Police: Imposter officer pulls over ND student

A Notre Dame student driving near campus was pulled over by a man claiming to be a St. Joseph County police officer early Thursday morning. At 12:45 a.m., the student was turning onto Ironwood Road after stopping at the Burger King at the intersection of that road and Broadway. She noticed a vehicle with flashing lights on its grill following her, according to a Notre Dame Security/Police report.

The student said the vehicle was in fact a police car, pulled to the side of the road near the intersection of Bulla and Ironwood roads. The driver of the other car allegedly approached her vehicle and requested her driver's license and registration.

When the student said she could not find the registration, the man told her that she would have to get into his car and "go down to the police station," the report said. At that point, the student found the registration, and the man let her go, the report continued.

"We don't believe [the man's vehicle] was a police car," said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security, who noted that St. Joseph County police reports indicate that no one was pulled over by county authorities at that location at 12:45 a.m., the student was pulled over by a man allegedly posing as a police officer.

Malloy, alums try to aid girl's quest for visa

Filipino student hopes to attend ND in August '98

By KRISTINA ZURCHER

The U.S. Embassy in Manila has repeatedly denied a 15-year-old Filipino girl access to a student visa because she is poor, according to Commander Vincent Converse, a 1976 Notre Dame alumnus.

Jesuit Almes received a full scholarship to St. Gregory's Preparatory School in Arizona and intended to come to the U.S. in August. She had planned to apply to Notre Dame for further study in the area of computer science. However, the U.S. Embassy refused her request for a student visa, Converse said.

Many poor foreign students remain in the U.S. after their instruction because the opportunities are greater here than in their own countries. The embassies assume that most poor students will stay in the U.S. instead of returning to their homes and thus deny their visa requests.

"The situation is a catch-22. If you're a poor student overseas, you have to stay that way because there are no opportunities available to you," said Converse, who is trying to help Almes.

Converse stayed in the Philippines while with the Navy and employed members of the Almes family for a time. According to Converse, he and his wife "adopted" several Filipino families, including the Almes family.

Converse contacted University President Father Edward Malloy regarding Almes' visa problem, and both men wrote several letters to congressmen about the case. Several Indiana congressmen have written letters opposing Almes' visa denial.

This is the last issue of The Observer until Tues., Oct. 28.

Cheer on the Irish football team when it plays USC and Boston College, and have a safe October break.
Change the Cheer

As the daily editor of this column, I have the opportunity to read about some wide ranging topics expressed by our Observer staff. While it is good to see so many of my favorite colleagues in the frequent interest that I might add, deal with such issues as stress, frizzled, idlots riding on golf carts, and my personal favorite—campus squirrels.

This is all well and good, but it seems these columns are necessary only in awkward. But the problem is that we are avoiding the crucial issue on campus.

No, I am not talking about the "Spirit of Inclusion," or Saint Mary's rights, or that business is a shallow major. These issues have been covered. What I am referring to has been weighing heavily on many a students' mind: the changing of the Lou Holtz cheer.

For years the 1982 Overture has been a fixture at Notre Dame sporting events. In the early 1990s at basketball games, it was played frequently. At football games in the late 1980s and early 1990s, it was played often. It seems that this is almost subconscious. But instead of the familiar "Lou" in time with the music, this year we have been informed to chant "Bob." I have noticed that many of us are not very enthusiastic about the change. Some students have taken to raising their instead of Bob's and continue to chant Lou. Others refuse to participate for any reason.

Why is this? But because the Notre Dame student body doesn't like Coach Dave. Most of us accept him and look forward to him leading the team for years to come. The problem is that the cheer is the Lou Holtz cheer. Period.

This cheer was a special tribute every game by the student body to Lou Holtz and an indication of the relationship built between the two over the years. In other words, it was the student cheer. It does not seem right to simply switch it over to another person. Even if we were instructed to change the cheer for the president of the United States, or better yet the pope, I have a feeling it wouldn't be the same. The change would be a rather than the student body, and hard to accept.

We don't have to get rid of the 1982 Overture. It's a tradition and should remain. But if we were to like Coach Davie, let's be original. I think the creative minds at this University should be able to come up with a better cheer.

Maybe instead of focusing on squirrels and have stressed out all we are, we should spend more of our time on issues like devising a cheer for our present coach that fits what we want. But, nevertheless, let's not cheapen the tribute to our new former coach by reducing it down to everyone that comes along.

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

ANN ARBOR, Mich.
The lawsuit filed Tuesday against the University of Michigan is the latest in a wave of federal and state court challenges to graduate admissions policies blatantly discriminated by race has the potential of precedent in the Supreme Court, according to some legal experts.
The case that will determine if the court will have a case before it to clarify Bakke," said University of Alabama Law Prof. Bryan Fair, who recently wrote a book supporting affirmative action. "It seems unavoidable. The litigation has begun.

Opponents of affirmative action agree that the Supreme Court must react to a case involving affirmative action in admissions to colleges and universities.

"We don't normally think we need to have one solid ruling for everything to be okay," said Constitutional Law Society chairman. "But in these circumstances, there are fundamental rights being violated." William Allen, former chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, said the last Supreme Court case that ruled on affirmative action in higher education was Bakke vs. University of California in 1978.

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The students, who are applicants for admission to the university, claim that the policy is discriminatory and violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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SDH switches to buffet format after fall break

By NICOLE SWARTZENTRUBER
News Writer

While Notre Dame students prepare for a week of revocation, South Dining Hall awaits a week of reorganization.

To allow for further construction, the east and east dining rooms will convert to buffet style, effectively closing off South's kitchen services.

Food Services plans to offer buffet services, along with a "mini-special." South Dining Hall general manager Reggie Kalili expressed his interest in providing a greater variety with the "mini-special." He listed specials such as "dessert night," or "dishes from around the world" as some possibilities.

Kalili said that he is open for suggestions as well. "As long as we can do it, we'll try it," he said. Suggestion boxes are in every dining room on campus, and students are encouraged to submit their ideas for improvement.

The change in physical layout of the dining halls will require students' patience and cooperation.

The partition currently separating the east and west dining rooms will come down, and all five sets of doors will be open for use.

Students will enter the dining rooms through the two sets of double doors on either end of the foyer. The path for food will run across the stage, to the far wall, down the steps, and along the two buffet tables.

Four lines of traffic will go down either side of the tables and flow into the salad bar area. Students will exit through the double doors adjacent to the entrance.

South Dining Hall will significantly depend on North Dining Hall for its provisions after October break, but it will have a mini-kitchen at the front of the dining hall to cook as much food on location as possible.

Kalili admits that buffet style is not an ideal mode of service for the masses that eat at South Dining Hall, but he said, "right now it seems to be the best plan to accommodate everyone."

South Dining Hall will remain buffet style through the end of the school year, with the anticipation of a new and improved dining hall next fall.

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Mario Cuomo, about his qualifications to advise New York’s convention to amend the state’s 200-year-old constitution

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NATO urges Serbs to vote against Karadzic supporters

SARAJEVO

The NATO-led peace force has dropped leaflets over the northern Bosnian town of Breko, urging voters not to support war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic in elections later this year. “Support the leaders who, by their cooperation with the international community, make your equal participation in the process of reconstruction possible,” says one of the thousands of leaflets NATO dropped this week. Breko is crucial to Serbia, Croatia and Muslims because of its strategic location — its proximity to Croatia and its position on a narrow stretch of territory linking Serb-held lands in Bosnia’s east and west. It is currently held by the Serbs under strict international supervision, but its future will be decided by international arbitration. Elections for the new Serb National Assembly and president are scheduled for November and December.

Lawyers: Kevorkian unlikely to get prosecuted

Dr. Jack Kevorkian is practicing in a U.S. prison these days. Dr. Beath has part in at least 21 suicides since August 1996, and neither state nor county prosecutors have brought charges against him. Police have not bothered to bring him in for questioning; they usually just talk with his lawyer. Last fall, Dr. Beath and his former Oakland County prosecutor, in part by arguing that his predecessor had wasted money pursuing cases against Kevorkian. And in Macomb County, the prosecutor has all but given up, and even agreed to meet with Kevorkian about working out a more dignified way to drop off the bodies. “It does appear as if Jack Kevorkian has been granted the implicit authority to be able to assist in suicides in southeastern Michigan under the current state of the law,” said Larry Dulin, law professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Said Kevorkian’s lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger: “They’re afraid. They’re never going to prosecute.”

France mourns crash victims

ST-REMBERT, Que.

Farming families and politicians, including Canada’s prime minister, grieved together Thursday at a memorial Mass for 42 senior citizens killed in a bus crash in southern France. The 17,1997 crash was the worst bus crash ever in Canada.

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Seven Americans die in explosion; officials suspect rebel faction

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

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The truck bomb went off in the parking lot of a 5-star hotel, causing heavy damage to the building, a neighboring hotel and the twin towers of the 39-story World Trade Centre, which had just opened on Sunday.

The government blamed Tamil Tiger rebels, who want an independent nation in the north of Sri Lanka, for the blast. Sri Lanka’s largest Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, denied responsibility. But the attack had all the hallmarks of the Tigers — a truck bomb and suicide squads carrying cyanide tablets on cords around their necks.

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Seven Americans were wounded, including seven Americans.

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On Thursday, workers cleared away broken glass and chunks of concrete from the shattered high rises. In all, 18 buildings were damaged.

The government began an investigation into how Tamil rebels were able to get past security. Only trucks clearly marked as belonging to the two hotels were supposed to be allowed into the area of the bombing. With much of the business district still sealed off, Sri Lanka’s stock market was closed.

Argentina allies U.S. with Argentina

Clinton alles U.S. with Argentina

By TERENCE HUNT

In moves watched unusually in South America, President Clinton proclaimed Argentina a special alliance ally Thursday and defended his willingness to sell F-16 fighter jets to Chile.

He said neither step would upset Latin America’s military balance.

"It would be the height of stupidity for three countries to go to war with each other," Clinton said of Latin America nations, which have been transformed from military dictatorships to stable democracies.

Clinton reached out across Latin America in a televised town hall meeting whose sponsor said it was beamed to 500 million people in 33 countries in the hemisphere, some U.S. cities, as well.

The president defended his campaign fund-raising tactics, the subject of congressional hearings and a federal investigation. The president seemed surprised the issue arose among town hall questions focusing mostly on immigration, drugs, trade and human rights.

"The fundamental problem in America is there is no effective limitation on spending" during campaigns and no free or reduced-cost access to communications for national and congressional candidates, he said.

Clinton opened the day at a welcoming ceremony with President Carlos Menem at a monument to Argentina’s founding father, Gen. Jose de San Martin, this country’s equivalent of George Washington.

A military band played colorful uniforms and dull black hats, each adorned with a white feather.

The president announced he had notified Congress of his intention to designate Argentina as a major non-NATO ally, the first country to win such status since the Cold War. It would rank with the likes of Australia, Israel, Egypt, Japan, South Korea and Jordan. Congress can object within 30 days.

"Argentina has answered the call to peace," Clinton said, noting he was recognizing the country for participating in U.N. peacekeeping missions from Guatemala and Haiti to Bosnia, Cyprus and Mozambique.

Chile, Argentina’s neighbor across the Andes, has expressed concern that the designation would upset the regional military balance.

The political opposition here has raised similar questions.

"There is nothing here designed to upset the military balance in South America," Clinton said, answering a critic at the town hall meeting.
by Kamanga Mutond
Associated Press Writer

KINSHASA, Congo—Millionnaire who seized the capital of the Republic of Congo looked what was left by their rivals Thursday, and their triumphant leader promised to name a new government within days.

Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso's Cobra militia captured Brazzaville, the capital of this central African nation, and Pointe-Noire, its second-largest city, on Wednesday. With the fall of the two cities, Sassou-Nguesso told Radio France Internationale on Thursday that he considered his four-month war against President Pascal Lissouba's forces over.

"We have nearly total control of the country, control of the political capital, and of the economic capital," he said.

Many reports on the conflict in Brazzaville and the Republic were coming just across the river in Kinshasa, capital of the similarly named Congo. The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa confirmed Sassou-Nguesso's confidence.

By 7:30 a.m., motorists on the roads were finding it hard to avoid traffic jams.

"I cannot but consider myself president since I do not yet have before me a successor democratically elected as I was," Lissouba said in a telephone interview with Radio France Internationale.

Nevertheless, the rest of the world appeared to have accepted that Sassou-Nguesso had driven his longtime rival from power. The French ambassador in Brazzaville, Raymond Cosaire, said Sassou-Nguesso's men controlled the city and were encountering fewer and fewer pockets of resistance.

"We're not far from the conclusion of the war," Cosaire said by telephone.

Millionnaires were rushing to loot what little of value remained in the city after four months of war. "We cannot but resist," he said, and were targeting neighborhood businesses, Congo. The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa confirmed Sassou-Nguesso's confidence.

Congo's president won't admit defeat

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that time.

The man is described as a white male in his 20s, 5-foot-6, with a heavy build and shoulder-length hair, and wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans. His car was a four-door, maroon-colored, older model vehicle.

Hurley cautioned students that if an unmarked car with flashing lights pulls up behind them, they should drive to a populated area before they pull over.

"If the person approaching your car is not in uniform, you should not stay there. Leave immediately," Hurley said.

"Drive to a nearby phone or, if near campus, drive to one of our gates and let Security know what is going on."
By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

The financial aid process can bring about feelings of love or hate, depending on which students or parents one speaks with. But the financial aid office at Saint Mary’s College is trying to make the process as painless as possible for students and parents alike by instituting an individualized approach and dealing with some process problems.

Because Saint Mary’s College is an institution which costs over $20,000 a year with living expenses, financial aid is an issue for many students.

“We look at each student’s case on an individual basis and all students or parents one speaks with. But our goal is to support the individual," she said. The commitment to individual treatment means that the office takes into account factors such as the death of a family member or fluctuation in income.

According to Nucciarone, sometimes difficult situations arise involving students and families. One common situation that the office runs into is when a family refuses to contribute to a student’s education.

In this case, the student wishes to be viewed as independent in order to receive financial assistance. However, due to federal regulations, the student is seen as a dependent.

“In this situation, we have to ask many questions and while we empathize with the students and families, we can’t help everyone," Nucciarone said.

“This is sometimes perceived as being a negative experience with the financial aid office. However, our goal is always to support the individual student, to create a support staff, which includes student workers, to be able to listen to what the students say when they come into the office and to be able to answer common questions.”

Because the office is in a small space, some students are uncomfortable sharing confidential information with the support staff.

The staff often needs more information and facts to know who to refer the people to. Regarding this, Nucciarone said, “This is a problem that we are keenly aware of.”

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The staff of Campus Ministry extends an invitation to come together and celebrate the Eucharist this weekend.

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6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Social Security checks pale compared to cost of living

By ALICE ANN LOVE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
Along with 44 million other Americans who receive Social Security benefits, Rufus Clayton will see his monthly check grow next year by just 2.1 percent — the lowest cost-of-living raise in a decade.

"They give you a little increase," said Clayton, 77, a retired bricklayer who helped build the Pentagon. "But you can believe me, you don't have extra money on Social Security. I mean, you have to watch your budget and watch it close."

Like about 15 percent of retirees, Clayton's only income is from Social Security. Next year's cost-of-living increase, announced Thursday, will push his monthly check to about $504 from this year's $500. Clayton, who lives in a subsidized apartment for low-income elderly, still won't be able to afford market-rate rents in the nation's capital. And Clayton also will have to forgo buying any more of the snappy hats and ties he likes to wear.

"That's the way you get through," Clayton said. Checks from the government's biggest benefit program are adjusted annually to keep inflation from eroding their buying power.

For 1998, the adjustment means that starting in January the average monthly check for retirees will rise by $16 to $765, said Commissioner Kenneth A. Apfel. The maximum check for retirees will tax to $1,342 from $1,326, based on a combination of factors including the cost-of-living adjustment.

The average monthly payment to disabled workers will rise to $722 from $707.

And the maximum monthly Supplemental Security payment, for 6.5 million elderly or disabled workers with low incomes, will rise to $722 from $707.

Separately, the agency said that for 144 million working Americans, the maximum annual earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes next year will rise to $68,400 from $65,400. Because the rate at which earnings are taxed remains at 12 percent, the maximum Social Security tax will be $4,241.

The cost-of-living adjustments are based on changes in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of one year to the third quarter of the next.

Union contracts guarantee about 5 million working Americans similar raises tied to inflation, the AFL-CIO says. For most workers, however, raises are not a sure thing and wages grow at a lesser rate — a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent during the 12 months that ended June 30 for all civilian employees, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says.

Social Security
Benefits paid to 44 million Americans will grow by just 2.1 percent next year, the lowest cost-of-living raise in a decade 1998 1997
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Retired couple $1,288 $1,261
Widowed mother, two children $1,532 $1,491
Elderly widow or widower $731 $716
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Supplemental Security Income, individual $944 $944
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Founding Sponsors:
Frozen eggs produce baby

By TARA MEYER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA

In what may be the first such case in the United States, a Georgia woman gave birth after being implanted with eggs that had been frozen.

Up to now, U.S. doctors have been able to produce pregnancies from frozen embryos — that is, eggs fertilized with sperm and then frozen — but eggs alone were considered too fragile to freeze.

The latest feat, which has been achieved only sporadically elsewhere around the world, could give women some new reproductive options and sidestep some of the ethical objections to test-tube fertilization.

"This stretches the reproductive field as far as you can envision it right now," said Dr. Joe Massey, co-founder of Reproductive Biology Associates, the Atlanta clinic that accomplished the feat. The same clinic in 1995 produced the first U.S. baby using sperm injected directly into a woman's egg.

In 1986, a doctor in Australia was able to produce the first known births from frozen eggs. A year later, a team of German doctors also produced frozen-egg pregnancies. But until now, U.S. doctors have not been able to mimic the results, said Michael Tucker, scientific director of the Atlanta clinic.

"This is an area in our field in which no one has been able to reliably achieve results over the past decade," said Dr. Anna Nammoum, director of in vitro fertilization at Emory University's Center for Reproductive Medicine. "This is a significant development."

The 39-year-old woman came to the clinic almost a year ago suffering from premature ovarian failure, which caused her to go through menopause early.

She had tried in vitro fertilization, where eggs taken from a woman's ovaries are fertilized with sperm in the lab and the resulting embryo is implanted in the woman's uterus. But it didn't work because her husband's sperm were too weak.

The clinic had been running a donor program for frozen eggs as part of its research since 1994. It successfully produced two earlier pregnancies using those eggs, but both ended in miscarriage. The clinic decided to use frozen eggs from a 29-year-old donor to try to help the 39-year-old woman.

"We had the eggs sitting around and she was sort of backed into a hole," Tucker said. "All things considered, this was sort of an end-of-the-line option."

Disease-free old age not impossible, studies say

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Along with those first gray hairs may soon come a new tradition: a midlife medical checkup in which Americans could get a customized prescription for an old age free of disease.

Don't expect a fountain of youth. But a new review of geriatric practice recommends that scientists refocus how they study and treat the rapidly aging U.S. population — because of new evidence that getting old doesn't have to mean getting sick.

Friday's edition of the journal Science hails this as "the new gerontology," and calls for the study of hormones and brain chemicals that decrease with age and have played the biggest role in life expectancy.

"Many aspects of 'usual aging' can be avoided or reversed," Dr. John Rowe, president of the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, wrote in an editorial accompanying the review.

"The stage is set for major community-based intervention studies designed to enhance the likelihood of older persons not only to avoid disease and disability, but to truly age successfully."

The U.S. National Institute on Aging already is starting such research. A five-year national study will test whether brain exercises can help healthy older people avoid Alzheimer's disease and stay mentally sharp overall. It's based on findings that people who have "active brains" at younger ages seem protected, a kind of "use it or lose it" prospect.

"We now move into a realm where we make an effort to achieve optimal function for every person," explained NIA Deputy Director Terrie Wolfe. "The exciting findings that are leading us down these paths have to do with our untangling the mysteries of normal aging."

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that weekend.

"We are working with University Netcasting, which hosts the athletic pages for most of these schools, such as Notre Dame, Michigan State, Stanford, Purdue and others," he added. "Because of this we have inside access to the athletic departments and football teams at each school that we go to."

They stop the RV in or near the tailgating area of the stadium at every game and they set up their tent with computers and a big television screen that broadcasts ESPN's College GamePlan show.

"We were in the middle of the tailgating at Clemson," Emkow said. "So we had a lot of people come by and send their kids over to watch the TV or get on the Internet."

The two added that the stops on their trip so far have varied greatly, but that all have their high points.

"The best game so far was Purdue vs. Notre Dame," said Thomson, who graduated this week. "We went there, but when we got there I loved the place."

"Our chats are not always focused on football," Emkow said. "We figured that, with Midnight Madness coming up this week it would be good to get him on here. Besides he is an important figure in college sports."

The three schools that the RV contains computers, a scanner, digital cameras, a digital video camera and all the other hardware and software needed to bring the experience of a college football weekend to the Internet.

"Technically we have all the equipment that we need," said Matt Thomson, who takes the pictures for the Web site. "I think it is telling that we have a scanner, but because of our digital camera, we have not even taken it out of the box yet."

Both described the program as a test-case.

"People said that this couldn't be done," Emkow said. "Thay said that this kind of inside access to each place couldn't happen. So if this goes well, the sponsors may start it up again next year. There has even been talk of doing something like this for the NCAA basketball tournament."

The "Road Warriors" have visited the University of Kentucky, Florida State University, Clemson University, Ohio State University, Purdue University and Notre Dame.

The next two weeks will find them in Charlottesville, Va., for Virginia vs. Florida State and East Lansing, Mich., for Michigan State vs. Ohio State.

The last three weeks of the season, mid-to late November, they will travel to Los Angeles for USC vs. Stanford; Tucson, Ariz., for University of Arizona vs. California University; and back to Los Angeles for the USC vs. UCLA game.

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By MICHAEL WHITE
Associated Press Writer

Los Angeles

The U.S. Maritime Commission's order to bar Japanese ships from U.S. ports could put Uncle Sam in the role of Scrooge to U.S. merchants stocking shelves for the Christmas shopping season.

Ports along the West Coast are just wrapping up their Christmas rush, with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of Christmas goodies - from camcorders and computers to stereo systems - still making their way across the Pacific. Should it last very long, the impact of a shipping embargo would be felt by both retailers and consumers across the nation.

"You have retailers getting their last-minute Christmas goods in. It could have an impact on all of us real quick," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Economic Development Corp. of Los Angeles County. "It could take a lot of joy out of the Christmas holidays."

Of the $170 billion in trade passing each year in and out the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach - the nation's busiest - $45.6 billion is heading for or coming in from Japan, said Kyser.

The commission on Thursday ordered the Coast Guard to bar Japanese ships from entering U.S. ports and told the Customs Service to detain those already at berth. Special 4 Andrew Lanchsweert, U.S. Army

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Lawmakers want FTC to stand by ‘USA’ label

ByJOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Criticism from lawmakers and labor unions has turned back a plan to allow substantially foreign-made items to bear the label “Made in the USA.”

The Federal Trade Commission was expected to kill its proposal to allow companies to use the “Made in USA” label if a product has more than a small amount of foreign content.

Lawmakers want FfC to back a plan to allow substantially foreign-made items to compete globally. But labor unions and some lawmakers spoke on condition of anonymity.

That would have been allowed to bear the label.

The commission had argued that American factories needed such a designation in order to compete globally. But labor unions and some lawmakers opposed the proposed guidelines, arguing they would encourage corporations to send jobs overseas.

Under that pressure, the FTC was expected to retain the current requirement that permits companies from using the “Made in USA” label if a product has more than a small amount of foreign content.

Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC’s consumer protection bureau, was expected to recommend to the full commission that the old “all or virtually all” standard be retained, said the source.

But because the current standard had been criticized as vague, Bernstein also will recommend that the commission clarify the definition of the “Made in USA” phrase and require that products are the result of at least 90 percent American parts and labor.

That requirement was recommended by the attorneys general of 16 states.

James Michener dies at 90

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas

James A. Michener, who wrote millions of readers from the South Pacific to the fringes of space in giant, best-selling novels, died Thursday at his home of kidney failure. He was 90.

Michener’s death came less than a week after he ordered doctors to disconnect him from life-sustaining dialysis treatments.

Harold Evans, president of Random House, which published several of Michener’s books, called him “America’s storyteller.”

“He took enormous delight in satisfying his own intrepid intellectual curiosity, and we are the richer for it,” Evans said. “The world was his home, as he entitled his 1992 autobiography.”

Said Michener’s longtime friend and assistant John Kinds: “His loss will be great not only the literary scene but to the many colleges he has nurtured through the years and the many thousands of people who feel he is their friend.”

Michener’s heralded writing career, which spanned nearly 50 years, began in his mid-life with “Tales of the South Pacific.” The book, written during his tour of duty with the Navy in World War II won the Pulitzer Prize in 1948 and was the basis for “South Pacific,” a long-running Broadway musical and later a motion picture.

Michener then spent decades wandering the globe, from Japan and Korea to Hungary, Hawaii, Afghanistan, Spain, Hawaii, South Africa, Colorado, Israel, Chesapeake Bay, Poland, Texas, Alaska and the Caribbean.

He wrote historical-geographic blockbusters, living in and absorbing the culture of the places of which he wrote. His books argued for universal ideals: religious and racial tolerance, hard work and self-reliance.

“I’m not a stylist,” Michener said of his writing. “There are a whole lot of things I’m not good at. I’m not hard in dialogue; I don’t have that wonderful crispness. I don’t think I’m good at psychology. But what I can do is put a good narrative together and hold the reader’s interest.”

Every one of his books was a commercial success. The first printing of his 1985 novel, “Texas,” was 750,000 copies; it eventually sold more than 1 million copies.

He never quite writing, saying “as long as the old brain keeps functioning. I know the desire will always be there. I can hardly wait to get up in the morning, to get back to work.”

He released his latest book, “A Century of Somnets,” earlier this year and reportedly was working on a book about his times.

Michener was born Feb. 3, 1907, in New York City, and was taken as an orphan to the Bucks County Poorhouse in Doylestown, Pa. His name, James Albert Michener, came from his adoptive Quaker parents, Edwin and Mabel Michener.

His childhood was spent in poverty, he recalled, “so that accounts for my social attitude — I’m a fiery liberal.”

“I’ve never felt in a position to reject anybody,” he said in a 1972 interview. “I could be Jewish, part Negro, probably not Oriental, but almost anything else. This has boded large in my thoughts.”

Michener followed “South Pacific” with “The Fires of Spring” in 1949. It was filled with autobiographical touches, telling of a poor Pennsylvania boy who becomes a writer.

In “Voice of Asia” in 1951, Michener presented a variety of points of view gathered from interyear in Japan, India and other countries of the Orient.

“The Bridges at Toko-ri” (1953) and “Sayonara” (1954) were based on the Korean war, which ended in 1953 Michener was inducted the “Floating World,” a history of Japanese prints.

During the Hungarian revolt in 1956, Michener was in Austria where some 20,000 refugees crossed to the West. He assisted dozens to safety, writing about the experience in 1957’s “The Bridge at Andau.”

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Americans not immune from atrocities of Tibetan plight

Until the new movie "Seven Years in Tibet" came out last week, few Americans realized the atrocities committed against the people of Tibet. In the movie, the young Dalai Lama, watching black and white news reels from World War II, asks friend and mountaineer Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt), "Do you wonder if someday people will look at Tibet on the movie screen and wonder what happened to us?"

What has happened to Tibet? To begin, the Communist government of China, which has occupied Tibet for nearly 50 years, has virtually erased the identity of the Tibetan people and their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, while watching black and white news reels.

Predominantly Buddhists, Tibetans are some of the most peaceful people on earth; yet China, since its occupation of Tibet began, has abolished religious freedom and has eliminated freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

That the Dalai Lama once said, "We (Tibetans) must embrace our enemy, because with two arms wrapped around them, they cannot point a gun at us." Is an example of the unorthodox way of thinking. He and other Tibetans could live under Chinese rule if only Tibet could be reestablished as a demilitarized zone of Ahimsa (non-violence), yet the Chinese government, along with the governments of other nations, has turned a blind eye to the plight of Tibet.

What has the world, namely the U.S., done to help Tibet? Virtually nothing. Instead of taking a proactive role toward peace and democracy in the post-Cold War world, the U.S. has placed political and economic interests ahead of human rights and the environment by once again granting China most-favored nation trading status. It is a situation that 'nothing in politics is a matter of honor.'

The World Parliaments Commission to Washington last April declared that there were no negotiations between China and Tibet, and that the Dalai Lama's talks with President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright accomplished little. Public criticism of China, however, is kept quiet to preserve what Washington has dubbed the most important issues, namely the economic relations between the U.S. and China.

Still, the ill-conceived notion that U.S. economic involvement in China helps to lower the amount of human rights violations in Tibet and China perversely fulfills Washington's political. In fact, a 1995 study by the State Department itself concluded that human rights conditions actually become worse the more the U.S. becomes economically involved in China.

The U.S. has no strategic interest in Tibet because of our economic interest in China. President Bush lauded the Gulf War as a victory of freedom and democracy over the tyranny of a ruthless dictator, but what was our real motivation and strategic interest in liberating Kuwait? The military and the media were instrumental in persuading the American public that the U.S. actually does care about people and freedom. I recall, specifically, the CNN footage of thousands of Kuwaitis waving little American flags and thanking the U.S. Marines for liberating Kuwait City. If there was oil in China, would we have seen those same images on CNN from Tibet?

China claims that its oppression of Tibet is occurring only because it seeks to uncover criminal activity. It compares the situation in Tibet to the government crackdowns on the U.S. on religious cults who carry out violent acts.

"A merica and democracy exist because people wanted to be free from tyrannical rule and free to worship as they pleased, yet now when fellow humans in Tibet are trying to exercise their right to peace and religious freedom, we turn our heads."

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Take Time to Enjoy ND

As a fairly recent alumnus of Notre Dame (Class of ’96), I was fortunate to visit campus this weekend. I was glad to be here on a non-football weekend. It was a beautiful day. Most of the noise was normal and not frequented by visitors.

While I was visiting friends from dorm to dorm, however, I stopped myself. Not to gaze at the still-magnificent Dome or examine new dorms or ugly enclosures of the Jesus statue; I stopped because I was rushing my Asian roommate and her young friends of the family that are currently playing soccer. Political analysts like to say that the last presidential election came from the “soccer mom,” the mothers of young children and class families responsible for driving the kids around to practice three times a week. Soccer camps have sprung up everywhere around the country, teams at high schools, junior highs and grade schools abound, and it is quickly becoming a increasing sport in the U.S.

In a few years, most of these Little Rugrats will be coming to Notre Dame with more experience in hopping a ball off their head than throwing it with their hands. It’s easy to imagine the problems the football team will have if any of them find their way onto the field.

Finally, the soccer experience really isn’t all that different from football. Notre Dame shouldn’t have any problems adjusting if we start competing for the World Cup next year instead of a strange football bowl. Both have the same rules—men, strange mascots running around—little red-headed leprechaun with a goatee (Notre Dame), big fluffy-headed chicken that’s supposed to be an eagle (Aguilas de Mexico). Crazy fans painting their chests with giant letters that spell out VIVA MEXICO.

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Let’s face it. Despite all of the outrages from Irish Catholics who attended the Notre Dame football game at Stanford and the most offensive and obnoxious band in the country is not from Stanford. It is the band of the University of Southern California.

Gary Caruso

Offensive behavior is only in the eye of the beholder.

VIEWPOINT
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Remembrance of Denver’s Life and Love

After hearing the news of John Denver’s death, please allow an admiral to digress on newfound revelations.

In recent years, people have tended to look over people like John Denver, seeing them as hippies, or lost romantics. For all practical purposes, this is why on Earth anyone would want to be so vulnerable? There’s nothing so digress on newfound revelations.

Life. It is so obvious. His words, his voice, his style all then it dawned on me.

We

up, in spite of the vulnerability, to live.

About love, but it occurred to me while thinking of John those who know me. This is completely against

Litany of woeful blasphemies.

In this realization I decided if John Denver minds sick; those who cannot heal themselves. Your sepulcher needs more true gods.

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Thinking of Leaving Early? Think Again

Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat hit Notre Dame with a storm of color

By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

asquerra East breaks out the steel drums and golden chariots this weekend for the triumphant return musical theater to Notre Dame. It has been ten years since Washington Hall has been exposed to this much singing and dancing and Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" brings Broadway back with a vengeance.

Director Kelly McCann, a sophomore from P.E., brings an interesting combination of professionalism and fun to this rendition of one of the world's most popular musicals. The audience is never quite sure what it's going to get. While cast members bound onto the stage in wonderfully ornate costumes suited perfectly for storytelling, at the same time they are placed in a very simple set with few details, leaving the onlookers the responsibility of filling the scenery.

While the voices of Meredith Watt (Narrator) and Jeff Cloninger (Joseph) are both outstanding, they are supported surprisingly well by a large cast which includes a choir of small children at least 60 strong—a difficult crew to work with for even the most experienced professional. For the most part they serve mostly as cute scenery, but McCann uses them well at certain to make "Joseph" an entirely amusing and entertaining event.

This is P.E.'s first attempt to break into the ranks of the various legitimate theater groups around campus and the whole company brings both the quality and pizzazz that should make this production a success.

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Orioles plan to build on season

By DAVID GINSBURG

There was a different mood in the Baltimore Orioles’ clubhouse this year than there was the year before. Out went their locker room doors after losing the AL championship series.

"I think last year we didn’t quite accomplish what we wanted to," said manager Mike Bouchard. "We had great talent, but we didn’t play together as well as we could. This year, we’re changing that." He added that the club’s chemistry was improving.

"You’ve got to have that chemistry if you’re going to be a championship team," Bouchard said. "We’ve got a lot of young players, and they’re all coming together. They’re all working hard, and they’re all working together." He added that the club’s pitching was improving, and that the team would be better than last year.

"We’ve got a lot of talent, and we’re going to be a better team this year," he said. "I’m excited about what we’ve got." He added that the club would be better than any other team in the league.

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Baltimore Sun, September 30, 1997
Hernandez pitches his way into his 'wildest dreams'

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI
Growing up in Cuba, just 300 miles from Miami, Livan Hernandez managed to get his hands on videotapes of the 1992 and '93 World Series.

But watching a World Series game live on TV? Or listening on the radio? No way.

"I've never seen one," Hernandez said Thursday. "Not even dreaming."

That will change Saturday, when Hernandez looks in at his catcher, winds up and throws the first pitch of Game 1. In a scenario literally beyond his wildest dreams, the 22-year-old rookie will start for the Florida Marlins against the Cleveland Indians.

His family and friends in Cuba may not be able to watch, but much of the rest of the world will. Even the president is talking about the Marlin.

"I want to congratulate those in Miami because their baseball team is going to be in the World Series," President Clinton said Thursday during his tour of South America.

In Miami, the bandwagon is overflowing. Their new hero is Hernandez, the MVP in the National League championship series. He caused such a commotion walking into a Little Havana restaurant Wednesday that it took him four hours to eat lunch.

"I love all the fans," Hernandez said. "I hope they fill the stadium and yell a lot."

Hernandez will be opposed by Cleveland's 39-year-old Orel Hershiser, who started — and lost — the first game in Marlin's history in April 1993, when he pitched for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Five seasons later, the Marlins are in the postseason for the first time, and they're thriving. The NL's wild-card team went 7-2 in the first two rounds and reached the World Series by surprising two-time defending NL champi-
Saint Mary's cruises to 8-0 shutout of Defiance

By LYNETTE MALECKI
Sports Writer

The weather may have been frigid Tuesday afternoon, but the SMC soccer team was on fire as it crushed Defiance College, 8-0.

The Belles were able to dominate ball control with the majority of the game taking place on Defiance's end of the field. During the first half, Saint Mary's outshot Defiance 20-0. The Belles' defense only allowed one shot early in the second half, shutting down the Defiance offense.

Junior fullback Katie Wagner led the Belles' attack, scoring the first goal of the game Tuesday indicates the team's steady improvement, Sharp said.

"We have a bunch of girls who want to win. We are improving with each game, and the team has continued to bond. The seniors remain the strength of the team," Sharp said.

Still, Sharp does stress room for improvement.

"To win, we need to sustain a high level of intensity for the full 90 minutes. That is still what we are lacking. It's all a matter of mind set," said Sharp.

It was a much-needed victory by the Belles, bringing their record to 5-12-0. The win could give them confidence and momentum going into today's home game against John Carroll at 3 p.m.

"We'll take the win against Defiance, but [today] will be the real test," Sharp said.

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Sophomore Mary Laffers leads the conference in blocking with an average of 1.3 per game, while senior hitter Jaimie Lee leads in hitting with 4.61 kills a game. Freshman setter Denise Boylan, who was named Big East rookie of the week recently, is second in assists, averaging 11.36 per game.

The match will serve as a reunion of sorts for members of a prominent family in women's volleyball, as sisters Elaina and Kim Oden will compete against each other as assistant coaches at Notre Dame and North Carolina, respectively.

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Midnight Madness opens promising Notre Dame season

Fall break is upon us, and with it comes an end of sorts for many groups on campus.

For the football team, although it rarely gets to relax and enjoy much of it, the mid­semester week off from classes marks the end of the first half of the season.

For students in general, it represents the end of the academic year to put papers and projects aside, at least for a few weeks.

Midnight Madness is coming to the Joyce Center. The festivities begin at 11:10 p.m., and T-shirts will be awarded to the first 1,000 fans in attendance.

That’s right, Irish hoops fans, Midnight Madness is coming to the Joyce Center. The festivities begin at 11:10 p.m., and T-shirts will be awarded to the first 1,000 fans in attendance.

Notre Dame will launch its campaign in an attempt to build on the success of a year ago, when the Irish made a run to the NIT quarterfinals before being ousted by the Wolverines of Michigan on a running jump shot in the waning moments of the game.

After knocking off Oral Roberts and TCU in the opening rounds, Notre Dame was given the opportunity to host hated rival Michigan for the right to travel to New York’s Madison Square Garden for the NIT semi­finals.

The Irish erased an early first half deficit of 20 points before halftime and grabbed their first lead with just minutes remaining on the clock in the second half. Unfortunately, the Irish came up just short on a last-second attempt of their own, and the exciting season came to an end.

This year, 1996-97 Big East player of the year Pat Garrity returns to try to boost Notre Dame to the next step. Pre­season honors have already begun piling up on Garrity’s résumé.

Among other accolades, The Sporting News has rated Garrity as the third­best power forward in the nation and picked him to repeat as Big East player of the year. Inside Sports and Street & Smith’s magazine have bestowed pre­season all-America honors on Garrity, and the Irish senior has been listed among the top 10 candidates for the Naismith College Player of the Year Award.

Despite the loss of a number of key players to graduation, Garrity is also pleased with his supporting cast for the coming season. Among the freshmen who will be on display for the first time in their Notre Dame careers are forwards Leviticus Rasmussen, guards Martin英格什by and Tom Krizmanich, and center Peter Okwalinga.

So in between celebrating with your friends and packing your bags for a week away from South Bend, take an hour or so and come out to support the Notre Dame basketball team as it enters what could be its most exciting year in decades.

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Undefeated Notre Dame enters home stretch

By ALLISON KIRILLA
Sports Writer

Entering the home stretch of the regular season, the Notre Dame women's soccer team finds some of its most challenging conference games still on the horizon.

In their final four Big East games, the Irish (13-0-1, 7-0-0) are the No. 3 team in the nation, and are only four points behind the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation, Penn State and Tennessee.

The Irish, led by Kelly Lindsey and Jen Grubb, take on their regular-season finale with the No. 3 team in the nation next weekend at Alumni Field.

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By ERIK KUHSTO
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame football team has a 2-4 start, people will look everywhere to find an answer.

One of the areas most frequently cited for the Irish decline this season has been recruiting, or lack thereof. It has been mentioned so often, in fact, that former head coach Lou Holtz took an opportunity on national television to address the issue and the fingers that were inevitably pointed at him.

Recruiting is an issue that Bob Davie has made his No. 1 priority, and while it is unclear what effect, if any, Notre Dame’s slow start will have on this year’s recruiting class, the Irish have acquired several commitments from some of the nation’s best prep athletes.

Notre Dame received its first verbal commitment in March, when Tom Lopienski, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound fullback verbally committed to the Irish, from Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. selected Notre Dame over the likes of Michigan, Michigan State, Penn State and Ohio State. Lopienski played tailback during his junior year, rushing for more than 500 yards before injuring his ankle halfway through the season. A talented receiver with excellent hands, Lopienski could contribute at fullback, tight end, linebacker or interior lineman. The son of a former Notre Dame cornerback, Lopienski is the first Walsh product to commit to Notre Dame since Hal Wil Vyn, who wore the blue and gold in the early 1980s.

The Irish received their second commitment last spring when Ryan Scarola announced he would attend Notre Dame at 6-foot-5 and 308 pounds. Scarola was one of the most coveted linemen in the country. A native of Murphysville, Pa., Scarola is projected as an offensive tackle in college. Also the son of a Notre Dame alumnus, Scarola turned down early offers from Northwestern and Penn State.

Notre Dame’s third commitment came as a surprise to many in the recruiting world. Although not listed as one of the top 600 seniors in the country, Rocky Bolman, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound free safety from Cincinnati, Ohio, was offered a scholarship by Bob Davie after attending the Notre Dame summer football camp in June.

The jewel of Notre Dame’s recruiting class so far is wide receiver David Terrell. At 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds, Terrell runs the 40 in 4.3 seconds. As a junior at Huguenot High School in Richmond, Va., Terrell caught 35 passes for 712 yards and 12 touchdowns. Terrell has been ranked as one of the top five prospects in the nation.

“To start with, he has a terrific work ethic. He spends his summers working with his uncle who played pro football and works out everyday. He is an extremely confident young man.”

Bolman began to surface recently that Terrell was wavering on his commitment, but both he and his coach put that rumor to rest. As Huguenot High School coach Richard McFee told Lou lloltz, Bolman runs a 4.5 40-yard dash.

A projected strong safety or drop linebacker, Bolman is a good fit entering his junior year. Bolman had 51 tackles, three interceptions for 80 yards, and three broken passes. He also returned six kicks for 152 yards. Bolman will add some much-needed size to the Notre Dame secondary.

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have this air. None can be more blatantly obvious than the sophomore members of the Notre Dame Hockey team. No one would mind it if the team was good, but coming off last season with only nine wins and 25 losses, there is nothing these men should go about. Maybe they are the best players this school has seen in a long time. One still doesn’t go out coming off two back-to-back sub-10 win seasons.

Here’s an example to ponder. A month ago, when Alumni Field held the adidas/Lady Footlocker classic, these players and a certain “levitated” member of our basketball team could be heard talking smack to the North Carolina woman’s soccer team as it headed to the locker room at halftime down 1-0. Phrases such as, “Good try, you will be able to finish at 500,” were heard. Now one might say that, if any other fan was chanti ng this, it wouldn’t matter. These other fans would know that the game was not over. They know that North Carolina is not ranked No. 1 for nothing. The lady Tar Heels expect to win, but not from a team who scored fewer goals than they did last year.

The hockey coach, Dave Poulin, a veteran NHL player, has a great deal of class, a great personality, and is very open with anyone who wants to talk. It is a shame that his image could be tarnished by these arrogant players. These players should forget about their egos and worry about being hockey players.

There are only two teams on this campus that may walk the walk and talk the talk: the football team and the woman’s soccer team. The football team, although it is the main reason that a majority of students come here, is rather subdued and is never very cocky nor arrogant. The only players who really conceded are rather low on the depth chart. You don’t see Ron Powlesi, Kory Minor, or Melvin Blandy walking around campus as if they are the man.

The woman’s soccer team can walk the walk and talk the way it does for one reason: it has produced results. Since the program’s inception in 1989, the team has worked to become winners. For the past three years, the team has been in the NCAA’s finals, so it has the right to boast. A premier example for all athletes to follow is Notre Dame basketball star Pat Garrity. Garrity has been a star on the court ever since he was a sophomore, yet no one would even know who he was if he didn’t tower over us. He strides along campus and keeps to himself. He knows his star status, but plays it off as no big deal.

Attitudes exist on every campus and there is nothing anyone can do to change the way the athletes are. Hopefully, they will quickly realize that they should forget personal superstar status and try to be liked by everyone on campus. If this doesn’t happen, they will never get any respect, unless they gain an NCAA championship.

That may make their swollen heads explode.

Herschiser accused of cheating

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press Writer

When a pitcher is 39 years old and somehow still at the peak of his powers, people joke that he must have discovered the fountain of youth. Manager Davey Johnson wasn’t laughing, though, when Orel Hershiser stuffed his Orioles through seven solid innings in the other night in the American League playoffs.

“I know from experience that Orel likes to put water on the back of his neck,” said Johnson, who managed against Herschiser for nine seasons when both were in the National League.

He prefers to have the cover of the ball moist as opposed to dry, and he will get water wherever he can get it. He was going right from his mouth right to the ball and that’s illegal.

There are a number of ways to view Johnson’s comments. The obvious one is as sour grapes, since the loss of that game last Saturday put his team down 2-1 in the series and the Orioles were going to face Herschiser and that wicked sinker one more time if the series went to seven games. (If didn’t.)

One chance to get Herschiser to say it ain’t so evaporated Wednesday, when the Indians finished off the ALCS. in Baltimore. He blew off a scheduled appearance in the inter-

view room before that Game 6, saying he would answer questions only afterward and only if he was going to pitch Game 7. Florida teammate Bobby Bonilla has heard the rumors, too, but he’s not sure what to make of them.

“He is getting a little older,” Bonilla chuckled. “He’s got to be crafty.”
Aries: Seek to initiate discussions today, but avoid arguments. Your mouth has a mind of its own, and your own words surprise you. Your interests are best served by knowing when to stop.

Taurus: Spend as much time as possible in the present tense today. You are in touch with your feelings but out of touch with the future. Being observant of your surroundings will keep you out of trouble.

Gemini: Today you are the social butterfly in a field of bright flowers. You know what you want, and you act swiftly and decisively to get it. Your words hold everyone enthralled.

Cancer: You feel blown over by a wind of data and details. Someone is going to ignore you no matter how many times you explain something to him. It's okay to give up on others today after you've done your best with them.

Leo: With the Moon visiting Gemini's house, the wind will fan your flames over the next few days. No idea or impulse is too strange to investigate. Love will find you even if you are not looking for it.

Virgo: Today's slightest stammer or misplaced punctuation mark could be turned against you. Everyone's standards have suddenly become very high. The traditional approach may be the best right now.

Libra: You experience a rich moment of introspection this week. Expect a pleasant smile, and don't talk to strangers.

Capricorn: The presence of uninformed or uneducated people makes you feel like a genius. Your mental health may require that you spend some time in isolation today. Get out for an open heart commune. And don't talk to strangers.

Aquarius: Surrender to the moment today, disconnecting it from past and future. The Moon in Gemini causes events to happen with greater speed than you could have imagined. An evasive experience might take you beyond the realm of words.

Pisces: Stay right where you are, or get to a safe place as soon as you can. The winds of confusion are about to stir things up again. Keep your perceptions to yourself—others may not be able to relate.

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Notre Dame looks for home court win

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's volleyball team will hope to continue its winning ways tonight, taking on the home court against North Carolina in the team's final home match of the month.

North Carolina, despite the difficult task put before it, has played very solidly and consistently this season. The Tar Heels are 12-8 on the season and 4-3 in ACC action.

The Tar Heels just recently ended a two-match skid with a four-game win over NC State on Tuesday. They are led by senior hitter Adrian Alford, who had 20 kills in the win over the Wolfpack.

Sophomore Tori Seibert, who has averaged 3.64 kills per game, was the only player that scored more than 20 kills for North Carolina.

Last season, the Tar Heels went 20-12 on the season and tied for fourth in the ACC.

"We've watched quite a bit of tape on them," head coach Bobbi Brown said. "The Irish's opponents, and we've learned quite a bit of it. They're a solid team, well balanced between offense and defense. They've been very competitive in the ACC recently. This should be a tough match."

Notre Dame (11-5), on the other hand, has reached one of its highest points of the season. With wins over conference opponents Boston College and Providence last weekend, the Irish are riding a six-match winning streak, their longest of the season.

The team is currently 4-0 in Big East play, tied with Villanova for first place in the conference. The Irish have won 52 of their last 53 matches against unranked opponents in the Joyce Center and have not lost to an unranked team since early last season.

This is the last match for the team before it begins a five-match road trip which will last through the end of the month. The Irish have been relatively successful against the Tar Heels, having won the only two contests that have occurred. However, the last time the two teams played was in 1986.

Notre Dame continues to excel in the Big East, with see VOLLEYBALL / page 26

Irish face four tough teams over break

By TOM STUDEBAKER and DAN LUZETTI
Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's soccer team does not exactly have a relaxing fall break this week. Over the course of the week, the Irish will play four big conference games against Georgetown, St. John's, Seton Hall, and Connecticut. All of these games will be crucial to the Big East standings as the post-season tournament approaches.

The Georgetown Hoyas are currently ranked first in the Big East with a conference record of 6-1 and a season record of 8-4. The Irish, 8-4-2 on the year and 4-1-1 in conference play, are in second place. A win for the Irish would put them one point behind the Hoyas and in great position to make a late-season run.

Last year, the Irish beat the Hoyas twice by a score of 2-1, with one game going into overtime. Georgetown is coming off of an emotional overtime win over conference foe Pittsburgh. Junior midfielder Billy Bednarz scored with just one minute remaining in the first overtime to give Georgetown the victory.

Friday's match against Georgetown promises to be a showdown of two of the top goal tenders in the Big East. Sophomore goalie Tyler Purcell has played tremendously in the net for the Hoyas all season long. He has not allowed more than one goal in any of the 12 games this year. Irish goalie junior Greg Vello has also had a great year thus far. He has posted seven shutouts on the year and did not allow a Big East opponent to score until Notre Dame's sixth conference game.

The Irish attack is coming off of a stellar performance against Western Michigan on Tuesday night. After being held in check for the first half, Notre Dame exploded in the second, scoring an astounding seven unanswered goals. Senior co-captain Ryan Turner, senior Bill Savarino, and junior Ben Bocklage each scored two goals for the Irish.

The Irish defense will be called on to stop Hoyas forward Eric Kvelo, who has scored nine goals on the year, seven of which came against Big East opponents. Kvelo, a junior, is second in scoring in the Big East. He is joined up front by senior Tom Greaser and sophomore Jason Partenza.

The Irish will then play defending national champion St. John's on Tuesday. Last year, Notre Dame tied the Red Storm 2-2, and this year's game is extremely important because both teams are currently tied for second place in the Big East.

The next stop on the Big East road trip will be Seton Hall. Notre Dame holds a series advantage of 3-1 against the Pirates.

The last stop on the trip will be Connecticut. The last time that these two teams played was in the semifinals of the Big East tournament last year, with the Irish prevailing 2-1.

Notre Dame takes a strong offense into four Big East games next week:

- at St. Cloud State, Today, 7 p.m.
- at Central Collegiate, Today, 4 p.m.
- Volleyball at Franklin, October 19, 3 p.m.
- Soccers vs. John Carroll U., Today, 3 p.m.
With his 109 yards versus Pitt, Clement Stokes appears ready to shine.
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This week, head coach Bob Davie has been able to do something that he hasn’t been able to do: build on a win. Last week, the Irish Shady found the run zone which had been as elusive as goals against the women’s soccer team. Against Pittsburgh, the Irish rolled up 45 points and 317 yards on the ground. This week, they will try to find out if they can do it against a defense that is #1.

Though the Trojans are limping into South Bend with a 2-3 record, the Irish are third in the nation in run defense and all of their losses have been to teams that rank nationally against the run. "I think that the thing that stands out is the fact that Pittsburgh is one of the few teams that have combined for only 175 rush yards against, and we turn around and play against it," Davie expressed. "It’s a bit of a challenge for us, but we’re playing in South Bend and I think we can do it.”

He also mentioned the improvement against Pittsburgh. "I think the thing that stands out is we had players step up and make plays. That is what gives you confidence.”

Tackleback Autry Denson and the Notre Dame rushing attack hope to build on last week’s 17-yard performance.

Bobby Brown and Malcolm Johnson will be challenged tomorrow by one of the best secondaries in the nation. USC’s cornerbacks, Daylon McCutcheon and Jason Kelly will line up none too well with the Irish receivers, freest up the rest of their defense.

"They have two 5’11, time corners in McCutcheon and Kelly,” Davie said. "They certainly have the ability to stop the pass and play bump-and-run. They play with a lot of confidence and are not afraid to get up and take chances.”

So far this season the receiving corps has been up to the challenge and arguably the brightest spot for the offensive unit.

"I think our receivers are as improved as any element or any dimension of our football team,” Davie expressed. “They have made some big, big third down conversions through the course of the season. Despite the play of the receivers and our two teammates, we will look to Wolfus, Davie knows that the game will be won in the trenches.

‘Let’s face it, for us to win, we have to run the football and that isn’t different than what I said going into the Georgia Tech game,” Davie said.

Last week’s emergence of Clement Stokes and a healthier Jamie Spermon flashed the talent that the running attack had bot­

iled up for the best four games.

‘I think that at running back it is obvious with competition it brings out the best in players,” Davie said. "Clement Stokes deserved a chance to play, but I think Autry Denson responded just as well.”

‘We are pleased with Jamie Spencer,” Davie continued. "He looks like he is getting back close to 100 percent.”

Davie also hopes that his offense will continue to make strides at playing at 100 percent of its potential tomorrow.

—Joe Carato

TROJANS ON THE OFFENSIVE

The Trojan rushing attack is certainly nothing to fear. That is, of course, unless your defense ranks 90th nationally against the run. Although Southern California has averaged only 90 yards rushing per game, Notre Dame goes into Saturday’s contest allowing 204 yards per game on the ground on 4.7 yards per carry. Not to mention the fact that the Trojans boast a mammoth offensive line which measures 6-foot-5, 315 pounds per man.

Everyone looks at our offensive line and says how big we are,” commented Irish head coach Bob Davie. "You know, we have got some size, but we are nowhere close to what Southern Cal is across the front.”

The expected return of Bobbie Howard and Corey Bennett could bolster the Irish front seven enough to keep USC tailbacks Delon Washington and Maloofus Mackenzie under wraps. The two have combined for only 175 rush­

ing on the year and are averaging less than three yards per carry. McCutcheon and Kelly have been the better of the two thus far. The first and second string fullbacks, Rodney Sermons and Ted tacenda, have combined for only 19 carries in 1997.

Sophomore John Fox has led the first string offense, but has completed just 54.4 percent of his passes. FI. Howard prov­

ides Fox with a deep threat target. Soward leads Southern Cal in receiving yardage (419 yards), despite catching only 22 balls, 10 less than reception leader Billy McNeil.

"I can’t imagine there are many receivers in this country better than Soward,” commented Irish coach Bob Davie. “He is a game­ breaker.”

Cornerback Allen Rossum has his work cut out for him covering Soward. In 16 games at the colle­

giate level, the sophomore has already broken eight touchdowns for 60 yards or more. The rest of the secondary must also step it up in order to force the Trojans to rely on their spattering ground game.

Other changes in the defensive unit for the Irish include the replacement of senior cornerback Ivory Covington, with classmate Ty Good. Good has provided a spark in the backfield with his spirited play and heavy hitting in games at Stanford and Pittsburgh. Up front, Bennett will play nose guard, moving Lance Legro to the back-up position. Howard should start with Jimmy Friday at inside linebacker, and Grant Irons will have a chance to come off the bench.

—Brian Reinshaler
Senior tailback Clement Stokes finally shines through adversity

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The words "spark" and "elusive" may very well be two of the most overused adjectives to describe a good tailback in college football. But with his 109-yard performance last week against Pittsburgh, Clement Stokes epitomized them both.

The senior tailback worked his way into the lineup last week and provided the type of performance that helped open up the Irish offense, maximizing its potential across the board and producing the kind of success Stokes has been searching for all season. Stokes earned himself offensive MVP honors for the spring game.

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Trojan-Irish rivalry rich despite lackluster starts

The USC-Notre Dame game is always an anticipated battle regardless of the records or national rankings.

The USC's record is 2-3.

The Irish have not beaten the Trojan in Notre Dame Stadium since 1981. The Irish were under the leadership of Gerry Faust, who was in the midst of his first season, when USC squealed out a victory over the Irish, 14-7.

Davie said the rivalry is like no others. "I think what makes this different is just the location of the schools and just the long, long tradition. Just the West Coast, you know, coming in to play a Midwestern team. But this game is the whole country. You have got players who were recruited from all different corners of the country and certainly fans from all corners of the country.

"I love playing in South Bend," Robinson said. "It's not easy and I recognize that, but I've always felt an excitement there, especially when you win in an environment like that. It's memorable."

Oftentimes you hear amongst students and fans that the football season is not worth anything anymore. Both Robinson and Davie feel the opposite. This game is crucial for both teams. The rivalry, the history, and the mystique surrounding this series is second to none. This could be the turning point for Davie and Co. in a season of lackluster play, but Robinson and the Trojans are in search of bragging rights. They want nothing more than back-to-back defeats of Notre Dame, which hasn't happened since 1982.

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In the Spotlight

Fullback Jamie Spencer

Spencer’s return to good health has given the Irish the opportunity to move backup Joey Goodspeed to inside linebacker. After missing the bulk of the first six games, the 6-foot-1, 248-pound Spencer appeared to regain his old form last Saturday, rushing for a 33-yard touchdown late in the third quarter at Pittsburgh.

One of the chief reasons for Notre Dame’s offensive demise this season has been the ineffective play at the fullback position. In six games, Irish fullbacks have combined for just 196 yards. Spencer hopes to give the Irish an option they’ve been missing on Saturday.

11th season
at Southern Cal

John Robinson

Career record: 98-30-4
At Southern Cal: 98-30-4
Against Notre Dame: 7-3-1

1st season
at Notre Dame

Bob Davie

Career record: 24-4
At Notre Dame: 24-4
Against Southern Cal: 0-4

Jamie Spencer is back in top playing form.

Joey Goodspeed was moved to inside linebacker.
Gators try to avoid a second loss

Big Ten rivals
Michigan, Iowa set to battle

By BRIAN REINThALER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Gators have not lost back-to-back regular season games since 1992 and the Tigers, who have already defeated the LSU squad that removed Florida from the No. 1 ranking last weekend, are not about to console Spurrier's soldiers as they march into Jordan-Hare Stadium on Saturday. Auburn quarterback Dameyune Craig will try to improve his mediocre career numbers against Florida as he aims for a fifth straight week of throwing for 300 yards or more.

He will have a number of wide-outs to look to against the Gators, including Tyrone Goodson, who compiled 138 yards last weekend against Louisiana Tech.

Don't expect the boys from Auburn to butt heads with Heisman hopeful Tim Dwight. Terry Bowden's squad has gotten fat on the likes of Central Florida and Louisiana Tech in two of the last three weeks. If Florida is not up to the task though, there will be Tigers in the nightmares of Gator fans for some time to come.

There are a number of intriguing battles within the war that will take place in Ann Arbor on Saturday. Primarily, the game will pit a high-powered Hawkeye offense, featuring tailback Tavian Banks and wide receiver Tim Dwight against a Wolverine defense that has allowed just 20 points in three home contests, 14 of which were scored by the Irish back on Sept. 27. On one hand, Michigan's defense looks invincible at home, but, on the other, if the Notre Dame offense can score two touchdowns in one half, why shouldn't Iowa light it up?

Going deeper into the struggle, Banks needs just 81 yards to surpass 1,000 just halfway through the season, but the most yards gained by a running back against Michigan this year has been 72 by Autry Woodson.
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