Students stand vigil outside Indiana State Prison

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New Editor

While the clock counted down the minutes until Gary Burris’s execution early yesterday morning, more than 60 members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community prayed quietly together near the Indiana State Prison.

Notre Dame groups and area residents traveled to the jail in Michigan City to stand in protest of capital punishment both before and after prison officials put Burris to death by lethal injection.

A jury convicted Burris in 1980 for the murder of Kenneth Chambers, an Indianapolis taxi-driver. Burris allegedly robbed Chambers of $40, forced him to shed his clothes, and shot him execution-style.

“For me, this was a chance to act on a strong opinion of mine,” said senior Kimberly Rosenkotter. “I haven’t been of the group that stood vigil outside the prison where Gary Burris died early Thursday morning, some chose to hold their signs and chant, while others simply knelt and prayed (pictured left). Above, a member of ‘Blacks United to Save the Hood’ stands against capital punishment.”

Group uses WV game to protest land mine use

Students invited to ‘raise a shoe’ as tribute to victims

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
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This December, 113 countries will approve an international ban on land mines, the U.S. is not among them.

In an effort to show support for the ban, several Notre Dame students have founded the Notre Dame Campaign to Ban Land Mines and are organizing the “One shoe in the air, one hand on the heart” campaign for this Saturday’s football game against West Virginia.

The group is asking students to hold one shoe over their heads while placing the other hand over their hearts during the playing of the national anthem at Saturday’s game. The gesture is intended to draw attention to the fact that the most common injury caused by the explosion of land mines is the loss of one leg, an occurrence that has prompted the sale of single shoes every day, according to public relations practitioners.

“It’s a good opportunity to pay respect to the people who have risked, lost, and had their lives seriously altered by land mines,” said Mike Deemer, a graduate student in the Peace Studies program who is helping to organize the event.

Land mines injure or kill an average of 70 people every day, according to figures distributed by the campus group.

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When we come to Notre Dame as freshmen, two of the categories into which we are divided are those who have seen an Irish football game and those who anticipate the experience.

The game experience came about during Chicago's Mirage against Northwestern. Twenty nine games — 23 home and six away — I sit here on the eve of the final game in the stadium.

The won-lost record of those games I've seen escapes me, but each one has been spectacular.

There was the Michigan loss in 1994, a great game. Pittsburgh in 1993, where there was the Texas game in 1995 and the Washington game last year, when two ranked teams came into South Bend and were thoroughly embarrased.

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University of Colorado-Stanford students and faculty stage sleep out

BOULDER, Colo. — Most people wouldn't think of gulping down a tall cool glass of antifreeze. But mix it with lantern fuel, drain it into a car and start it, and you've got a potent formula for making methamphetamine.

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Learning the ‘American’ way

Students encounter Irish stereotypes of U.S. lifestyle, people

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR

MAYNOOTH, Ireland

The 17 students on the Saint Mary’s College Ireland program never dreamed that spending a year in Ireland would make them feel so American.

"I don’t understand what it is that makes them know that we’re Americans. They can’t pinpoint one characteristic," explained Beth Reilly. "They just say it’s something about us."

For many of the students on the program, the idea that they act, dress or think like an American, or that there is even an identifiable “American” way of doing any of these things, is quite strange.

You can spot an American from across a room," said Harry McHugh, an Irish student at National University of Ireland, Maynooth. "It’s like (they have) a very American flag above (their) heads."

The discussion of what it means to be a typical American is often among the first things that the students here discuss when they meet an Irish person. Generally they have been very welcoming but you encounter stereotypes," said JoEllen Jeselnick, a student on the program.

"People greeted me in a Southern accent, as if everyone from the United States was from the South," said Sean Mahon, a native of Philadelphia who has lived in Ireland for the last two years and has been visiting all his life.

Other stereotypes that the students encountered in Ireland include that all or most Americans are fat or stupid, that every American family owns a gun, that American girls are easy, and that every teenage girl has their own car and that everyone in the U.S. is racist.

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Some form or another before they graduate, it is not difficult to understand why the campus and Life Skills program. Throughout their time on campus, the desire to volunteer came from his family. Even before coming to Notre Dame, Rosenthal says he was committed to service work.

"My parents instilled it in me to help people," the offensive lineman said. "My mom is a school teacher so I used to go in and talk to her students about drugs and alcohol when I was in high school." Requests for the athletes to speak in their hometowns are not unusual, and many feel this is a natural continuation of their service work.

"I feel it is an obligation to give back to the people who have helped you get to this far," Sanson confirmed.

Many football players' commitments to community service continue after they leave Notre Dame football player. Shavers emphasized the importance of getting student-athletes involved in community service work.

"It's almost selfish why I do it," said Aaron Taylor, a 1994 graduate and current defensive end. "It makes me feel good, and I help other people in the process." Taylor has continued his volunteer efforts in the NFL as a local spokesperson for the AIDS Walk and for the Cerebral Palsy Center of Green Bay.

"I want to do anything I can to help this community out. They've given a lot to me, and it's time for me to give back," he said. While many monogram winners share similar altruistic sentiments, Chris Zorich, a 1991 graduate and current Washington Redskins defensive tackle, is one of the most recognizable charitable Notre Dame alumni. "My mom always told me, 'Treat the world as you would have people treat yours, and you'll be rewarded with loyalty and kindness,'" Zorich said.
Iraq allows return of inspectors

Iraqis have been an American flag flying during an anti-U.S. rally Nov. 20 in Baghdad. Iraq announced it would accept the immediate return of all U.N. weapons inspectors under a deal brokered by Russia in a bid to end the crisis sparked by Iraq's expulsion of U.N. members of inspection teams.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said Thursday those efforts will focus on persuading the council to certify that Iraq has dismantled its nuclear weapons research program and destroyed its long-range missiles.

Russian and French diplomats have suggested that the council should consider a gradual easing of sanctions as the inspectors "close the book" on selected weapons programs.

But U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said the United States would veto any move to ease sanctions against Iraq unless it complies fully with U.N. resolutions.

"It is our view ... that the missile files should not be closed," Richardson said. "There is still significant work and oversight that has to happen in those areas." Furthermore, there are subtle but significant differences within the 15-member Security Council on precisely what actions Iraq must take before sanctions are removed.

Iraqi officials repeatedly cite the 1991 U.N. resolution that mandates inspections and orders destruction of long-range missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Egypt tightens security after massacre

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One of the most moving moments for her came just after midnight: As the group sang the hymn 'You are Near,' Burris's fellow inmates raised their voices in protest. "When the execution time came," she said, "it was definitely moving — we could hear all their screams."

Said Beatty, "I think the noise from the inmates sent shock waves through our participants, because this was the first time many of them had stood vigil at an execution."

She and Rosenkoetter recalled that even the freezing temperature did not deter participants from constant praying and chanting in support of Chambers, Burris, and their respective families. "At one point, we walked in a big circle to keep warm while a woman from Gary, Ind., led us in some of the standard chants," Beatty said. "One of them was 'A state murder is still a murder.'"

The late news of the delayed administration of the lethal injection added to the poignancy of the vigil, Rosenkoetter said. "Officials apparently strapped Burris to the apparatus, then stalled because medical attendants could not locate a vein. Burris died just before 1 a.m. CST, almost an hour after the scheduled time. "That must have made it agonizing," Rosenkoetter said. "He just had to lie there and wait."

For her, only one thing tainted the experience of traveling to Michigan City to keep vigil. Rosenkoetter said that the media's presence intruded on the atmosphere participants tried to create. "A friend of mine noted, 'The vulture press was depressing,'" she said. "A bunch of people from the South Bend media got in people's faces while they prayed. It took away from the solemnity of the moment."

Senior Katie Donnelly still felt moved by the night's events, admitting her surprise at how emotional, yet stirring the vigil was. "It was a powerful experience, in fact I'm still trying to deal with it," she said. "Everyone there was joined by prayer ... it was really very touching."

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Huie reviews session results

OMSA informs members about upcoming events

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY

News Writer

Leaders from the multicultural organizations on campus gathered last night with members of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to announce upcoming activities and go over the results of a listening session with the University Committee on Cultural Diversity.

Kevin Huie, the assistant director of OMSA, took the opportunity to speak to the council members about the session held on Wednesday night with the University committee, which includes members of the faculty, staff and administration. Huie reiterated some of the major points from the listening session, including the concerns about the "Men About Campus" comic strip, which ran in The Observer on Oct. 31.

"The committee agreed that this was just a flashpoint that showed that there were negative race relations on campus," Huie told the council members. He also said that neither of the subcommittees on which he serves, Campus Climate and Recruitment and Retention, have not seen a single discussion to reorganize the Bookstore Basketball tournament in the spring.

OMSA staff took the opportunity to talk about the PEACE organization for its efforts in attempting to bring education to the campus about the comic strip.

"I encourage everyone to let them know that we are proud of them," Huie said.

Iris Outlaw, the director of OMSA, encouraged members to view the notes that she and Huie made of the topics and issues discussed.

Outlaw also briefed the students on OMSA's search for a second assistant director, whose responsibilities would be to aid Huie in acting as a liaison between the office and the different organizations on campus.

The office has been advertising the position in Hispanic Outlook for two weeks and plans on interviewing candidates in the near future.

Coalition members then received an updated list of officers for the multicultural organizations on campus.

The council's five-point mission statement was also formally presented to members for discussion after a recommendation made by Steven Gomez, the chairman of the Student Union's Diversity Council, at that group's Oct. 30 gathering.

The council discussed several upcoming activities, including study-day breaks sponsored by La Alianza and the Filipino-American Student Association on Dec. 11, and the NAACP on Dec. 17.

Also, Panchanga, a Chicano student forum, will be held at Princeton University over the Thanksgiving holiday, and the Filipino celebration FiestaTag will take place Feb. 28.

"As a matter of fact, many of them are steering their siblings with their section-mates, is not part of the community. They cannot get on the phone and tell their younger brothers and sisters that Notre Dame is a good, diverse place to come."

"The facts that students can interact with people of color at that level, but cannot interact with their section-mates, is wrong," she said. "If you are a table of people that is all one ethnicity, go the states."

"You may be ignored at first, but if you are sincere and continue to sit there, the students will talk to you," she added.

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Associate News Editor

Students of color at Notre Dame may have a problem convincing themselves that younger siblings and members of their community should attend the University, according to Iris Outlaw, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

"Racial tensions influence recruiting directly because, for the students that are here, there has been a racial incident every year that they have been here," she said in a presentation in Alumni Hall Tuesday night. "A lot of these students feel as though they are not part of the community. They cannot get on the phone and tell their younger brothers and sisters that Notre Dame is a good, diverse place to come."

In her presentation, Outlaw focused on the racial tensions existing on campus and how all students can ameliorate them.

"For a lot of students, this is the most diverse environment that they have ever encountered," she said. "But for many of the students of color, this is a very homogenous environment."

She spoke about the creation of ethnic-study programs at the University as a step in the right direction. But she also said that the affirmation of students of color must start at an early age.

"The students that are coming up through the education system now are not seeing their ethnicity affirmed in their studies," Outlaw said. "We need to see more Asian, Latino and African-American students on posters and classroom materials. These materials are out there for the more open-minded teachers."

Outlaw shared stories about her own children and their experiences in local schools as examples of how the children should be affirmed in school. She then described how students who do tutoring projects in predominately minority schools should bring that experience back with them.

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Prof: Judges have unlimited power to overturn verdicts

By SEAN VINCK
News Writer

Shock waves have resonated throughout the United States in the past several weeks in response to the conviction of English au pair Louise Woodward.

"Though many felt the initial reaction to her conviction evolved into a media circus, the reduction of the second degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter by Judge Hiller Zoebel of the Massachusetts Superior Court provoked even greater fury. The original verdict of second degree murder and its subsequent reversal have put the functions of both judge and jury into focus."

According to Zoebel's ruling, Woodward should have been charged with involuntary manslaughter instead of second degree murder.

"The judge's job involves finding fact; the jury makes sure that the law is applied," said Deborah Cerullo, a professional specialist at the Notre Dame Law School.

G. Robert Blakey, a Notre Dame Law School professor, said, "We have a system of trial by judge and jury; the jury only gets the first crack at the facts. Essentially, the role of the jury is to make a determination of guilt, and the judge serves to ensure that justice is done."

In Massachusetts, reductions in convictions, as in the Woodward trial, are common, Blakey said. Cerullo said that "there is no mitigating factor in every criminal case." Though the set-aside in the Woodward case has been discussed a great deal in the media, in reality such an action does not transmute the power of a judge.

"There is hardly any limit to the judge's power in reducing a defendant's conviction," Blakey said.

Surrounding the media frenzy at the Woodward trial, speculation has emerged about the mechanics behind both the conviction itself and Zoebel's ruling, including rumors that Woodward may have been coerced into his decision. Because Zoebel was appointed to a life term by the governor of Massachusetts, he is neither accountable to the voters, as in other states, nor to a higher executive authority.

"You can't touch him (Zoebel)" said Blakey.

It has also been speculated that the jury's conviction may have been the result of an adverse reaction to defense attorney Barry Sheck, of O.J. Simpson notoriety. The rumors state that the perception of the Simpson verdict may have offended jurors, and that they would manifest their anger by finding Sheck's client guilty. Cerullo said such a response by the jury would be "shocking."

Since the action of reducing convictions is common in Massachusetts, there may not be a great effect on other criminal trials throughout the country. "Anytime he (Zoebel) takes action, he helps like-minded judges elsewhere in accordance with the law," Blakey said.

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Cerullo concurred, saying, "He (Sheck) had a fall-back plan."

Both Cerullo and Blakey believe that Sheck knew he would have a shot to appeal to Judge Zoebel. "Sheck knew he would have a shot to appeal to Judge Zoebel," Blakey said.

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SMC art students display work in Moreau Center

By P. COLLEEN KUGENT
Associate Saint Mary's News Editor

Every semester, art students at Saint Mary's College collaborate to display their diverse creations.

Whether these pieces of art are hung on the walls, laid on the floor, or left standing alone, Moreau Center contains an ambiance for young aspiring artists.

Beginning this past Monday, and continuing through this afternoon, the Moreau art galleries will be open for student observation between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Marica Rickard, the chair of the Saint Mary's art department, has been a member of the Saint Mary's community for 20 years. According to Rickard, the event allows students from other majors to grasp a stronger fueling for what really goes on in the College's art classes. She added that it is a positive way to show support for friends who spend much time working on their projects.

"We are very pleased with the quality of work and the student participation," Rickard stated.

All students who are taking an art course and attend Saint Mary's College must present their art in this portfolio review, according to Rickard.

A committee of seven faculty members are responsible for judging students' artwork and portfolios.

"Putting together a portfolio knowing that it is going to be critiqued gives me a sense of confidence that I know I will benefit from in the future," Amy Fors stated.

Senior art major Allison Holloway is participating in the art review for her seventh semester. Next semester, Holloway and the other senior art majors will not be participating in the review, she said, adding that their work load is not going to be lessened because they must spend time on their senior comprehensive studies.

"While earning her BFA in art, her main concentration is in photography, and she is minorin in women's studies. "I have always loved looking at pictures, because of the endless stories they have to tell," Holloway said.

Upon graduation, she hopes to do a few years of service work before returning to her hometown of Indianapolis.

This semester Fors took two art classes, completed her portfolio, and hung samples of her work in Madelova.

"This has been a great experience for me, and putting together a portfolio knowing that it is going to be critiqued gives me a sense of confidence that I know I will benefit from in the future," Fors stated. Although Saint Mary's College offers this critique-based portfolio section for the art majors each semester, many other colleges do not provide the same offerings, according to junior Carolyn Lateulere.

"This reviewing process is a really great thing that it to offer, because not many other colleges offer this type of method to get proper feedback prior to graduation," Lateulere said.

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of those, 53 are civilians and 13 are children. Despite the
harm they cause to innocent victims, 5,000 new land mines
are planted daily, the group's literature states, and the
majority of injuries and deaths caused by mines occur
after military conflict has ended.
"The biggest problem is that land mines stay in the ground
long after the war is over," Deemer said.
Land mines also render land unusable for agriculture.
"They also impede refugees from returning home, and
cause farmers to resort to cultivating the same land
repeatedly, leading to deserti-
fication and deforestation.

BACKGROUND
The worldwide effort to ban
land mines began in 1991, when the Vietnam Veterans of
America Foundation hired Jody Williams to lead an
anti-mine coalition.
The group, which began
with just three members,
became the U.S. Campaign to
Ban Land Mines and grew in
size to include 250 organiza-
tions.
After going global in 1992
and forming the International
Campaign to Ban Land Mines, which currently includes over
1,000 groups in more than 60
countries, the campaign
began calling for a full review
of the Land Mines Protocol of
the 1980 Weapons
Convention, whose attempts
in 1993 to regulate land-mine use had been unsuccessful.
The group is now advocateing
a ban on the use, produc-
tion, stockpiling, sale, tran-
fer, and export of mines, as
well as the creation of an
international fund to be used for
assistance programs for
mine victims and worldwide
education and clearance pro-
grams.
The international ban will
be signed this winter in
Ottawa. President Clinton has
refused to approve the treaty
because it does not include an
exception for the U.S. use of
land mines along the border
of North and South Korea, or
for the use of anti-personnel
mines in combination with
anti-tank mines.

SIGNING UP
Members of the Notre Dame
campaign will be in the dining
halls and in LaFortune today
so that students may sign a
petition for the U.S. to join
the countries approving a
ban, which will be sent to
President Clinton.
Approximately 300 signa-
tures have already been col-
cected, according to Terri
Monaghan, a graduate Peace
Studies student.
Several of the students
organizing the event attended
a presentation by the
International Bus to Ban Land
Mines last week.
They developed the current
plan after Paul Piatti, western
director of the Vietnam
Veterans of America
Foundation, encouraged them
to take advantage of Notre
Dame's national exposure to
the land mine ban, according to
Deemer.

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The First Noel...
Schiffer, Collins win awards
Special to The Observer
Peter Schiffer, assistant professor of physics at
the University of Notre Dame, has been named one
of 60 1997 recipients of the Presidential Early Career
Award for Scientists and Engineers.
The award is the highest honor given by the U.S.
government to outstanding scientists and engi-
eers early in their research careers. Schiffer and
the other recipients each will receive up to
$500,000 over five years to further their research.
Schiffer joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1995,
following a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at
AT&T Bell Laboratories. He received his bache-
lor's degree in physics from Yale University and
earned his doctorate at Stanford University.
Schiffer's research centers on novel magnetic
materials and their properties at low temperatures
near absolute zero. Schiffer also performs
research on the properties of wet granular materi-
als—such as sand—with his colleague, Albert-
Laszlo Barabasi, associate professor of physics.
Separately, Oliver Collins, associate professor of
electrical engineering at the University of Notre
Dame, is the recipient of the 1998 Judith A. Resnik
Award presented by the Institute of Electrical
and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).
Collins's work was instrumental in allowing the
galileo probe of Jupiter to transmit information
without needed telecommunications upgrades, and
his concepts helped NASA's Jet Propulsion
Laboratory complete a decoding machine in 1990.
A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1995,
Collins specializes in deep space communications,
satellite communications and coding theory.
Collins attended the California Institute of
Technology, where he earned his bachelor's
degree in engineering and applied science in 1986
and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical
engineering in 1987 and 1989, respectively.
The Judith A. Resnik Award was established by
the IEEE Board of Directors in 1986 in honor of
the late Challenger astronaut.
It is presented to an individual for outstanding
contributions to space engineering within the dis-
ciplines of IEEE.
Students have right idea in urging U.S. to ban mines

Anyone who saw the photos of land-mine victims that were on display in the Glee Club's Cultural Nationalism Studies last week knows the horrific damage that land mines can do to the most innocent person.

It's tragic sight.

But just as tragic is the United States' unwillingness to join the rest of the world in supporting a treaty that would ban the use of the war devices. When diplomats from about 100 countries gathered in Ottawa, Canada, on Dec. 3-4 to sign a treaty banning anti-personnel land mines, the American presence will be noticeably lacking. The United States will be in the same group as Iraq, China, and North Korea.

The problem with land mines is their perpetual indiscrimination. Regrettably, it is all too easy for children or civilians, adult or child — the weapons at worst kill and at best cause the loss of a limb. Moreover, land mines remain active well after their intended purpose has become obsolete. Earlier this year, for example, a girl in Egypt was killed by a mine apparently buried in the desert by Rommel's Afrika Korps in 1942.

The statistics are just as shocking. Each year, 20,000 people are killed or maimed by land mines, an average of 70 per day. Of the 70, 53 are civilians and 13 are children. In Cambodia, there is one land mine planted every 1.4 meters, and some Cambodian stores sell only one shoe because so many people are crippled by land mines.

The American military has argued that it would sign the ban treaty because of a Nations mandate and America's role in supporting a treaty that would ban the use of the war devices so that opposing troops will self-destruct after the fight has stopped. There they wait for a victim to walk along. Never do they miss! Unfortunately, there are 110 million land mines waiting to be stepped on, and 110 million single shoes wait to be sold. When you lift your shoe on Saturday, it will be in remembrance of the hundreds of thousands of women, men, and children who have been crippled or killed by land mines.

Lifting your shoe will also be a statement to President Clinton that the American people will not support such devices of terror.

Why during the Star Spangled Banner? That is a time to reflect upon our national ideals and all that we have done in pursuit of these ideals. We cannot stop pursuing these ideals now! Raising your shoe then will crank the gears of democracy and make your voice heard, and raising your shoe will be silent affirmation of your belief in these ideals. As we all, with unified hands over our hearts to honor those American soldiers who have died for the cause of freedom — especially those who were killed by land mines, more than 30 percent of the casualties in both Vietnam and the Gulf War.

Why Notre Dame? For one, we are a Christian institution, dedicated to the teachings of the Bible. As members of a Christian community we believe that all life is sacred, and we are called to stand up for that belief. As many of us are Catholics, the pronunciation by Pope John Paul XXIII that land mines must be banned also has some resonance. The truth is, land mines cause senseless death and suffering. We, as Christians, must prevent or remedy this to the best of our ability.

Furthermore, because of our faith and religion, Notre Dame has become an established beacon of ethics and moral reasoning. With this honor comes the responsibility to act upon our beliefs. In making a unified statement against land mines, we show that Notre Dame is a leader both on and off the field.

So now the challenge has been brought to you. This is your chance as an individual and as a member of the Notre Dame community to show your compassion for humanity as well as your pride in the ideals of the United States of America.

The Notre Dame Campaign to Ban Land Mines
November 11, 1997
Consult Faculty on Construction Decisions

Marybeth Failla

In 1994, 51 percent of Oregon voters approved the Death With Dignity Act. This November, they rejected a 30-30 margin, a proposal to repeal the act. Court challenges are expected, but that is not the problem. The question is to enact similar laws in other states.

The Oregon Act provides that a "capable," determined by two physicians, to suffering from an "irremediable and irremediable" terminal disease which will, produce death within six months," who has expressed his or her wish to die, may make a written request for medication to his or her irremediable "capable" physician. The patient must also make "an" on the consent to the patient to the point of verbalizing the wishes of the patients and students into an architectural environment.

I have been one of the architectural students and will continue to be an expert opinion concerning the built environment at Notre Dame. This provision is fully supported and based on the claim that teachers are supposed to teach and not meddle with university affairs. This response contends that it is wrong for members of a community to take on an educational role in the classroom. The faculty members that the university wishes to have are the architectural students. The architectural students are internationally recognized as foremost experts in their fields. They were sought out to help guide the school's curriculum toward a style of teaching and learning that is implicit sociological and architectural. The uniqueness of this type of program and the reputations of our professors have brought this to our attention.

In 1992, the University was seeking a plan for the campus. The administrators asked Francis Kerrick, the chairman of the architectural department, and Vincent Nagin, a professor of architecture, to develop a plan for the campus. Despite the offer, a very prominent architect by the name of Frank Lloyd Wright, was also responsible for the design of the residence halls. This plan would be taken as the development of the campus for the next 30 years. The firm that won, MVI Collaborative, employs four Notre Dame alumni, including the principal architect of the firm.

Whether or not you agree with the style of these architectural issues, the architect is not the person who has the power to manipulate the campus. This raises a question about the power of the architect and the architect's responsibility.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Through the Eyes of a Child

Lucas followed Rosie everywhere. He knew what he wanted and he pursued it relentlessly, despite the loud protests. At one point, he turned to her and shouted from across the room, "It's not fair! Rosie!"

"Embraced, she yelled back, "Stop it, Lucas!" But he just flashed her a huge grin and proclaimed, "You'll see, Rosie!"

I wish I had the power to freeze that moment in time and look at his determination, for he had spoken those words with utter assurance, as if it had never occurred to him to doubt their truthfulness. More than anything, I wanted to shake him and say "Rosie, you'll never lose this kid. Don't ever stop believing that what you want can become real, no matter how out of reach it may seem."

But how could I explain this to a three year old boy? By the time I turned around, he was hitting another little boy with a pillow, having no idea of the lesson he had just taught me.

Children have an amazing ability to speak fearlessly and freely about whatever it is they need to explain. I remember a child talking about a name that they find amusing, or a declaration of love for a classmate. Kids have no fear of expressing their deepest and most honest feelings, the language of a child is always simple, honest and straight from the heart.

What did life look like if we could all stand up and proclaim our innermost feelings without giving a thought to the consequences that would surround our lives if we could all shout out everything we feel? Perhaps we'd come to realize how just simple and bold fast to the world becomes if we tell those in something, then one day it can become a reality?"

"Sure, Davey!" Someone! He turned away after that, and never saw the tiny smile that played at the corners of her mouth.

But I did.

Jaclyn Villano is a sophomore Arts and Letters major. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The Personal Gamble of Happiness

Right about this time of year it all starts to sink in. That snow is starting to fall (and does not stop until April) the temperature drops, the

what's the point in grinning about it?"

"It looks like we're going to let a little wind be more annoying than usual this winter."

"I'm not sure about that. You know, those".

Philosopher Alan Watts describes those who accept the bad as well as the good as "playing the game". Watts' way of playing the game is by standing black and white.

"What Watts means by this is that those who play this "game" are always trying to force one side (in this case happiness and pleasure) to determinate one's ultimate happiness in life, instead of trying to alter the outside world—happiness that he has given to the one that we believe in our family that we know what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame family by seeing the game through and understanding the games that we have to play all those hands collectively that are those of Notre Dame history if Pickup's what we be."

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The History

Notre Dame has only faced the Mountaineers of West Virginia once, and that was on Jan. 2, 1989, at the Sunlife Fiesta Bowl. The 34-21 Irish victory capped off a perfect season as we went 12-0 and won a national championship. Here’s how it went down:

Notre Dame scored on its first two possessions and held WVU without a first down through the first 20 minutes. On the third play from scrimmage, Major Harris went to the sidelines with a separated left shoulder. He continued to play although severely set back by the injury. In addition to Harris, WVU lost John Stroia and Jim Gray to concussions and Undra Johnson to a knee strain.

Meanwhile, the Fighting Irish had hiked up the score to 23, but kicker Charlie Baumann kicked two field goals to keep the game relatively close at the half.

The Mountaineers struck early in the third quarter with a 47-yard touchdown pass. Then things got scary for ND as Willie Edwards intercepted a long-time pass and ran it back to the Irish 20-yard line to change the momentum of the game. But the Fighting Irish went through as the Irish made three huge plays for consecutive losses. After that, the game was pretty much over, and a late scoring drive by the Mountaineers made the game seem a lot closer than it really was.

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Successful Season

Here Come the Men in Yellow

By JOSEPH WEILER
Assistant Accent Editor

You cannot escape them. Everywhere you look they are there. If you run they will be there. If you hide they will be there. And if you are foolish enough to try to enjoy a cold brew while at a home football game, they most certainly will be there.

They are the myriad of men assigned to the gates and ideas at every contest tried in the Notre Dame stadium. They are, THE MEN IN YELLOW.

Yes, they are the ushers.

As this first historic season in the new stadium draws to a close, Accent decided to take a closer look at those heroic men chosen to meet, greet, and enforce the law. Who are they? What do they want? What exactly do they do besides escort rowdy fans from the stadium? And what does it take to be one of the few, the proud, the ushers?

"There are a tremendous amount of applicants each year," says Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel, "and we don't even advertise for them. They just come to us." Of this huge pool of applicants, about 850 are fortunate enough to be chosen for the nation's largest corps of ushers. And, contrary to popular belief, they are not all Notre Dame alums, nor are they overage parents of students. In fact, there are only three members of the ushering staff who can claim this university as their Alma Mater, of which Gagnon ('66) is one.

So if they are not alumni or parents then, who are these people and where do they come from? "They are the loyal fans," says Gagnon. Amazingly, about 550 of these men are unpaid volunteers. The other 300 are either ticket takers who don't get to see most of the game or followers who don't get to see most of the game or supervisors in charge of the rest of the staff. Until about seven years ago, nobody was paid. No other school in the country can claim such undying loyalty in its staff.

Even more mind-blowing than that stat is that these men aren't just locals either. While a majority of the volunteers come from southwest Michigan and northern Indiana, they are a diverse crowd with representatives from across the nation: Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

These men aren't just your average "Joe Blows" either. Gagnon boasts of lawyers, architects and physicians! Also, two current ushers were even recruited to play for the Golden Dome back in their day. The Notre Dame fan truly is a special breed.

Being chosen as one of 850 ushers out of thousands of potential applicants seems an intimidating feat, but Gagnon claims that the qualifications are really quite simple. First and foremost an applicant needs to be 21. "Other than that, we are looking for men who can be friendly greeters and also need to be friendly greeters and not look at the team," he says. And from that, both students and people in the general admission section have been removed from the stadium for various violations, such as doing pushups after touchdowns and fighting with other fans.

After someone has met all of the qualifications and can finally call themselves the "period owners of a bright yellow hat and jacket, their duties as an official usher at the Notre Dame stadium can begin.

Once chosen, the ushers are required to attend all of the games. Here is a typical Saturday:

5:45 a.m. — Gagnon opens the stadium.

6:00 a.m. — A crew of ushers show up to get things running.

9:30 a.m. — The top 25 usher captains hold a meeting and plan for the day — this includes review of last game and problems.

For instance, there are typically problems with fans on certain stairways and people slipping. Other concerns are snowy nights when it snows and, of course, alcohol violations.

11:00 a.m. — All of the usher captains arrive.

11:30 a.m. — All remaining ushers arrive and briefing begins. This lasts for about half an hour and includes direction on how to be good ambassadors of the University, and techniques and problems that may occur in dealing with alcohol.

12:30 p.m. — The gates open to the public and the friendly greeting begins. Aside from courtesy and being students and fans to their groups outside, they are scanning the crowd with a sharp eye for any sign of trouble. They answer questions and are expected to help with any problems or incidents that may occur.

Gametime — While they are allowed to watch the game, they have no seats and are expected to be on duty should the occasion arise that they need to be of any assistance.

Immediately after the game — The ushers are expected to stay until most of the fans have left the building and are usually done about 15 minutes after the game is ended.

Given all of this, it is hard to imagine anyone wanting to be an usher, much less volunteer to be one without any pay. They do receive what Gagnon calls "the pay" in that they become part of the Notre Dame experience, but they give up both a seat and any comfort hoped for in watching a game. Not only that, but they have to deal with all of the rowdy fans and problems that should arise.

But just like everything else at Notre Dame, being an usher is not entirely without its charm — or its benefits. K. R. Stokoe began the program in 1914. He used to make a practice of bringing his ushers out onto the field and giving them a season's pass.

"I am proud to say this," says Gagnon, just recently retired as a successful dedicated to his job. A volunteer who would give up the time and effort but who was entitled to on Saturdays, while working at a local store during the depression era, as he could attend Notre Dame football games.

The friendly and service provided by the ushers during home football games is but a window of the entire effort required to pull off six games throughout the season. Thousands of employees and volunteers all pull together to make sure the Notre Dame experience is happy. And, if they've done their job correctly, you'll never even know they've been there.
By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Yet many people in the Notre Dame community are even aware of the team's success. "People don't even realize how good Max is," said junior Anthony Maxwell.

But in the end, the runners emphasized the role recruiting plays in Notre Dame's success.

"We've been real fortunate to get recruits that blend in with the returning kids, so the chemistry is good," said Patsy. If the kids on the team feel that a kid wouldn't fit in, we recruit him, so we get kids with similar work ethics. We want kids that will fit into our scheme. That way, they believe they're going to be in the top 10 in the country and believe they're going to qualify for nationals."

Another major factor in Notre Dame's continued success is its work during the off-season. "Summer is the time when cross country teams are made," said Patsy. "I tell the kids they cut the diamond during the summer, and what we do during the [summer] is well worth it in the fall."

In the summer, the runners primarily do long-distance runs. Patsy encourages them to do three road runs in the summer, plus weekly interval training, mainly as a motivator. After the top seven, the team will run only one day a week for a couple weeks, with the exception of senior Bruno Shanby and Anthony Ali, who will run in the U.S. Junior national championship in December in Portland, Ore. The team's first finisher at the 1996 NCAA cross country championships was the first runner in five of seven meets this season. He placed second overall at the entire Big East and district cross country meets last year. He is a cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, and academic all-American — the first to do all four at Notre Dame.

"Jason's running the way Jason's running the way Jason's running," he said. "He's capable of being an all-American, and so is Anthony Maxwell."

A major factor in Notre Dame's success has been the performance of the two freshmen, Shay and Alt. "The two freshman runners have done a great job of adapting to college cross country excepting the fact that I said Patsy. "I think they've been running just wonderfully. The future looks rosier and rosier for us."

Shay and Alt were the first freshmen runners ever to finish at the Big East championships and the second for freshmen at the Great Lake Region.

The final key was the consistency of seniors Mike Conway and Scott Grace.

"They had battled with the top seven in the past, but really are the top seven this year," said Patsy. At the NCAs on Monday, the first goal for the Irish is to finish in the top 10, but they would also want to be among the top five teams and come away with at least one all-American.

"We want to get in the top 10. That's something we'll be very disappointed in if we don't do," said Patsy. "We're reaching for five. Four teams have set themselves. Five teams have set themselves. Four teams have set themselves. Four teams have set themselves."

For the seniors, Patsy said: "I'd like to see Jason as an all-American, and see Anthony [Mike] and Mike run the way they've run all year. That's been the hallmark of Notre Dame cross country the last 10 years — we don't screw up and they don't make mistakes."

The team will be competing against 21 other teams from across the country. The biggest competition should come from defending champion Stanford, Arkansas, Michigan, and Colorado. The championships are Monday at 11 a.m.
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Saint Mary’s basket ball

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

The theme of revenge is as common in the Saint Mary’s locker room as in a Shakespearean tragedy. As the Belles basketball team prepares for its season opener this weekend at Kalamazoo College’s Hornet Tip-Off, the returnees remember last year’s games against Defiance and Kalamazoo all too well. And they’ve certainly reminded the freshmen about last year’s loss to the Belles last year.

Defiance went to national competition after going undefeated in its regular season, which included a 98-48 humiliation of Saint Mary’s.

“They’re a tough team,” second-year head coach David Roeder remembered. “We’ll have to play an up-tempo game if we want to win.”

If the Belles can triumph, they’ll move on to play against Kalamazoo or Whittier College on Saturday. Kalamazoo, trying to rebound off a 9-16 season, still boasts a speedy offense which came back from a nine-point deficit to deliver a heartbreaking 67-69 loss to the Belles last year.

The Belles have yet to play Whittier.

Attemting to propel Saint Mary’s as far from last year’s 4-20 record as possible, Roeder has learned the importance of the first win.

“We want success early,” Roeder said. “It’s important for our motivation and confidence.”

Reminded of last year’s losses, which became as habitual as nail biting, he also knows better than to shoot for the stars.

“We’re keeping our goal realistic,” Roeder said. “We’d like to improve to 500.”

Although not a lofty aspiration, the Belles may still have difficulty reaching it. With only nine healthy players averaging 5-foot-6, and 1,647 points, the Belles’ offense could not alone their defensive fumbles.

Their easily exhausted defense took the blame for nine fourth-quarter losses within six points.

Lacking bench depth, the defense may again prove to be a side-stitch for Saint Mary’s.

“We’re working on playing aggressive defense without making day or light faults,” White stated.

Dumb this team is not. Using the 1996-1997 season as a parable, Roeder won’t let his squad bury their less-than pretty record in embarrassment.

“He uses last season as inspiration,“ said Nikes. “He doesn’t focus on records, just on stats. He wants us to remember how close we came to winning so many games.”

The Belles hope their opponents can recall last season’s woes as well.

“Our record was really misleading,” co-captain Julie McGill said. “They’ll all come in thinking it’ll be a cakewalk, and we’ll really surprise them.”

It may not be a cakewalk for their weekend opponents. But if history proves to repeat itself, it won’t be a stroll in the park for the Belles either.

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SAINT MARY’S BASKETBALL
Swimmers refocus after loss to Albion

By MOLLY McVoy
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s swimmers swam tough at Albion College yesterday in their sixth dual meet in three weeks, but they dropped the meet to Albion, bringing their record to 2-4 on the year.

Nearly all of the swimmers had their season-best times and all of the relay teams beat their season highs. The past two meets have been part of the Belles’ training for one of the biggest meets of their season on Saturday. They swim at the Wabash Invitational in Indianapolis, sponsored by Indiana University and Purdue University.

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Those reading this right now are probably saying, “Who cares? Wrestling is fake and not cool.” Well professional wrestling may be fake, but deep down inside of all males and quite possibly females there lies a passion for the sport that takes place within the squared circle. Our lives may have changed when little-known Terry Bollea, a.k.a. Hulk Hogan, picked up the turnbuckle, breaking the hold of the Sheik while in the camel clutch and slamming him into the turnbuckle, breaking the hold of the Sheik. If you’re not sure what I’m talking about, read on.

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Irish tie Bulldogs in nail-biter

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team's battle against Ferris State last night at the Joyce Center was like a roller coaster. Up and down, back and forth, in and out, the two teams went at it like the football team and the .500 mark. When the dust settled, the Irish were relegated to accepting a 5-5 tie with the Bulldogs, in a game that involved more uncertainty and nervousness than a Notre Dame game.

The Irish got on the roller coaster from the inception of the contest. Ben Simon and Troy Bagne had one-on-one breaks against the Bulldogs that resulted in near misses. However, the roller coaster began as the Bulldogs pounded away at Notre Dame's net. This consistent battering against an Irish squad that was seemingly lifeless in the first period led to two goals, the first by Jim Dube at 12:01 and the second by Geoff Bennett at 13:58, putting the Irish in a hole to begin the second period.

In the second period, the roller coaster once again shifted and the Irish came out as a team reborn. From the get-go they attacked the Ferris State nets like maggots to a decaying carcass, and emerged with three goals to take the lead. The Irish, who have been a better team on the road this season, will look to this game as another parameter on which to measure their ascension through the ranks of the CCHA.

In the third period, the roller coaster went haywire. The Bulldogs began the by-raising with a power-play goal from Kevin Swider at 1:13. The Irish retaliated, and retaliation arrived in the form of an Amiket Dhadaphale goal two minutes later, set up by Lyle Andrusiak and Brian Erick. Ferris State answered with two goals, at 7:37 and 8:41, from Joel Irwin and Brian McCallough. Ahead 5-4, the Bulldogs looked to upset the Irish and were about to do exactly that until Dan Carlson found the back of the net as a scramble ensued in front of the Bulldog net at 15:39. Carlson rebounded repeated shots by Mark Eaton and Simon and, in the process, led the Irish to overtime.

Overtime maintained the higher-keeler nature of the first three periods with one exception - no goals were scored. Matt Eisti, who turned in another fantastic effort despite what the scoreboard indicated, refused shot after shot and ensured that the Irish would emerge with at least a tie. The offense came close a few times, but was unable to find the net and Notre Dame was forced to accept the tie.

Although the tie earns the Irish a point in the standings in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, don't expect the Irish to be happy about the result of this match. "We played the game schizophrenically," stated Simon, Irish and about to do this against them Saturday night and hopefully for the rest of the season."

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Women's Basketball

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Women's Volleyball
Bracket
Nov. 22-23, 1997

1 Notre Dame (11-0)
8 BYE
4 Syracuse (6-5)
5 Pittsburgh (6-5)
3 UConn (8-3)
6 WVU (5-6)
2 Villanova (9-2)
7 BYE

First Round
Nov. 22 (a.m.)
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straight matches, three against Big East opponents. However, a four-game loss to Southwest Missouri State ended the streak, followed by a three-game defeat at the hands of the Irish, by the score of 15-5, 15-7, 15-9. Syracuse has one of the strongest blocking games in the conference with three players averaging more than one block per game. Julie Nicholson and Desiree Hobbs are first and second on the Big East leaderboard in blocking, with 1.60 and 1.49 blocks respectively. They also have one of the finest setters in the conference, senior Carrie Urton. Urton averages 11.61 assists per game, just ahead of Irish freshman Denise Boylan. Pittsburgh is another team that clinched a tournament berth in the final week of regular season competition. After a 5-6 conference play, the Panthers won the first two matches of the month against Providence and Boston College before losing their next three. In the midst of their slump, the Panthers lost to the Irish in four games by a score of 15-2, 15-13, 14-16, 15-5. Despite a misleading conference record and overall lack of experience, the Panthers are also one of the strongest teams in the conference. In Big East matches this season, Pittsburgh ranks second in service aces, third in kills, and fifth in percentage. "It's a real advantage for us to have played both teams earlier on in the season," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We know what they did that worked well for them, and we know what they did that worked well against us. I think specifically we need to work on our passing and ball-handling. We need to play as consistently as we have for the entire season. Our offense and setting are strong, and I think we'll improve as time goes on." The Irish have proved that they are more than ready to take on the challenge that either of these teams presents. For the past two years, the Irish have not lost once to a Big East opponent. This year is no different as they rolled through the conference schedule. But the Irish have not played five of the six teams in this year's tournament bracket have met the Irish in three games, the exception being Pittsburgh.

In the latter half of the season, a change in Notre Dame's offensive strategy helped the team win its last eight matches and 15 of its last 16. All six of Notre Dame's losses have come at the hands of ranked opponents, including current No. 4 Florida and No. 5 Wisconsin. The schedule gets no easier, and after the Big East tournament the team will face sixth-ranked UC Santa Barbara and current No. 1 Long Beach State.

The other first-round match tomorrow is between No. 3 seed Connecticut and No. 6 seed West Virginia. Later that day, the winner of the match will face Villanova, the only team other than Notre Dame to receive a bye in the first round. During the regular season, the Wildcats defeated both teams, each in three games.

"It think right now our focus is on playing well," Brown remarked. "I think we need to realize the level which we need to compete for the next couple of weeks. Right now, though, I'm confident that we're able to compete with the best teams in the nation."

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Craig Counsell has some big shoes to fill if he wants to get into the Hall of Fame someday. Luckily, his are already there.

Because the Notre Dame grad graduated in the top 50 and scored the winning run in Game 7 of the World Series to give the Florida Marlins a 3-2 victory, his spikes are now in the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

And if he keeps performing the way he did in Game 7 he might not be too far behind them.

Counsell's story is the kind that is made into a movie. In fact, don't be surprised if it someday is. Although it has been nearly a month since that fallacious October night, people are still talking about the "baby-faced assassin" of the Cleveland Indians, as one Florida reporter referred to him, or the kid who came out of nowhere to steal the Series for the Marlins.

The screenplay goes far beyond the 1997 series, however.

From Aug. 21, 1979, the day Counsell was born, he was meant to be a baseball player. Born in South Bend and baptized in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Notre Dame's campus, Counsell was immediately thrust not only into baseball, but Notre Dame football. His father, John, captained the last of his four years under head coach Ara Parseghian in 1964, and then returned as an assistant to Kline after playing four years in the Minnesota Twins organization.

By age two, Counsell was already strutting the Irish uniform as a honorary buttoy for the Notre Dame freshman team.

When his dad got a job with the Milwaukee Brewers as their community relations director in 1978, Craig then was surround by players like Paul Molitor, Robin Yount, and Jim Gantner.

There was no doubt that the stage was set for Craig Counsell to be a ballplayer. But that didn't exactly guarantee him an easy time selling his story. Counsell, who was not heavily recruited out of Whitefish Bay High School (Whitefish Bay, Wis.) due to his size, has con- tinually had to prove the world what kind of ballplayer he can be.

Former Notre Dame head coach Pat Murphy (1988-94) was the first of the many skeptics Counsell had to face.

When we went to talk to Coach Murphy, he was hesitant about recruiting Craig because he thought he was too small, and kind of had to figure out a nice way of saying, "I don't want to have to cut your son," John Counsell, who knew Murphy through his connection with the Irish, said. "I was just kind of laughing inside and thought, 'He doesn't know how good Craig is. Craig is the kind of person that when people say you can't, that becomes his challenge to prove them wrong.'"

The elderly Counsell is one person who never needed to be convinced of his son's ability, however, in a very short period of time.

"I've never known a player that has improved so much in nine years," Murphy said of Craig Counsell during his senior year. "He's going to be a star, probably for some pro team — it's invaluable to us."

"Craig grows on you," Murphy said of his son. "He began in left field at Notre Dame and the coaches were happy with the progress he made, so they tried him at third base. His career at Notre Dame was like a shot in the arm to his life. He added another tool each year, and improved each year."

By the time Counsell was finished with his career, he was the finishing touch to a team that had re- tained the 1992 team, and he was the catalyst of an all-time career leader in games played and games started for the Irish.

The two most impressive statistics Counsell left with the Irish, however, were his batting average and his slugging average, both of which are most indicative of the kind of player he is, are that he is the all-time leader in both on-balls and second in total sacrfifices.

"Craig had a bigger bat with the Irish," John said. "He does what is necessary to be successful, but more importantly, he does what is necessary to help his team." Country Counsell, in his time at Notre Dame not as what playing baseball there did to enhance his career; instead, he says it is what it did to enhance him as a person.

"I think more than anything, it was a great place to go to school and the coaches and Counsell commented. "I feel like I really grew up. Coach Murphy had a big impact on my life. He taught me what's more than just baseball. Also, my best friends are still from there."

His time with the Irish served as a catalyst for what Counsell planned to do his whole life: play professional baseball.

"That's all I ever wanted to do," Counsell answered when asked if he thought when he was at Notre Dame that he would be drafted when he left. "Obviously, I was there to go to school, but all I've ever wanted to do is play baseball. That was my goal when I went to Notre Dame — after I went to school — to play professional baseball."

Counsell matriculated into Notre Dame with a degree in accounting, that at this rate, he may never need.

The adversity for Counsell did not end at the college level. After being drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 11th round of the free-agent draft in 1992, his coinciding skills were once again called into question. Counsell suffered a broken foot and a severely broken nose in 1992 that hampered his first shot at the majors. After leading the California League shortstops with 621 total chances in 1993, he was again back on the bench with another foot injury in 1994, totaling three times on the disabled list throughout the summer.

But like he always had before, Counsell fought back for the '95 season, leading the Pacific Coast League shortstops with 598 total chances and 96 double plays, until a broken leg put him back on the DL for the 1996 season.

Despite the fact that the injuries began to frustrate the then 28-year-old, he never lost faith in himself or his ability to make it in the "show."

"Injuries were really frustrating — out of the five years I played in the minors, I probably missed two and a half years to injuries," Counsell said. "But I think more than anything, it was a thought of giving up, though, because I still wanted to play baseball. It is what I feel I do good at and it is what I've always wanted to do. So there was never a thought of giving up."

However, after nearly three years of injuries, the Rockies gave Counsell up to the Florida Marlins. As it turned out, the Florida Marlins had been interested in Counsell throughout his minor league career, but it was not until the final injury that the Rockies began considering giving him up in a trade.

"The Marlins tried to trade for Craig for three years," John Counsell said. "Two years later, the Rockies began giving up because of injury, and the Marlins got their way."

A midseason trade for Mark Hutton landed Counsell with the Marlins, and the rest is history. After battling for the position at second base, Counsell finally became the starting shortstop, and what he has done from there is now part of the record books.

Before his World Series performance, Counsell batted .400 in the Division Series, and .429 in the Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves. And it is no surprise how he made history in Game 7 — in the bottom of the ninth with the Marlins trailing 2-1, Counsell hit a sacrifice fly to score Moises Alou and send the game into extra innings. He then got a base hit in the 11th, and Tony Fernandez brought him home as the winning run as the home run of the 1997 World Series.

So the remaining question is: Where does Counsell go from here? At 27 years old, has gone from a kid who, during post-season play, had to show identification to an usher in order to get into Pro Player Stadium because the usher thought he was a fan, to being around for autographs, to one of the starting candidates in the World Series. It makes one wonder whether it can get much better than that.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

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The soft-spoken Streiffer soon found herself thrust into the spotlight. Prior to last year's North Carolina game, not many people knew who she was. Then, when she knocked in both goals in the 2-0 win over the Duke Blue Devils, nobody knew exactly what she was. In the Big East tournament final, her goal was named Big East offensive player of the year.

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Best foot forward, soft-spoken Streiffer leads Irish

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

North Carolina goalkeeper Gretchen Overgaard may vaguely recall her first encounter with Notre Dame forward Jenny Streiffer. Streiffer knocked Overgaard unconscious while scoring the winning goal against the Santa Clara forward Jenny Sobrero said. "I know that she was an alternate for the U.S. Olympic team and was invited to play on the U.S. victory tour.

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During her high school career in Baten, she was one of the best game yet against Connecticut, Sobrero said. "I need to focus on my conditioning and make sure that I am prepared and won't let the slightest opportunity slip away."

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Irish to face ranked Blue Devils

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

The early stretch of the college basketball season provides opportunities for learning. With that in mind, women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw of the Blue Devils sees learning in the most ideal way — by playing the best.

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CAROL: You may be able to talk your way out of anything today. The best and most obvious solutions are rejected by parties in control. Risk-taking is not favored. Caution wins the day.

Sagittarius: Ease up on the self-discipline and let your hair down. There's no law against having some fun. As long as you're sif- eres, people will be happy to give you a lot of slack today.

Capricorn: Sometimes, as the lone voice of reason, it's best to just be quiet for awhile. Creative approaches may not be appreciated today. Take comfort in the fact that at least you did your best.

Aquarius: In the economics of love and friendship, if you give a little, you get a lot. Waiting for something to happen can be the biggest waste of time. Learn a lesson or two from following your heart today.

Pisces: Today Pisces looks and feels like a bottom feeder. Reverse your downward spiral and swim up to where the sunlight penetrates the surface. You're the one who has the final say about the shape and color of your world.
Volleyball

Defending champs favored in Big East tourney

By BILL HART

When Notre Dame volleyball and the Big East tournament are used in the same sentence, one word usually comes to mind: dominance. This year is no exception, as the Irish are 77-5-1 at Alumni Field, and the Big East tournament would improve our chances of getting into the NCAA tournament. All-time, the Irish are 26-5-1 in the Big East.

Sophomore Jenny Strefler leads the Irish in scoring and hopes to help the team topple Nebraska in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Irish have pounced opposing goalkeepers, averaging 17.75 shots per game. Sophomore Jenny Strefler leads the team in scoring with 56 points in 21 games, and freshmen Moiris Eirkson and Anne Makinen pace the squad with 20 goals apiece.

This team has a lot of young players that have really stepped into big roles for us," said Manthei. "They are not naive players, and they have stepped up when it counts."

Notre Dame also has the home field advantage on its side. In the friendly confines of Alumni Field, the Irish have compiled a 7-0 record in NCAA tournament play. All-time, the Irish are 17-5-1 at Alumni Field, and 26-1-1 in their last 56 games there.

"I think our big thing is going to be all attitude," said head coach Chris Petruccelli. "If we can continue to play with an attacking attitude, then we'll be okay."