as a solid one, certainly nothing to scoff at or feel bad about. However, Notre Dame is not any other school.

For the third straight year, the Irish did not contend for the national championship. Put simply, an 8-3 season in which the Irish failed to land a major bowl bid is considered a disappointment in this neck of the woods.

"It's fitting that the way we ended and not going to a bowl," said senior tackle Randy Kinder. "But all things considered, it was probably the best decision for the program." Things did start out well for the Irish last fall. When Jim Sanson's kick sailed wide, prematurely ending any talks of a title with a 29-16 victory at Notre Dame Stadium. Fans, players, and coaches were devastated following the defeat.

"The national championship is done," a red-eyed Pavlou said outside the locker room. "It's over." After thrashing the No. 20 ranked Washington Huskies, 54-20, two weeks later, Notre Dame suffered what seems to have been an all-time tradition: losing at home to an inferior opponent.

Following in the line of Boston College, BYU, and Northwestern, overmatched Air Force surprised the Irish, 20-17. It was a loss that Notre Dame seniors have come to know all too well in their four years at the University.

After the setback, the Irish recovered and proceeded to reel off four consecutive victories over Navy, Boston College, Rutgers, and Pittsburgh. With a major bowl bid on the line, the stage was set for Notre Dame's visit to USC for the season finale.

Leading most of the way against the Trojans, the Irish moved ahead 20-17 and needed just one successful PAT off the leg of Sanson to put the game away. However, God was not on the Irish side on that day, and when Sanson's kick sailed wide, Notre Dame's 13-year unbeaten streak over the Trojans was just a memory.

"This is probably as tough a loss as I've ever had," said head coach Lou Holtz following the game. "I feel bad for the seniors and the players that made mistakes. I know how they feel."

The Irish will say farewell to a much traveled group of seniors who experienced more than their share of highs and lows in four years. From the incredible win over Florida State in the Game of the Century to the devastating Northwestern upset and the USC disappointment, it has certainly been a roller coaster ride.

Five defensive starters, including Renaldo Wynn, Alton Maiden, Kinnon Tatum, Byron Cobbins, and Bert Berry, have seen their time at Notre Dame come to an end. On the offensive side, Jeremy Akers, Marc Edwards, Pete Chryplewicz, Randy Kinder, and Robert Farmer will move on to life after Irish football.

"As a group, we've been through a lot during our four years together," said Akers. "It's going to be hard to move on."

Good and bad, they gave Irish fans something to remember.
Women's squad makes history in March Madness

By JOE CAVATO

When the class of 1997 stepped on to campus as freshmen, the women's basketball program was a mediocre team in a mediocre conference. Four years later as the seniors are prepared to graduate, the women's program has also graduated to a new level, becoming a national power.

"We just finished the most outstanding run in the history of Notre Dame basketball," head coach Muffet McGraw said after their 80-66 semifinal loss to eventual champion Tennessee.

"I couldn't be prouder of these two people beside me. I think they are both All-Americans. They had tremendous speed bumps, including losing freshman guard Niele Ivey for the year. The team had already lost two scholarship players before Ivey went down with a torn ACL."

Big Ten foes Wisconsin and Purdue upset the Irish in the same week, and the Irish saw their national ranking fall. Over Christmas break, they made their national television debut on CBS, but an unranked Ohio State team upset the Irish. That loss would mark their last loss until they came up against top-ranked and then undefeated Connecticut. After they had fallen out of the top 20, the senior class took over and helped the team recover.

Complementing the superstars Morgan and Gaither were point guard Jeanine Augustine and forward Rosanne Bohman. Augustine and Bohman saved their best for last and played up to their potential in their final year.

The Irish cruised through Big East play, winning 22 of their final 24 games with their two losses coming at the hands of their old nemesis, the UConn Huskies. With a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season, McGraw lost the versatility of Kari Hutchinson to a broken hand. Hutchinson would return for postseason play, but the team was down to just six healthy scholarship players.

After the Big East tournament, Morgan and Gaither poured in their opportunity at the Big East Regional, all but allowing Indiana to be entirely out of the picture and giving McGraw her sixth regional and third Final Four at Notre Dame, propelling her to the top in winning percentage in the Big East. The team's leadership refused on-seeded Alabama losing freshman guard Niele Ivey for the year. The team had already lost two scholarship players before Ivey went down with a torn ACL.

Senior sharpshooter Beth Morgan led ND to its best record ever. The deploration of the bench forced McGraw to dress volleyball ball player Kristina Ervin and team manager Christy Grady. The team refused to allow injuries to affect its play.

"I couldn't be prouder of my team," McGraw said. "I don't think there was any other team in the country that has been through what we've been through, and to win 31 games is an outstanding accomplishment."

In the march through the NCAA tournament, McGraw's squad learned all about March Madness, putting together an unforgettable run. After a 93-62 shellacking of the Final Four did not go as planned, the Irish enjoyed their opportunity at the Big Dance.

"It was a great experience," Morgan said. "The Final Four is a great accomplishment for our team and our program. Going out and playing as poorly as we did is disappointing, but a lot of players go through that."

During their run that can only be described as unbreakable, the mix of youth and experience of seniors and role players created a feeling that someone would step up and hit the big shot or snag the rebound.

That chemistry and mix was something unique to the Irish squad which was pivotal in the most successful season in the history of the program. As the seniors leave campus this May, they will leave behind more than just another four years in the history of the program. They will leave behind a legacy.

Congratulations and God Bless You!
Making strides to the next level

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Over the course of the last four years, the Notre Dame soccer programs have come of age. Everyone is aware of the accomplishments of the women’s squad, which in 1995, became the first team, other than North Carolina, to win a national championship in over a decade. After years and years of virtually unchallenged titles for the Tar Heels, the Irish became pioneers of the path toward parity in collegiate women’s soccer.

Although the Notre Dame women have been well-respected for a number of years now, the men have just recently appointed 1995 season in Charleston, South Carolina, with its dominant showing, explained that they had

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Lou Holtz will be remembered as one of the finest coaches in Irish history, amassing 100 wins in 11 years.

Holtz continued from page 44 and their eighth national championship the following season. He also did something else.

He became a Notre Dame legend, whether he wanted to or not.

“When I was hired, I said I didn’t come here to be a legend, but to merely serve Notre Dame, Holtz said in his prepared resignation on Nov. 19. “It is up to others to ascertain whether I accomplished this or not.”

Holtz’s love for Notre Dame is well documented. Holtz grew up in a Catholic home surrounded by relatives who loved and respected Notre Dame, and his earliest encounters involved the University and its storied history.

“I went to St. Aloysius grade school, and we were taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame,” said Holtz when asked to recount his early exposure to Notre Dame. “At lunch, at recess, and at dismissal, we marched out to the Notre Dame Victory March. The impressions I formed about Notre Dame came about because the people I respected so much — my mother, my father, my grandparents, my other relatives — held Notre Dame in such high esteem.”

And there can be no doubt that Holtz did, too. In his resignation, he talked about how hard it would be to leave “the best job in the world, the most rewarding,” and insisted in his prepared statement that “I am sure there will be many coaches in the future here at Notre Dame, but I feel confident when I say none will be any prouder than I was to represent this University or more loyal to its beliefs or more grateful for the opportunity.”

When all is said and done, Lou Holtz will be remembered as a true Notre Dame man, which is exactly what he would desire.

“I will always cherish the fact that I had the opportunity to be a representative of Our Lady’s school, both on and off the field. To a Catholic such as myself, no man could ask for a more important role in life.”

But there is one additional role which Lou Holtz has played, and will continue to play, whether it is important to him or not. Legend. Lou Holtz will always be considered a legend, regardless of whether he views himself as one or not. His accomplishments are simply too great, his personality too strong to categorize him as anything less.

“I don’t think there’s any question that Lou Holtz will be right at the very top in the legendary coaches who have been at Notre Dame, along with Knute Rockne and Ara Parseghian,” said athletic director Michael Wadsworth following Holtz’s announcement.

“He has just represented the University in every way in which we could possibly hope, and as a result I think that will be recognized well into the future and will qualify him as one of the great legends of the University.”

True legends never do die, and Holtz is one of those legends. His memory will live on at Notre Dame long after he himself has left.
FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

Holtz leaves Notre Dame

After 11 years as head football coach at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to the legendary Knute Rockne's 105 victories.

Despite consistent success over the course of the 132 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz's only national championship came in 1988 with team leaders Tony Rice and Tony Brooks.

Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure, and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.

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FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

Game of the Century

One of the most anticipated showdowns in recent history lived up to all the expectations, as second-ranked Notre Dame upset favorite and top-ranked Florida State, 31-24. Shawn Wooden broke up Charlie Ward's last-second attempt to secure the monumental win for the Irish.

Nov. 15, 1993

Women's soccer win championship

The ever-improving Notre Dame women's soccer team reached the ultimate goal of a national championship by defeating Portland 1-0 on a Cindy Daws penalty kick.

The Irish also ended North Carolina's dynasty in the semifinals with a 1-0 shocker.

Dec. 4, 1995

Irish join Big East

Athletic director Dick Rosenthal announced during the summer of 1994 that Notre Dame would join the Big East Conference for most sports.

The move was seen as especially helpful to John MacLeod and the struggling men's basketball program.

Aug. 30, 1994

Davie takes the helm

Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie accepted the head coaching job less than one week after Lou Holtz announced his resignation.

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired from within the ranks of the Irish staff.

Nov. 25, 1996

Women's hoops reach Final Four

Led by seniors Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, the Irish women's basketball team defeated favored George Washington in the NCAA regional finals to advance to the team's first Final Four.

March 25, 1997

Fencers claim national title

The Notre Dame fencing team came from behind in the final day of competition to defeat Penn State and secure the first Notre Dame national championship in any sport since 1988.

March 23, 1994

Eagles dash Irish dreams

Boston College sacked Notre Dame's hopes of a national championship when David Gordon kicked the longest field goal (41 yards) to erase a thrilling Irish comeback and to give Boston College a 41-29 victory in the final game of the 1993 season.

Nov. 22, 1993

Irish snap Carolina streak

Chris Petrucelli's women's soccer team tied North Carolina 0-0 to snap the Tar Heels' 92-game winning streak. It was the third time that a historic streak was snapped by an Irish team.

Oct. 3, 1994

Rosenthal steps down as AD

Athletic director Dick Rosenthal announced that he would step down, effective as of August 1, 1995. Mike Waddsworth was named as his successor.

Aug. 30, 1994
Women's soccer wins Big East championship

Men's soccer upset Rutgers to claim conference title

Bob Davie succeeds Lou Holtz as head football coach

Women's soccer makes third consecutive appearance in NCAA

John Christoforetti claims third straight Bengal Bouts title

Women's lacrosse plays first official game as a varsity sport

Fencing team finishes 2nd behind Penn State at NCAA Championships

Men's lacrosse defeats No. 4 Hofstra for its first victory ever over a top 5 opponent

Women's tennis captures Big East championship

Ex-Irish point guard Doug Gottlieb accused of credit card fraud

Aug. 28

Men's golf becomes first ND team to claim consecutive Big East titles

Sept. 29

Lou Holtz resigns his position as head football coach after 11 seasons

Nov. 10

Men's soccer advances to Sweet 16 of NCAA's for first time

Nov. 17

Volleyball wins second straight Big East championship

Nov. 19

USC defeats football team to end ND's 13-year dominance of the series

Nov. 24

Women's swimming wins Big East championship meet

Nov. 30

Power forward Pat Garrity and head basketball coach John MacLeod receive Big East honors as Player and Coach of the Year

Mar. 1

Men's basketball defeats TCU to earn third consecutive home game in NIT

Mar. 4

Women's basketball advances to Final Four with victory over George Washington

Mar. 10

Freshman small forward David Lalazarian announces that he will transfer from ND

Mar. 24

Sixth-seeded Dos Geses prevails over fourth-seeded Swoosh in the Bookstore Basketball XXVI finals

Apr. 4

Women's basketball captures Big East championship

Apr. 16

April
Women rise to top of conference in second season

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women’s swimming and diving team had its second championship in just one year, an accomplishment that is exactly what they set out to do. When all was said and done, Notre Dame had accomplished that goal.

The team went 7-5 overall but dominated in Big East competition to attain a position of seventh at the NCAA championships. Brooks repeated as an All-American with her eighth-place finish in the 200-meter breaststroke. Suddarth broke her own school record in the 200-meter breaststroke twice more at the NCAA meet. She swam 2:16.31 in the preliminaries and then finished 13th in the finals with a record-shattering swim of 2:15.41. Finally, Newell also broke her own Notre Dame record by swimming a time of 2:00.53 to take 13th in the 200-meter butterfly.

The seniors who will be missed when next year rolls around include Brooks, Amy Bostick, Karen Daylor, Karen Foley, and Alyssa Peterson. The Irish men’s swimming and diving team concluded its regular season with a record of 7-5, which included a win over rival Boston College by the score of 234-66, as well as a pair of disappointing losses to Big East foes Connecticut and Pittsburgh and close losses versus St. Bonaventure and Western Kentucky.

In their second season in the Big East conference, the Irish went 1-2 and finished in the familiar position of seventh at the championships. The positive side of the postseason was that the Irish were able to build confidence throughout the season, and the Irish recorded season team bests in 14 different events at the meet.

Two Irish swimmers, senior Matt Rose and junior Ron Royer, set personal bests in two separate events. Rose placed fifth in the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:05.45 and took 10th in the 200-meter individual medley in 1:53.10. Royer swam the 100-meter freestyle in 46.19 to grab 11th overall and finished 10th in the 50-meter freestyle with a mark of 21.04. The highest finish for the Irish in the meet was accomplished by Steele Whowell, who touched the wall second in the 100-meter breaststroke in 57.25.

The team bids farewell to seniors Rose, Ryan Bleville, Ron Lambert, Rich Murphy, and Josh Saylor.

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**Bookstore Basketball**

*By Betsy Baker*

Overcoming obstacles comprised the main theme of the 1997 Bookstore Basketball tournament. When the 597 teams took to the courts on April 9, the first barrier the field had to surpass was the construction that eliminated half of the courts at Stepan Center. Add in nearly two weeks of cold weather and troop movement, and the level of basketball was significantly hindered.

Dos Geses overcame one of the greatest obstacles in the 26th edition of the tournament with its championship run after being a controversial decision in the first bout. With Craig Prins' decision to this, and that was when I realized what it was. After knocking off the No. 3 seed Muddy Waters in the Elite Eight and then beating a surprising Primetime in the Final Four, Dos Geses finally received some much deserved recognition as a team to be taken seriously. They answered any doubt about their ability in the finals as they battled to a 22-20 victory over Swoosh III on a rainy Stepan court.

Dos Geses battled through the contest, fighting off the outside shot of Swoosh's Matt Busam, and even entered the half down one. Devin high-lighted Dos Geses performance, ending the game with two clutch free throws after the teams were tied at 20.

"We liked being the underdog," Devin commented. "We used it as momentum. We knew we were a good team, but we liked having to scrap for every win."

The MVP Devin joined opponent Jason Newcomer, the 1997 Mr. Bookstore, as the top award winners. Alex and Bill Gese also gained accolades for themselves, being named first team and second team All-Bookstore respectively, as did Busam of Swoosh III.

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**Bengal Bouts**

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The fans who attended the finals of the 1997 Bengal Bouts get their money's worth as they saw two major upsets. We reported champions, and eight other great boxing matches.

The shooting of Swoosh's Matt Mullins (3) vs. Chris Clevenger in the 150-pound class with a unanimous decision over Dave Butz. The 180-pound class with a unanimous decision over Mike Debiasi.

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MacLeod, Garrity bring program back from dead

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Lock the doors, bolt down the shutters, and put the children to bed. Believe it or not, Notre Dame basketball is back on the map.

Faced with many to occupy the collar of the Big East conference, the Irish surprised everyone, compiling a 16-14 record, including a respectable 8-10 mark in league play.

To reward Notre Dame for its rise from league doormat to bona fide contender, the conference named Pat Garrity Big East Player of the Year, while John MacLeod took home coach of the year honors.

However, the biggest shock came in the postseason. Unsure they would even be selected to advance to the quarterfinals, knocking off Oral Roberts and TCU along the way.

In one of the most thrilling contests in years, Notre Dame tussled with its old nemesis Michigan for the right to move on to the semifinals. Displaying trademark hustle, determination, and resiliency, the Irish gave the eventual NIT champions everything they could handle.

In the end, the Wolverines survived by the skin of their teeth, slipping past the Irish with a 67-66 victory.

"I told them this players they had a great year," said MacLeod following the Michigan game. "They came from nowhere, they had great character and heart, and accomplished a great deal more than anyone thought they possibly could. And thank goodness they didn't listen to what the people said. It really is a great group."

The one-point loss to Michigan illustrates just how far the Irish had come. In the span of five months, Notre Dame transformed itself from a floundering, often times abysmal program to a solid, respectable one with a bright future ahead of it.

"This season, we accomplished a lot, and it really boosted the program," said senior center Matt Gottsch. "I feel the program is moving in the right direction, and the seniors here had something to do with that."

While Garrity was the heart and soul of the Irish, he was certainly not the sole reason for the team's success. Senior point guard Admore White took advantage of increased playing time to become the team leader at both ends of the court.

"Admore had a great year for us," said MacLeod. "He really stepped up his play for us, and it showed. Without him, we could not have come close to having the kind of season we did."

Senior guard Pete Miller and Garrity also played key roles in the Irish surge, picking up the slack when teams collapsed their defense on Garrity. Senior Marcus Young even got into the mix, often times abysmal program to.

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Senior Marcus Young provided a spark off the bench for the Irish.

To make things worse, promising freshman David Lalazarian, a friend and high school teammate of Gottlieb, announced he was leaving Notre Dame following the Michigan game. "You can't really put a finger on what they bring to the floor. You can't just look at the statistics and say it will be easy to replace them because they bring something totally intangible to our team."

"It's going to be tough next year losing four seniors," said Garrity following the Michigan game. "You can't really put a finger on what they bring to the floor. You can't just look at the statistics and say it will be easy to replace them because they bring something totally intangible to our team."

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Hockey

Icers look to rise to next level

Program still building after frustrating year

By BETSY RAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a frustrating 1996-97 season, the future of the Notre Dame hockey team is looking up.

After finishing the season 9-25-1 overall (6-20-1 in CCHA play) and with 10 of their losses coming in the last 11 games, it would be easy to write off the Irish, at least for a couple of years. But with seven of the team's top eight scorers returning and seven new recruits coming in, head coach Dave Poulin and his team are optimistic.

"Overall, we've added a lot of depth, skill and high power," Poulin commented. "We have a great group of returnees and seven talented newcomers who are all very eager for next season."

To not forget those who will not return for next season, the Irish will lose key players to graduation such as forwards Terry Lorenz and Tim Harberts and defensemen Ben Nelsen and Brian McCarthy. The class of '97 endured a difficult rebuilding period for the Irish program but will not have the opportunity to reap its benefits.

Despite the ugly record, the 1996-97 season did have its bright spots and exhibited the team's potential.

"We made large strides this year," Poulin explained after the final game of the season, a 3-2 loss to Michigan State. "But they're not quantified in wins. We lost 12 one-goal games this year. If we had gotten four goals at one time or another in those games, our season would have been completely different."

Still, the second youngest team in Division I hockey is looking to fill the holes created by graduation and seems to have the right artillery to do so.

"We're definitely moving forward," said sophomore Brian Unick, last year's team rookie of the year. "Last year, there were games that we weren't even in. I remember being blown out by Michigan by a score of 13-1. But this year we were in every game."

Leading the way for the class of 2001 will be defensemen Ryan Clarrk from Littleton, Colo., and Mark Eaton from Wilmington, Del. Clark led the Lincoln Stars to the United State Hockey League's Clark Cup championship, and at 6-foot-4, 215-pounds, will add some bulk to the Irish lineup.

Eaton was named second team All-USHL and was also awarded the Curt Hammer Award for being the most gentlemanly player who best reflects the goals of the USHL. The two left-handers will be a welcome addition to the defense that ranked fourth in the CCHA for penalty killing efficiency.

Overall, as the talent-laden Irish team matures, so will its potential for gaining itself a notable presence in the CCHA and the nation as a whole. What remains imperative now is that the team continues to train and improve, and that is Poulin's intention as the team began training this spring, and it will continue to be in the summer.

"This is a huge time for us," he said. "We need to get to a new level."

With the addition of new recruits and the leadership of Poulin, the Irish look to be close to that new level.

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Men's team bounces back

Younger squad regains top 25 form in 1997

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Although the '95 and '96 seasons for the men's tennis teams were different in composition and success, the years ended in too similar of fashion for head coach Bobby Bayliss.

For the second consecutive season, the Minnesota Golden Gophers put an end to the team's season. Last Saturday at Illinois, Minnesota ousted Notre Dame from the NCAA Region IV championships. The Irish were the top-seed in the region but suffered a 4-2 loss to the fifth-seeded Gophers.

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Bayliss' team went into post-season play ranked 13th in the nation and ended the year with a 19-6 mark. Notre Dame rebounded from a somewhat disappointing 1996 season in which the Irish finished ranked 36th in the nation.

Last year's squad was senior laden with three of the six singles players in their final year. This season, the top player was a freshman (Ryan Sachire), and there was only one senior who saw significant action.

This year, a younger team jumped out of the gates with a six-match winning streak that was one of the best starts for the program in recent years. The Irish also closed the regular season on a high, finishing the year with a 10-2 mark in dual match play.

Ryan Sachire was not the only member of the Irish team to receive personal accolades. Second year assistant coach Andy Zurcher was named the Regional Assistant Coach of the Year.

Bayliss will have plenty to work with next season after making strides in getting to his goal of getting the program back to the status of where it was in 1992 and '93 when it finished in the top 10 in the nation.

Women netters overcome adversity

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

In the 1996 season, the Notre Dame women's tennis program had a breakthrough year in which it finished in the top 10 and went to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

With the most successful class in Irish history graduated, Jay Louderback had his work cut out for him in seeking some of the success his squad found that year. To make things more difficult, senior captain Erin Gowen suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first dual match of the 1997 season.

The Irish were able to rebound from the loss of their captain and a stretch in which they dropped six of seven matches to put together an eight-game winning streak before bowing out of the regional tournament.

Louderback found his team with a record of 10-10 after an 8-1 loss to a seventh-ranked William & Mary squad. The young squad was then able to salvage the season and compile an 18-11 record on the way to a second straight Big East conference championship.

Sophomores Jennifer Hall and Martha Velasco carried the load in the top two singles slots. In Hall's freshman campaign, she earned All-American honors and finished the year ranked ninth in the nation.

After the injury to Gowen, Tiffany Gates was the lone Irish senior. She posted a solid 12-10 record while competing in the third singles slot. Gates also finished her rookie year with a 15-7 mark in dual match play.

Louderback will look to a more experienced squad to help them return to the top 10 play they achieved a year ago.
Fencers flirt with second championship of decade

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Winning a national championship has become a standard by which one Notre Dame teams trains, and it's not the football team.

However, like the football team, the Irish fencing team set a precedent for itself when it won a national championship three years ago and since then has dealt with consolation prizes.

For two years in a row now, the Irish have placed second to Penn State at the NCAA championships, but unlike the Irish football team, second place is not a travesty. Although the goal of the team lies in recapturing the national championship, a second place finish remains a testament to the relentless effort of the Irish fencers.

"I am very proud of this team. They gave it their all," head coach Yves Auriol commented. "It is just tough to come close and not reach our goal."

Fencing creates an equal mix of both team and individual achievement, and the individuals on the Irish fencing team have shone.

Magdol Krol is the latest of the Irish fencers to make a name for herself. The freshman from Vancouver, British Columbia, took first place in the women's epee championship. After defeating 1996 champion Nicole Dygart of St. John's 15-14, Krol finished her first season with a 20-5 record.

Last year's star, sophomore Sara Walsh, placed second in the women's foil competition for the second year in a row and was also named first team All-American for the second consecutive year. Walsh's overall record mirrored Krol's at 20-5.

Following Walsh in the foil competition for the Irish was Myriah Brown, who placed fifth and earned a spot on the All-American second team for the second year in a row.

The Irish finished the regular season with only one loss to, yes, Penn State back in January. The team remained undefeated through February and March up until it once again met the Nittany Lions at the national championships.

The Irish hopes of another national championship were foiled by their rivals, the Nittany Lions of Penn State.
Men's Lacrosse

Historic win highlights Irish year

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a disappointing finish, the men's lacrosse team once again proved that it belongs among the top teams in the country. The Irish ended the year with a 9-3 record, with two of the losses coming at the hands of the same opponent. Loyola (Md.) had Notre Dame's number in 1997 and was responsible for winning its last weekend, dominating the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 21-5.

The ninth-ranked Irish were led by Ned Webster, who cashed in on two scoring opportunities in the game at Towson, Md. The remainder of the offense was accounted for by John DeRiso, Adam Sargent, and Brad Owen, who each scored.

Irish junior Burke Hayes (23) and senior Stedman Cashen each scored. The game at Towson, Md. The Irish battled it out in that contest but fell by the heartbreaking score of 6-5.

The season highlight was a home victory over Hofstra on April 4. The fourth-ranked Flying Dutchmen became the highest ranked team that the Irish have ever defeated. The win for Notre Dame officially placed them on the map.

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Leading the team in goals is the Irish's top two scorers as Loyola pulled away for a 12-7 win on March 15. The only other team to beat Notre Dame this season was Massachusetts, which also had the advantage of playing on its home turf. The Irish battled it out in that contest but fell by the heartbreaking score of 6-5.

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Leading the team in goals through 10 games in 1997 were sophomores Chris Dusseau (29), junior Burke Hayes (23), and attackman Wil DeRiso (18). The graduating seniors include co-captains DeRiso and Cashen as well as defensemen Bryan Welch.

Women's Golf

Men first ND squad to claim consecutive titles

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

On the strength of a second place finish by Brad Hardin, the Irish captured their second consecutive Big East title during the fall season.

Hardin shot rounds of 70 and 74 on tour for the impressive allowing the team to win the title. Brad Donohoe, Joel Hepler and Doug DeRiso, along with junior Bryan Weeks, all finished in the top 15 at the tournament.

The team was the first at Notre Dame to win a Big East championship last in 1995, and their victory in 1996 made them the first Irish squad to repeat as Big East champs.

What very few people realize is that 1996 actually represented the team's third consecutive conference title.

"It's just a great way to end your senior year," Hepler said. "To win three straight conference championships, two of them Big East, is an incredible feeling. We couldn't ask for anything more.

But the Irish did achieve more.

In addition to winning the Butter Spring Invitational, Notre Dame highlighted its spring season with a third-place finish at the 14-team Cleveland State Invitational on April 29. Leading the way for Notre Dame were Weeks, Donohoe, Hepler, and DeRiso. Weeks claimed a share of fifth place, Donohoe grabbed sole possession of seventh, and Hepler earned a tie for eighth.

In third and final round, Donohoe became the sixth Irish golfer to shoot a career-low 64 this fall. The performance helped Hepler and Hardin as members of the title group.

There has not been a better score by a Notre Dame player in the history of the program.

The Cleveland State Invitational marked the final official event for the Irish seniors.--Donohoe, Hepler, and DeRiso.

The women's golf team closed out its season in style as the squad grabbed second place at the Illinois Spring Classic in Champaign, Ill.

Junior Tracy Melby led the way for the Irish, achieving her first individual title with a second place finish at the tournament. Melby shot a five-under 72 in the second round to follow her first round score of 73. She finished one stroke ahead of Illinois' Loretta Lyttle.

Junior Annie Carter placed second overall, tied for second place with Loyola's Loretta Lyttle.

In the second tournament, the women scored a career-low 308 in 36 holes to capture the title.

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Blue Demons end Irish swingers season in doubleheader sweep

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time in four years, the Notre Dame women's softball team will not go to the NCAA championships. The Irish ended their season last Saturday when they were swept by DePaul in a doubleheader, 4-0, 10-4. The Irish finished the season 35-25 with the fewest wins since 1992. "I think the whole team's pretty disappointed," senior Meghan Murray said. "I don't want to say that we assumed we'd go on, but we kind of expected it because we had in the past.

"Overall, we had a lot of ups and downs this season." However, everything that came out of the season was not negative. Many of the Irish players have been recognized for their performances during the season and during their careers at Notre Dame.

Four seniors were elected to the CTE/USA Academic All-District V softball team. Joy Battersby, Katie Martin, Kara McMahon, and Murray were elected to the all-district team and now have the opportunity to be announced to the Academic All-American team. Battersby, a pitcher who finished her career with a 42-34 mark, has been selected twice as Academic All-American as has Martin. Both players were selected as second team in 1996 and third team in '95. Martin also was a NFCA All-American third team selection for both the '95 and '96 seasons and has the opportunity to become the first Irish player to be selected Academic All-American three times.

She was also selected to the coaches' first team all-region and will now be considered for All-American selection.

Murray left the Irish as the only player in Irish softball history to hit over .400 in a season, accomplishing that in both her junior and senior seasons. Murray finished the '96 campaign with .404 average and was named Big East Player of the Year. She holds the record for highest career batting average at .380. For McMahon, it is the first time she has been named academic all-district. She also is a twice All-Big East selection.

Murray and sophomore pitcher Angela Bensolo were named coaches' second team all-all. Bensolo led the team with a 1.46 ERA and conference play with a 0.85 ERA. "All four seniors have won awards this year, and maybe we didn't play as well as we had hoped the last weekend, but I think we can all walk away and feel good about it," Murray commented. "We all left wishing we could come back and play more, but we can't hang our heads because we've had a great four years."

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The 1997 campaign has also been highlighted by the efforts of three Notre Dame players who were honored by the conference. Shortstop Beant Ust followed in the footsteps of sophomore Jeff Wagner by earning the Big East Rookie of the Year award. Ust also joined Wagner and senior right-hander Darin Schmalz as members of the 1997 All-Big East first team.
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Sports Stories of the Year

By JOE CAVATO Assistant Sports Editor

Simply the best.
That is what senior midfielder Cindy Daws is considered by every one in the world of women's college soccer.

In her final season wearing the Blue and Gold, the native of Northridge, Calif., garnered practically every individual award in existence, leading the Irish to their third straight national championship game.

Daws swept post-season player of the year honors winning both the Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year as well as the Herman Trophy.

Over her four years under the Dome, Daws was named All-American three times, while the Notre Dame program established itself as one of the top three programs in the nation.

Her name can be found all over the Irish record books after amassing 61 goals and 67 assists to become Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer with 189 points, eclipsing Michelle McCarthy.

Daws and her classmates established Chris Petrucelli's program, compiling an 87-8-3 record, making four NCAA tournament appearances, and three trips to the championship game, and winning the national title in 1995.

Daws will leave Notre Dame this weekend, remembered as the best player to come through one of the best programs in the country, one which she helped to build.

Daws caps stellar career

By DYLAN BARMER Senior Sports Writer

Holtz resigns as head coach...

By TIM SHERMAN Senior Sports Writer

Throughout his career, Bob Davie has been in the shadow of big-name head coaches — Jackie Sherrill, R.C. Slucom, and, of course, Lou Holtz.

In the past several months, that long shadow has changed to a bright spotlight — a very bright spotlight.

On Nov. 24, athletic director Mike Wadsworth announced that the defensive coordinator would succeed Holtz as the 28th head coach at Notre Dame.

Even though he has had no coaching experience except for a brief stint during Holtz's 1995 absence due to a neck injury, Davie already has a clear mission statement.

...Davie set to fill Lou's shoes

By BRIAN REINTHALER Assistant Sports Editor

Stepping Out and Stepping Up

Pat Garrity elevated his game last season to become Big East Player of the Year.

Garrity boosts program

Although he is only a junior, Pat Garrity has made an immeasurable impact since arriving on campus back in August 1994.

The Monument, Colo., native started in every game as a freshman and averaged 13.4 points and 5.1 rebounds in his sophomore season.

Garrity stepped up and scored 17.2 points and 7.1 rebounds.

This year, when it seemed that he could not get any better, Garrity registered 21.1 points and 7.4 rebounds.

On a team geared toward defense, Garrity was an on-the-court leader like no other.

When he was being double and triple-teamed, he found the open man, and when no one else was on, Garrity rose to the occasion.

His efforts were the driving force behind Notre Dame's 16-14 record and its ability to play competitively with the teams in the Big East.

Due to his high level of intensity and consistent statistical production, Garrity beat out such players as Providence's Austin Creshore, Boston College's Danya Abrams and Georgetown's Victor Page to become the 1997 Big East Player of the Year.

What's more, he is the first player to win the award a second year in a row.

Most recently, Garrity was invited, with just six others, to the Trials for the United States 22 and Under National Team.