Cavanaugh fall victim is ‘optimistic’

By TOM ENRIGHT

Former Cavanaugh Hall resident and 1998 alumna Katie McCoyd, who fell down an elevator shaft shortly before graduation last spring, has recovered and begun her career at DC systems.

McCoyd fell about 30 feet down the shaft after trying to jump out of the elevator, which stopped five feet above the second floor. As she tried to climb out backwards, she swung under the car into the shaft. After landing in the basement, McCoyd was transported to St. Joseph Hospital and later to Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago for more care.

She suffered a broken pelvis and is trying to jump out of second floor.

The story, which was first published in the senior issue of The Observer last May, reported that Notre Dame officials were unsure whether she would be able to attend graduation. McCoyd recovered enough to attend the ceremony but had to walk with crutches for the next 10 weeks. She must still attend physical therapy three times a week.

“Things are going well,” she said. “I’m optimistic.”

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Catched on tape ... Cease-fire halts Irish violence

In response to the tragic car bombing in Omagh, Northern Ireland which killed 28 people, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) announced a cease-fire. That announcement came just minutes before a national, inter-denomina-
tional moment of silence was planned in memory of the victims.

Another group, the Real IRA, claimed responsibility for the attack, but joined the INLA in the decision to stop the violence.

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By BRIDGET O’CONNOR

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By TIM LOGAN

Topics ranged from the statue of St. Ed in commencement speakers as Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Kirk addressed the Student Senate last night.

Kirk focused primarily on residence hall renovations, Saferide expansion and cable access in dorm rooms.

“I don’t know of any halls scheduled (for renovation) in the next year,” said Kirk, who noted that the two-season restoration of Morrissey Hall was more extensive and more costly than had been anticipated. The project used up a large portion of the money which is allocated each year for major residence hall renovations.

While Kirk was unable to specify which dorm would be renovated next, he did point out that all are continuously main-
tained.

“A lot of renovation in residence halls we don’t see. Other than things working the way they should be, you wouldn’t know about them,” he said.

Kirk also told the Senate that laundry machines were installed in Keenan and Stanford halls over the summer, and these machines will be installed during Christmas break in one of the four men’s dorms that still lack service.

Kirk thanked student leaders for their work on expanding Saferide service to Thursday nights, and pointed out that the service is primarily intended to give students a chance to go on the road instead of having to meet at a certain time.

Kirk also announced that the الأرثودكسي الكاثوليكية in dorm rooms at Notre Dame are not as efficient as they could be. He also noted that the new system was the last kind of that travaesty.

“IT LETS PEOPLE I THEY ASSUME CERTAIN RISKS IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES. TRANSPORTATION IS INFERNELY RISKY,” said Kirk. He acknowledged that the service would not hold up in a court of law if the campus policy was found to be 

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The Reno extends inquiry to Gore and fund-raising

by David Johnston

Washington

Attorney General Janet Reno advanced a significant step closer on toward deciding whether to ask for an independent prosecutor to investigate Vice President Al Gore's role in fund raising for the 1996 campaign, government officials said.

Reno ordered a 90-day preliminary inquiry into whether Gore lied to investigators last year when he was initially interviewed about his telephone solicitations to donors from the White House, the officials said.

The investigation into Gore's fund-raising calls was reopened after the White House produced a 1995 memo last month that suggested Gore and other Democratic campaign officials discussed how the money he solicited would be used.

In addition, investigators in recent days have interviewed several of the meeting's participants, who have indicated that Gore could have known that some of his fund raising would be funneled into direct-re-election efforts — which could be illegal, the officials said.

But Reno determines at the end of the three-month investigation that there is evidence that Gore misled investigators, she will be obligated under the independent-counsel law to refer the case to an outside prosecutor.

Gore's lawyer said on Wednesday that Gore had done nothing wrong.

"The vice president volunteered to be interviewed, and he has been interviewed twice," said the lawyer, James Neal. "I am totally satisfied that Vice President Gore has fully, completely and honestly answered every question asked of him. I am confident that when this investigation is completed, the Department of Justice will reach the same conclusion."

Reno has reached this stage before in deliberating whether to seek an independent prosecutor to examine Gore's fund-raising. Some officials doubted that her decision on Wednesday indicated that she would ultimately seek an independent prosecutor into campaign finance abuses — suggesting that the evidence against Gore is insubstantial. Others said that Reno was unpredictable on such issues and could go forward with the appointment.

She has been a controversial one. For more than 18 months, the attorney general has refused to request that an independent counsel look into claims that Republican demonstrators that she has covered up for the White House and has shielded President Clinton and Gore from possible prosecution.

Reno's decision on Wednesday was contained in a formal notification to the three-member panel of appellate judges who actually select independent counsels. But the Justice Department did not announce its action on Wednesday, awaiting an authorization from the judges.

Nevertheless, Republicans attacked Reno for focusing on only one of the numerous allegations of wrongdoing and for setting up a timetable that will delay a decision until November, after this year's congressional elections.

"An independent counsel is a must for the entire campaign fundraising investigation," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who is chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Earlier this month, the panel voted to refer Reno with contempt for refusing to provide lawmakers with a memo from Clinton's office raising doubts about the president's office raised money that in part was diverted to "hard money" accounts at the Democrat National Committee, which are subject to federal election laws. The attorney general said she would be used to directly support candidates like Clinton and Gore.

But last December, when Reno formally rejected referring the phone call issue to an independent prosecutor, she absolved Gore of wrongdoing in connection with the calls. At the time, she based her decision on what she said was the lack of any suggesting that the vice president knew his solicitation raised "hard money." Justice Department investigators have raised additional questions about Gore's statements in part because of newly discovered handwritten notations on a Nov. 21, 1995, White House memorandum that suggests ore may not have been candid about the phone calls.

Several copies of the undergiving campaign budget memo had been provided to prosecutors. But the copy with an aide's handwritten notations was not turned over by the White House until last month, nearly 18 months after the Justice Department first subpoenaed campaign-related material.

The notations, written during a White House meeting, also held on Nov. 21, indicate that participants, who included Gore, discussed diversifying part of the contributions into hard money accounts. The notes suggest Gore knew that any of the contributions could be used to directly support candidates like Clinton and Gore.

Among the participants at the meeting were Clinton's Travel, a White House aide. Donald Fowler, the former Democratic National Committee chairman, and Marvin Rosen, the former Democratic National Committee finance chairman. Gore appeared to be an enthusiastic participant, and was quoted by his aide as saying "count me in on the calls."

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Attorney for the Vice President

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tion," said Kirk. "The wisdom of that decision is debatable ... and I would like to open up with a dif-
ferent decision."

However, he pointed to a sur-
ev of students at the last meeting of the previous proposal which indicated that the cost for cable installation if it came at a sig-
nificant cost.

Instead, cable today would cost "millions," Kirk estimated, and "one way or another would come in the form of a small increase in room and board costs rather than a pay-by-use system which is "something the University is not interested in doing," Kirk continued.

Senators thanked Kirk as well as the department of Facilities Operations for the work on campus improvements over the summer.

"The campus looks great, a lot of good things were done over the summer," said Matt Mamak, chair of the Residence Life committee.

In other Senate news:

• The body brought up their resolution to increase student involvement in the commence-
ment speaker process, but chose to send it back to the Academic Affairs committee for further adjustment.

The resolution, which was proposed last spring during the controversy over the selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, calls for better execu-
tion of the selection process as it is currently designed.

"This resolution says that we support the current machinery and we expect the (junior) class officers to do their part and the administration to do their part," said senator Constantinides. The present system calls on the junior class president to make recommendations to University officials, who then select and invite a speaker.

During the debate, the Senate agreed to strike a statement in the resolution which called for a speaker "with a national reputa-
tion."

The motion was sent back to the Academic Affairs committee for some final adjustment, and will likely come up for a final vote next week.

• Pasquerilla East senator Stephen Foster, who chairs the Multicultural Affairs committee, voiced concern about the lack of representation by The Observer in recent prejudice reduction workshops held for campus media and student leaders.

"In the last year there has been a series of complaints about prejudice within The Observer," said Foster. "Why are they not obligated to attend (the retreats and workshops)?"

Kirk explained that The Observer is not funded by Student Activities, but rather through the RSE fee assessed to each student by the Office of Student Affairs. Therefore, the paper is independent, and not accountable to the Office of Student Activities.

Kirk suggested the Senate take it upon themselves to address the issue with The Observer if they think it war-
ned further attention.

• Student body vice president Andria Selak announced the Office of the President's plans for the coming semester which include expanding Saferide, improving student-faculty rela-
tions and working with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to host multicultural/diversity aware-
ness workshops in residence halls.

Student Government plans to create a lunch program in which students and professors within departments and col-
leges can meet and get to know each other. They also hope to recreate the Hall Fellows pro-
gram, which pairs each resi-
dence hall with a certain profes-
sor in an effort to improve stu-
dent-faculty relations.

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and the Loyalists into an awk-
ward position as they are now forced to respond to Sinn Fein. "Unionists cannot refuse to talk to Sinn Fein because when they weaken the political process they strengthen the cause of the militant," he said.

If leaders do not do everything in their power to promote politi-
cal structures which will facili-
tate a true solution to the trou-
bles, a return to violence would be imminent.

According to Deane, Loyalists must now either get the politi-
cal process moving and deal with issues that arise with Sinn Fein or suffer a continuing decline in strength.

That decline would be brought about by a public backlash should they feel that Unionists were detracting from the political peace process.

As to whether the existence of the various groups on each side helps or hinders the process, Deane suggested that it was not the existence of the separate groups but the hostili-
ty of the militant groups that sets the process back.

"I think their hostility has to do with some degree weakened the political process," said Deane. He explained that while the degree of support that the more extreme groups receive is diffi-
cult to determine, the support stems from areas like South Armagh and Fermanagh where there has been steady belief in the sentiment that the peace process represents a surren-
der.

Deane did not feel that there was much of a parallel to be drawn between the type of ter-
rorist violence that has become synonymous with Northern Ireland and that to which the United States has recently been exposed.

He did note, however, that what can be taken from the Northern Irish experience is that it is "far better to address the root of the problem than to combat it with increased resis-
tance."
Chinese take blame for floods

BEIJING

Charges are mounting that bad policies and official neglect have worsened this summer's disastrous flooding in China, and the government has made the unusual admission that its flood response is partly to blame - and announced sweeping policy changes. Officials have clearly been shocked by the scale of damage in southern and northeastern China, where severe flooding persists. This year's rains have been torrential, but not as great as in some years when the extent of flooding and the damages were less. In the last few weeks, the official press has carried increasingly sharp articles and editorials on the harmful effects of clear-cutting timber along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River. For example, the government has launched a vast wetlands along the river's course.

Diplomats claim Sudan helped Iraq after Gulf War

KHARTOUM, Sudan

At the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1991, when Sudan was one of Iraq's few remaining friends in the world, the government here struck a bargain with Baghdad, foreign diplomats and Sudanese officials said Thursday. In return for Iraqi financial help and assistance by military and civilian experts, Sudan agreed to assist in conversions to be used by Iraqi technicians for stops in the production of chemical weapons they said. The deal was beneficial to both countries. Struggling Sudan got economic help, and Iraq was able to move ahead with chemical weapons programs away from the gaze of U.N. weapons inspectors. "Sudan is a wonderful place to do everything in," a former Sudanese government official said. A diplomat here said the Clinton administration had known about the Iraqi chemical weapons activities here for some time.

Subway mosquitoes evolve

LONDON, England

Mosquitoes that used to feed on rats, mice and other small mammals, Ms. Byrne said, have slowly evolved, said Byrne, a population geneticist at London University's Genetics Center. Unable to find birds, the mosquitoes began preying on rats, mice at the vast complex of dams and irrigation systems for which the government has grown to upwards of 250,000 refugees has taken refuge in the area near the NorthCarolina-Virginia line.

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Hurricane Bonnie strikes Carolinas

WILMINGTON, N.C.

Taking one of history's busiest storm routes, Hurricane Bonnie blew into the Carolinas with drenching rain and howling, 115 mph winds Wednesday. The storm slowed to a crawl that could mean a prolonged drochning.

Arriving hours after a half-million people had fled inland, the storm dumped heavy rains on the Outer Banks, knocked out power to at least 240,000, and peeled a roof from a hospital. There were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries.

There also were preliminary reports that the storm created new islands that cut two small barrier islands in half, authorities said.

Andrew Tawes was among the few who remained on North Carolina's Outer Banks as the storm hit, staying to look after his house and cabinet shop. His wife and two children fled the island to stay with relatives.

"I've got thousands of dollars in wood and materials in my shop right now," he said. "I'm scared to death for it." The storm reached land early in the afternoon at Cape Fear, near the South Carolina state line. It slowed from 16 mph to 8 mph as it eased ashore, and forecasters said it could linger over North Carolina for as much a day and bring 15 to 20 inches of rain.

As of 7:30 p.m., Bonnie was centered near Wilmington, about 20 miles north of Cape Fear. Four to five inches of rain are expected later Wednesday night into Thursday morning, with more expected Thursday night.

The storm was expected eventually to veer to the northeast and move out to sea near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

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Cannon fire kills relief workers

LEEUWARDEN, Netherlands

Three people bringing supplies to refugees have been killed by cannon fire from a police vehicle in what appears to be the most serious government effort yet to halt aid worker attacks.

The three, all ethnic Albanians working for Mother Teresa's relief organization, were killed on Monday as they rode on tractors pulling wagons loaded with supplies for some of the ethnic refugees who have fled a government military offensive in the province of Kosovo. The number of refugees has grown to upwards of 300,000.

The wagons were piled with food and water, and硬cords and large help were being borne the name of the donor, Doctors without Borders said. A government statement explained the shooting by saying the police in an armored personnel car-

ried could not see what was in the wagons and became suspicious and opened fire.

The attack occurred in an open field at midafternoon in the village of Vlasi, between 115 miles from here. The three relief aid workers were local representatives of the Mother Teresa group, which handles distribution of most international refugee supplies.

The attack seems to confirm the suspicions of many relief workers that the government has decided to make distributing supplies more dangerous, both for the aid workers and the refugees.

The Yugoslav government's military offensive, which began five weeks ago, has hurt the rebels, but left intact a large part of the city. People are fleeing.

The government has released somewhat on restricting access, while tightening control in other areas. It has blocked imports of some humanitarian supplies, and delayed by weeks the entry visas for additional staff members that international agencies say they need.

The police are also harassing local employees of the agencies, foreign officials say.
Benign use seen for chemicals in Sudan factory

By STEVEN LEE MYERS and TIM WEINER

The Observer • INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON

The chemical that the United States cited to justify its bombing of a Sudanese factory last week could be used for commercial products, the agency overseeing the treaty barring chemical weapons said on Wednesday.

The United States has insisted that the chemical found outside the plant could only mean that the plant was intended to make nerve agent VX. Sudan contends the plant made medicines and veterinary products.

The international treaty group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, conceded that it was not aware of any commercial product on the market that contained the chemical, nor of another chemical compound made with it.

But its spokesman, Donato Kinigier-Passigli, said in a telephone interview on Wednesday that a search of scientific papers showed the chemical, known as EMPTA, could be used "in limited quantities for legitimate commercial purposes." The uses, he said, included fungicides and anti-microbial agents, and not just the production of VX.

One Pentagon official said that the treaty organization had simply uncovered academic examples of possible use with no real evidence that any commercial products are made from EMPTA.

But, because you identify a chemical agent for commercial uses, that does not mean anyone makes it," the official said.

In the chemical industry, experts said they were not aware of any commercial uses for EMPTA, nor could they foresee any practical uses based on what is known about the chemical. Aldrich Chemical Co. in Milwaukee makes the chemical and sells it at $45 a gram for laboratories for research. But a spokesman said the company was not aware of its use in any commercial products.

The Clinton administration levied the Shifa Pharmaceutical Industries Co. plant in Khartoum with a volley of cruise missiles last Thursday, saying it had evidence linking the factory to the manufacturing of VX and to a shadowy network of terrorists.

Facing questions about the decision to bomb the factory, senior administration officials said on Monday that a soil sample collected nearby provided irresistible evidence of the presence of VX at the plant.

Kinigier-Passigli emphasized that the organization had come to no conclusions about the administration's charges or the Sudan's counter-charges. The independent organization administers the chemical weapons treaty signed by more than 160 nations and ratified by the U.S. Senate last year.

Still, the organization's disclosure raised questions about the administration's categorical assertions that there could be no other possible explanation for the presence of EMPTA, or any methylyphosphonothionate.

Wednesday's disclosure added to a number of inconsistencies in the administration's accusations, including statements by a senior intelligence official hours after the bombing that the plant in Khartoum was heavily guarded and produced no commercial products.

Administration officials declined on Wednesday to discuss the evidence or the caveats raised by the organizations for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. However, defense and intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they still believed there could be no other explanation for the presence of EMPTA in a soil sample secretly collected outside the facility several months ago.

On Wednesday, several American experts in chemical warfare and analysis offered another possible explanation. They said the chemical's structure resembled that of an agricultural insecticide, known as FONFOIS, which is commercially available in Africa.

While the two are not identical, they have molecular similarities and could be confused in a laboratory test performed under less-than-ideal conditions, said Hank Ellison, a counterterrorism expert who ran the Army's chemical and biological warfare program while Fort Campbell, Ky., in the 1980s.

Ellison, now the president of Corberich & Associates, Inc., a security consulting firm in Michigan, said that while the chemical characteristics of FONFOIS and EMPTA were not identical, they were "very similar" and those similarities "could be misinterpreted in a lab analysis."

"I imagine this soil sample wasn't taken under the best of circumstances, by somebody placing it in a cooler and immediately sending it to a lab," he said. "And quality control for the storage and manufacture of pesticides and insecticides is not the highest in the world, so that could increase the possibility of cross-contamination in the chemical structure."

The defense and intelligence officials dismissed the possibility that the United States could have misinterpreted the soil sample.

In the Hague, an official with the chemical weapons organization, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said scientific research also suggested that EMPTA could be the byproduct of the breakdown of other pesticides.

The international treaty, which the United States Senate ratified last year despite the reservations of many Republican senators who said the organization would never be effective, does not identify EMPTA by name.

But the treaty covers it under the "Schedule 2" list of chemicals that are subject to scrutiny by the organization's inspectors. By definition, chemicals included are not only legitimate commercial purposes. That is unlike chemicals on Schedule 1, which are deemed to have no other use than to kill people and are strictly prohibited.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is the international agency whose more than 400 inspectors and diplomats oversee the inspections of governments and chemical companies around the world to assure they are not making prohibited agents.

The group searched known scientific literature in response to press inquiries on EMPTA.

The Sudan has not signed the treaty, so factories like Shifa Pharmaceuticals are not subject to its inspectors, unlike companies in the United States and other nations that have approved the accord.

While the organization did not identify any products using EMPTA, officials said they could not rule out the possibility as strongly as the administration has.

The official at the organization, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the scientific research showed companies including the Mobil Corp. and international Chemical Industries of America had conducted research into commercial applications that used EMPTA.

The Sudan has called for an international investigation of the missile strike, which killed one person and wounded seven others, according to the government in Khartoum.

Thomas Carnahan, a British engineer who worked as a production manager during the factory's construction from 1992 to 1996, said he never saw any evidence of EMPTA or other materials involved in the production of VX.

"I suppose I went into every corner of the plant," he said in a telephone interview from his home in England. "It was never a plant of high security. You could walk around anywhere, and I like no one tried to stop you."

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By JUDITH MILLER  
SPECIAL TO THE THE OBSERVER  

The longest-serving U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq resigned Wednesday, charging that the U.N. secretary-general, the Security Council and the Clinton administration had abandoned the inspectors on "the doorstep" of uncovering Iraq's hidden weapons programs.

The inspector, Scott Ritter, said in his resignation letter that the failure to push aggressively ahead with the inspections was "a surrender to Iraqi leadership" that made a "force" of the commission's efforts to prove that Iraq was concealing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Ritter asserted that the lack of will stemmed from a policy shift by the U.N. Security Council and the secretary-general that was backed "at least implicitly by the United States." He made his resignation letter public in an effort to force the United States and the United Nations to return to a tougher stance.

The administration heatedly denied Ritter's conclusions, saying it had faithfully backed the inspections in Iraq.

An administration official insisted that the United States was "keeping up the pressure on Iraq in ways that really affect him." Within the last week, for instance, the United States and its allies have quietly moved ships into waters near Iraq to keep President Saddam Hussein from smuggling oil out by sea.

A spokesman for the secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said he "does nothing at the behest of Iraq." Richard Butler, chairman of the inspection team, declined to comment.

In an interview, Ritter asserted that the administration had been secretly trying since late last year to find a diplomatic solution for its confrontation with Saddam and in doing so had abandoned a policy - in effect since the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1991 - to use sanctions and the threat of military force to compel the Iraqi leader's cooperation.

The administration has publicly backed the inspectors, who have insisted on full and unilateral access to sites in Iraqi suspected of being used to conceal weapons or the expertise needed to make them. Twice in the last year, the United States has threatened military action against Iraq for obstructing the inspections, and in February, U.S. warships were moved within striking distance.

Last week, U.S. officials acknowledged that the United States and Britain had privately urged Ritter to stop trying to hold surprise inspections of sites in Baghdad. The officials said they wanted to avoid an open confrontation with Iraq after Hussein said he would no longer cooperate with the inspections.

"The illusion of arms control is more dangerous than no arms control at all," Ritter wrote Wednesday. "What is being propagated by the Security Council today is such an illusion, one which in all good faith I cannot, and will not, be party to."

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SCOTT RITTER  
Former U.S. Weapons Inspector

Scott Ritter was "domestically unsustainable," meaning it would be politically unpopular.

Ritter declined to discuss which administration officials told him and the other inspectors this advice.

Seeking to defuse the crisis in February, Annan and Saddam signed an agreement establishing new rules for the inspections. Ritter said that while he and other inspection officials were deeply worried about the agreement's impact, he decided not to resign, but rather to test Iraq's willingness to comply with the agreement.

He was encouraged, he added, by the fact that the Security Council warned Iraq of "severe consequences" if it blocked the inspectors - language that suggested the United States might carry out military strikes on Iraq if Baghdad reneged on its word.

But in June, Ritter said, the Clinton administration decided that it would no longer support aggressive inspections solely for the purpose of gaining access to sensitive sites, inspections that Ritter characterized as crucial to the inspectors' mission.

In meetings at the State Department and the Pentagon, he said, he sensed a lack of support for what he called "concealment inspections," and felt that such inspections were becoming "a political liability" in the administration view.

In July the inspectors received what Ritter called "two of the best pieces of intelligence information we've had in a long time" about Iraqi weapons activities. Ritter declined to disclose the nature of the information. But he said he advised Butler, the chairman of the inspection team, that the time had come to act, and that Butler agreed.

While Ritter refused to disclose the nature or target of the inspections that he claimed the administration helped stop, he said they were aimed at one of Saddam Hussein's principal secretaries, Abed Hamid Mahmoud, who he said is responsible for orchestrating Iraq's effort to conceal information and material, and at the Special Security Organization, which carries out Mahmoud's orders.

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Banks invest in dollars as ruble value declines

By CELESTINE BOHLEN

As Russia seeks for a new government and a program to pull the nation out of a tailspin, fresh panic swept through its financial institutions Tuesday as the currency plunged about 10 percent, three banks announced a merger to shore up their stability and the government unveiled a plan to stretch out the repayment of its debt.

"The situation is worse today because then, the country was dependent on domestic production, but it may have been," said Mikhail Berger, editor of the newspaper Segodnya. "Now, big cities are mostly dependent on imports, and traders can no longer get credits, not from banks, not from abroad. So there is a danger that supplies to the cities will fall short."

The drop in the value of the currency was the deepest in four years, and it was stopped only when the Central Bank intervened to hold its value at 7.8 to the dollar, after trading was twice suspended. In the 10 days since the ruble's value was weakened from its previous level of 6.2, the bank has spent an estimated $1 billion to buy rubles in currency markets to keep it from falling too far, too fast.

The lunge for dollars was driven mostly by Russian banks that scrambled to trade rubles for dollars and other foreign currencies. The moves reflected a pessimism by bankers and investors about the outlook for Russia's plan to restructure its debt.

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With Yeltsin now acting increasingly like a lame duck, space has opened up on the political spectrum for new forces. Chernomyrdin, whom Yeltsin named this week, has promised to introduce political reform in the direction Monday, is open to greater efficiency, but others include members of Russia's powerful financial mafia, of whom support the new prime minister, and the legislature itself.

"I cannot rule out the possibility that the president might step down before his term is over, leaving the country in the hands of a more predictable prime minister," said Seleznyov.

At his press conference Tuesday, Seleznyov struck a defiant note, warning Yeltsin to keep his hands off the government and saying the parliament will insist that Chernomyrdin follow the legislature's own anti-crisis package — new in parliamentary before confirming him. "Russia's deepening troubles came on a day when major investors anxiously awaited Russia's plan to restructure some $40 billion in Russian short-term domestic debt, of which about 25 percent is held abroad.

The plan, delayed Monday so it could be reviewed by Chernomyrdin, will allow investors holding Russian short-term Treasury bills, which were sold with maturing over the makeup of big cities are dependent on domestic

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Jim Lies, C.S.C.

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With this column we welcome to this community all new students and we welcome back our returning members as well. Notre Dame is only all that it can be when we are all here together. Those of us who live on campus year round welcome the return of all of you. There is an appropriateness to the hustle and bustle which happens when we are all gathered in this place. Oh, we might have appreciated the solitude for a while but it doesn’t take long for one to realize that this university was built for a purpose (other than construction!). It is a gathering place for intellectual conversation, inquiry and discovery; for spiritual challenge, growth and development; and for service to the larger community for the building of the kingdom of God. Along with the academic component, we believe that Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the residential nature of this university play an integral role in the Catholic education of the men and women of Notre Dame. They are all pieces in the larger puzzle which is Notre Dame, and which makes us unique among universities in this country.

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Weekend Presiders at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, August 29
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Brian E. Daley, S.J.

Sunday, August 30
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Brian E. Daley, S.J.
11:45 a.m.

Vespers

Sunday, August 30
7:15 p.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

**Scripture Readings**

1st Reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28, 29
2nd Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
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Summertime at Notre Dame — a well kept secret

As The Observer humorously pointed out in the Campus Scene section of Tuesday, August 27, 1996 edition, the most popular "universal Notre Dame question" is the very imaginative question: "How Was Your Summer?" I would have to agree with that one.

Brittany Morehouse

The Observer also suggested that there are "four stereotypical responses" to this question. They can be categorized under one of four: The Europe Traveler, The Intern, The Beach Bum and The Summer School Student. Right again.

Finally, The Observer went so far as to spell out the most probable, comedic answers for each of those four students. It is here that I beg to differ. My opinions come from recent experience as a summer school student. Notre Dame in the warm summer months is magical.

My motivation was not to "get those tough classes out of the way" as Tuesday's piece assumed. Nor was I able to slack off with the workload because it was easy — it wasn't. It was just more manageable.

Summer school is the most wonderful opportunity to take in all of the magic that is Notre Dame. Although many people immediately grimace that one. Indeed, the summer campus is a lot more quiet and relaxed. This atmosphere adds to the comfort and flexibility that surrounds the student. Professors are even more available and accessible. The small classes are inviting and rewarding because the opportunity inherent in the intimate setting of such a group is true.
Pearl Jam pulls all the stops (and yields)

Ending their Ticketmaster boycott, the band returns to the road for their longest tour in 5 years

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ike many great bands, Pearl Jam has musically and personally changed, during the time of their first album, Ten, Eddie Vedder would climb the scaffolds and crash into the crowds. The songs were very riff-heavy, and guitar solos were ubiquitous. However, the performances surrounding the release of Vitalogy, however, reflected a far darker side of the band, much brought on by the death of Kurt Cobain. The band members just weren’t as "on fire" as they were in the past and hardly interacted with the crowd, much less with each other. Though the release of No Code showed signs of the band lightening up, the band still had their faces carved in granite.

Even though this was a fan favorite worried about the band’s upcoming summer tour, on their Letterman appearance last April, they seemed as if they were fulfilling an unpleasant promise. When recording the newest album, Yield, the band returned to their roots, and not only do the band sound like it did years ago, but they also play with the same amount of energy and charisma.

Having caught a couple shows on the first leg of the North American tour, I was assured at the band’s good humor. Fans have grown tired of seeing the band in such a sullen mood in the past, so it was great to see Pearl Jam having a blast again. Bassist Jeff Ament’s feet literally never touched the ground, while lead guitarist Mike McCready amazed the crowds with his incredible fingerwork. Stone Gossard, who has built of a reputation of completely ignoring the crowd, was much more interactive with people in the audience.

For the tour, ex-Soundgarden drummer Matt Cameron has been filling in for Jack Irons (due to health reasons), and the intensity at which Cameron plays is unbelievable. No offense to Mr. Irons, but Pearl Jam cannot let him be simply their tour drummer. He brings a musical edge to Pearl Jam that hasn’t been heard in years.

Even though Vedder hasn’t done any crowd surfing on this tour, his behavior on stage is just as wild as it was during the Ten days. He dances with stage divas, shares his bottle of wine with members of the audience, and has stopped hiding behind that huge mass of curly hair (which has been cut substantially).

As far as set lists go, the band pulls all the stops. The bands play an equal number of songs from five five albums, although they usually play a few more from Yield. At least two of the Big MTV Three ("Alive," "Even Flow" and "Jeremy") make the list plus favorites like "Daughter," "Betterman" and "Corduroy." The band sometimes treats the crowd to a rarity, which are usually songs the band covered years ago that are now popping up again. Among these are The Who’s "Baba O’Riley" and "My Generation," and Neil Young’s "Cinnamon Girl." Contrast to the last time I saw Pearl Jam in ’95, I was extremely impressed how well they have matured musically without forgetting about their past. They have overcome the burden of success and have actually begun to accept. The band is no longer focused on bucking Ticketmaster and the music industry, and they are once again doing what they do best: playing music.

Emmett Malloy

One Sweet New World

The Dave Matthews Band crashes into Chicago

Three friends and I embarked on a voyage to the New World Amphitheatre in Tinley Park, Illinois. We had all come to see one of the biggest rock groups of our time: the Dave Matthews Band. The crowd of probably 17,000 was getting over-anxious as the opening act Pol Dog Pendering ran through an modest set of funk and R&B tunes. When Carter Beauford, Stefan Lessard, Dave Matthews, Leroi Moore and Boyd Tinsley finally came out the crowd went nuts. Matthews greeted the crowd with his trademark, "How’s everyone doing this evening?" and began to noodle around on his guitar. The modelling then turned into a song with the whole band coming in to play "Don’t Drink the Water." Although this song is rather slow for an opener, the band played with an ultra-high level of intensity.

The next song, "The Last Stop," drove the audience wild with Dave’s screaming vocals and Boyd’s Middle Eastern-influenced violin lines. "One Sweet World" came next, and even though it’s one of the group’s better songs, the crowd hardly reacted, most likely because the song was only released on an independent recording.

The greatest aspect of the Dave Matthews Band is their ability to play with one another. They are one of the few bands that can turn 4-minute radio singles into 15-minute epics. One of the great examples of this ability shined through on "Jimi Thing" which was played near the end of the set. Each member got a chance to play solos culminating in everyone playing together.

Each member of the DMB usually has their own moment in the spotlight. Dave is best known for his boyish charm and funny comments during the set. He acted hurt and depicted after a fan accidently threw a frisbee at his head after "The Dreaming Tree." He said he didn’t know what his name was. Then Dave jokingly said, "My name is Jimi." After that, he began the chorus in "Jimi Thing." Boyd Tinsley played with such great passion on "Lie In Our Graves," taking a solo during the middle section. Leroi Moore impressed the crowd with his musical talents, playing both flute and saxophone during the ending jam of "411." Stefan Lessard opened up the sensational "Crush" with a sweet bass solo. "Runninel" was highlighted by the expert drumming of Carter Beauford.

The worst part of the show were the inconsiderate concert goers. During "Crush," my one friend thought it was raining. I told him "How could it be raining? We’re in the pavilion." I was right, it wasn’t raining; some drunk guy was relieving himself on my friend. That unpleasant experience could not ruin one of the most impressive displays of music today, though, it is hard to find a contemporary band that blends showmanship and musicianship. The Dave Matthews Band is successful in blending these two arts.

Geoff Rahie

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After a two-run shot from Sammy Sosa, the Miami Marlins hit four home runs in the ninth, including three on consecutive pitches from reliever John Frascatore. Florida's home-run barrage was only the second time this season the Cardinals have lost eight straight games, with McGwire driving in seven over the last 13 series. His 23rd homer tied Mark McGwire's record set in 1987 at 18. McGwire has obliterated the stadium mark with 19 of those at home, where his power has been straight out of the park. McGwire's record-tying march was 18.

Fernando Tatís tripled to lead off the fourth and McGwire drove an 0-1 fastball from Justin Speier for the shortest of his four 52nd-home runs this season as Busch Stadium Center fielder Todd Dunwoody never moved as the ball soared over his head in a two-inning burst after the game Maris' record of 61 homers in 1930. McLeird's 56 home runs, 34 with Oakland and 24 with the Cardinals after joining St. Louis on July 23.

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Bears will cut ex-Irish star this weekend

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill.

The No. 2 pick in the 1993 draft will be cut if the Chicago Bears can't trade him by Sunday, Mark Hatley, the Bears' vice president of personnel, said Wednesday. The announcement came after the Bears and Mirer failed to reach an agreement to cut Mirer's $10 million contract.

"I wish it would have worked a different way," Hatley said. "But once we've decided we wanted to go in another direction."

Miler, who never threw a touchdown pass in a Bears uniform, had already left the Bears' practice facility when the announcement was made and couldn't be reached for comment. When he left the field after finishing another practice on the sidelines, though, he talked as if he knew his career in Chicago was over.

"I made it clear that if they chose to keep me on the team, I'm willing to help them if they want to get guys in here and help move on," he said. "I wasn't going to go down a drastic amount to make the team unless they were going to make a commitment and I would have the chance to be here more than just four years."

"If they want to show me they'll be here, I'll be here. If not, I'll go somewhere else." Mirer's salary would have cost the Bears $3.2 million against the cap this year, and they'll save $2.3 million by cutting or trading him.

He turned down two offers that would have paid him approximately $1.5 million. Hatley said Miler wanted long-term security, something the Bears couldn't give him.

The Bears have already called other NFL teams, and Hatley said two or three have expressed interest in Mirer — if he's willing to take a pay cut. Miler's agent, Marcia DiNoffo, did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday and Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Chicago started preparing for life after Mirer on Tuesday, letting Steve Stanstrom run the No. 2 offense. Miler spent time on the sidelines, a baseball cap on his head, and coach Dave Wannstedt said he wouldn't play in Friday's exhibition game against the New York Jets.

"I'm not going to take a chance on saving one game here, then him not being here," Wannstedt said.

This was hardly the only person expected when the Seattle Seahawks drafted Mirer behind Drew Bledsoe in 1993. He'd rewritten the record book at Notre Dame, and with his strong arm and quickness, many thought he'd be the next great NFL quarterback.

But when veteran Erik Kramer broke his neck, the Bears still thought enough of Miler to give the Seahawks a first-round draft pick for his rights and signed him to a three-year, $10 million contract in February 1997.

It seemed a perfect fit. Chicago ran a version of the West Coast offense, and Miler looked forward to starting over just 100 miles from his hometown.

But he faltered almost immediately, with a trouble-picking up Chicago's system and by the end of training camp, Kramer had regained the starting job.

Miler finally got his chance against the Los Angeles Rams and the next three games. He threw for just 276 yards and three interceptions as the Bears lost each game.

He was demoted again — this time to Kramer and Stennoson — and didn't play for two months.

Packers expect Levens to report to camp soon

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Pro Bowl halfback Dorsey Levens is apparently close to ending his holdout, and the hulking Green Bay Packers could soon use his help.

It's just too bad he can't play defense, too.

With an exhibition game remaining, at Miami on Friday, the error-prone Packers have yet to show they're ready to defend their NFC title. They have rough edges to smooth on both offense and defense, although special teams looks fine.

"I thought we were printed and ready last year at this point in training camp. Right now, we're not quite where we were last year," coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday as negotiations continued on a long-term contract that will pay Levens about $5 million a year.

In discussing his team's ability to work out the kinks before the season opener against Detroit on Sept. 6, Holmgren said: "We have infused some new players into the starting lineup, particularly on defense. We haven't had all our guys on offense and defense because of Levens, we will."

Quarterback Brett Favre and "it was his understanding that the Pro Bowl halfback would report by week's end."

"I think he will be. I don't know the details of it, but it sounds like he'll be in by the end of the week," Favre said.

But general manager Ron Wolf said even if Levens arrives this week, his long contract dispute could create problems.

"It's difficult for us because we don't do a lot of hitting in practice," Wolf said. "We're going through the same regimen he underwent back surgery last week."

"I know he won't be here. It's a situation that's going to take a while."

The Packers practice only three times in pads next week, although Levens would be able to take part in individual work.

"It's hard to do because we don't do a lot of hitting in practice," Favre said. "Our hitting is basically over, you know?"

Holmgren has maintained that Levens has stayed in top condition, working out in his home in Atlanta.

"He's in great condition last summer," Holmgren said.

"I think any time you talk about him, he was worth $5 million a year even though he had some on defense. Brooks will be back on defense, Green Bay increased its offer to a yearly average of $5 million, according to Engelhard. But general manager Mike Reinfield returned phone messages Wednesday.

"Brett Favre said to Mike, 'I'm going to take a chance on saving a game here, then him not being here,'" Wannstedt said.

"Our hitting was basically over, you know?" Favre said. "Maybe we'll have to put some more salt and pepper on him and just hit him a little more."

Favre said the halfback will have his work cut out for him.

"Well, I know he won't be ready. I mean, we have to be realistic," Favre said. "We've been going at this for about five weeks now." Amen, said Holmgren.

"I think any time a player, regardless of how much he played, sits out the entire training camp, Yeah, I think it's difficult for him to start the season properly," Holmgren said.

The Packs, who probably will start Travis Jervey at halfback in the season opener, also are concerned about Levens getting hurt.

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Mets retain lead in National League wild-card chase

Hideo Nomo pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the New York Mets retained their lead in the NL wild-card chase with a 4-1 win Wednesday over the San Francisco Giants.

Nomo, returning to the park where he made his major league debut in 1995 and in which he came within five outs of a perfect game later that season, had the Giants swinging wildly throughout the game.

Nomo (6-11) did not allow a runner until Jeff Kent led off the fifth with a soft single to left. He struck out Barry Bonds three times, wild-haired the side in the third inning, and walked only two.

Nomo, who had lost his previous three starts and failed to last more than five innings in any of them, got his third complete game of the year. The other two came for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lenny Harris led off the game with a homer off Orel Hershiser (9-9) and Brian McRae had a pair of RBI singles for the Mets, who broke a three-game losing streak.

The other New York run scored on a wild pitch. McRae went 3-for-4, with three singles.

The victory allowed the Mets to stay a game ahead of the Chicago Cubs, who won 9-2 at Cincinnati, in the wild-card standings. The Giants fell two games behind the Mets.
Yankees end losing skid with late inning heroics

Associated Press

NEW YORK
With the Yankees on their worst losing streak in nearly a year, Derek Jeter stopped the skid with a run-scoring single in the ninth inning that led New York over the Anaheim Angels 7-6 Wednesday in the second game of a day-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Reggie Williams hit a go-ahead, two-run homer as Anaheim won 6-4, sending New York to its fourth straight loss.

"We're still human; there's no doubt about that," Yankees reliever Mike Stanton said between games.

New York then wasted a 5-1 lead built largely by Homer Bush's first major league homer, a three-run shot in the fifth off Steve Spargo.

Jim Edmonds' second homer of the game, a two-run shot, pulled Anaheim to 5-3 in the seventh. Tim Salmon's RBI single made it 6-4 with no outs in the eighth and chased David Wells.

Mariano Rivera (3-0), who has never gotten six outs for a save, gave up an RBI grounder to Garret Anderson later in the inning, then allowed an RBI single to Darin Erstad that scored Norberto Martin from first with two outs in the ninth.

But Mike Fetters (2-7) walked Jorge Posada leading off the bottom half, Scott Brosius sacrificed and Tim Leger advanced the runner with a groundout. Jeter then singled to right.

New York, which wasted a 2-0 lead in the opener, has allowed 47 runs in its last six games and leads the Angels 6-4 with no outs in the eighth and chased David Cone. 

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a national championship," said Boylan.

Sophomore transfer Michelle Graham and Lauren Stutin will back up Boylan at setter. Veteran defensive specialist Audra Duda will be an important server and leader for the Irish in the back row.

The biggest void for Notre Dame to fill will be among outside hitters, which both Harris and Lee played last year.

The duo handled about 90 percent of Irish passing last year, and one of the two led the team in kills in all but two matches. Lee is the only player on the top 10 career list for kills, hitting percentage, digs, aces, assists and blocks. They shared Team MVP in 1997, and Lee won Big East Player of the Year each of the last two seasons.

Gorton will be heavily relyed on for blocking and hitting, and junior Mandi Powell for passing. Beyond them, Jameyson, sophomore Adrienne Shimmel and newcomers Marcie Bomback and Emily Tarpoff will offer additional outside hitter options for the Irish.

The Irish have never lost a match in the Big East, with 76 straight wins. They will look to extend that streak this season, although the conference is steadily improving. They will also be seeking to advance beyond the round of 16, where they have bowed out for the fourth time in the past five years.

Villinova, the only other Big East team in the NCAA Tournament last season, may pose the biggest challenge within the Big East for Notre Dame.

"I think Notre Dame's always a strong program, but they did have a couple of very talented young ladies," said Villinova head coach Heather Hoehn. "I think in the Big East, we're going to have some surprising showings and be a little bit stronger conference than we have been in the past."

The first match for the winners will be Tuesday at Valparaiso. Brown said, "We will just be looking to kind of establish a line-up and get our team used to playing. We need to play at a high level."

### 1998 Notre Dame Volleyball Schedule

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14 touchdowns in 1997. The 6-foot, 186 pound tailback garnered the WPIAL Player of the Year accolades from the Philadelphia Inquirer and was also rated the best high school running back in the nation by the Chicago Sun-Times.

"Every young running back we have is good," said Denson.

"Sometimes out of a group of running back recruits, you'll get one really good one. But with these three, they are a drop-off."

"They all have certain tools that make them unique. There's going to be some tough competition around here for a while."

But talk of competition can only go so far. Especially when the defending national champions are in Town.

"We'll just have to wait and see," said Robinson. "It's a battle for a lot of quality players, but the bottom line is what they show on the field."
Irish begin season with same goal: the title

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame's women's soccer team will get its first taste of competitive action this season as they take the field tonight at 7:30 p.m. in an exhibition game against Ohio State.

The Irish hope to continue the dominance they have enjoyed over the Buckeyes. Notre Dame has won all four contests against OSU, outscoring their opponent 18-1.

Once again, the Irish will be a formidable opponent for the Buckeyes. The Irish enter the season ranked second in the country. In addition, they return nine starters, including four all-Americans and three starters from the U.S. under-20 national team. Despite the loss of Kate Sobrero and Holly Manthei, Notre Dame still maintains a powerful attack.

"We are going to put quality players on the field at every position, which is one of the reasons we have had success in recent years," said head coach Chris Petrucelli, who returns for his ninth season at the helm.

Junior LaKeysha Beene returns in goal for the Irish. Beene played every minute of every game for the Irish in 1997, giving up just nine goals all season. She shut out 18 of her 25 opponents and boasted a 0.36 goals against average.

Ohio State is coming off a rather disappointing season in which they finished seventh in the Big Ten with 3-5 record in the conference and a 9-9-1 overall mark.

The team also lost three of its best offense players in Tiffany Tisdale (9 goals, 3 assists in 1997), all-American Jodie Stranges (9 goals, 2 assists) and Lisa Suttmiller, who holds 11 OSU records. Katy Traeger is the only returning striker for the Buckeyes.

The Irish open the regular season at Michigan on Sept. 1 and the outlook is very positive. "We are going to be a very good team, one of the best teams in the country, and should have a chance to win the NCAA championship," said Petrucelli.

That championship run begins tonight on Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. when the Irish take on the Buckeyes.

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Netters aiming to reach next level in '98

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The 16th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team will be aiming to move higher into the group of elite programs in the nation this season.

The biggest challenges for the Irish will be making up for the loss of top duo Angie Harris and Jaimie Lee to graduation, and remaining consistent and confident despite the team's youth.

"Because of our youth, one of the things we're going to be working to maintain is consistency," Notre Dame head coach Desmond Robinson said.

He will be entering his eighth year as the Fighting Irish head coach. As in years past, we play a lot of nationally ranked teams, so that will be tough for us. Another challenge will be to defend our Big East title.

"Notre Dame will be battle-tested early, with many of its toughest matches coming in September.

In its first four matches, the team takes on seventh-ranked Wisconsin, 128th-ranked Colorado, and Georgia, which was 30th in the number of points received in the USA TODAY/AVCA Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

A win against one of these teams would boost the team's confidence, especially since the team lost to Colorado last season, and was knocked out of the NCAA Tournament by Wisconsin.

"I think they're going to be tough. They're always tough," said Colorado Buffaloes head coach PI1 Aiui about his team's upcoming match with the Irish. "I think Debbie Brown is one of the best coaches in the nation. I don't think pre-season rankings mean a whole lot. We're two pretty similar teams playing each other that finished in exactly the same place last year.

Top players for the Irish this year will be senior captain and middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell, sophomore setter Denise Boylan, and his predecessor left frontline player Christi Gerton. All three are returning starters.

Brown hopes that junior middle blocker Mary Leffers will soon return to the court after rehabilitation from anterior cruciate ligament injury to her right knee late last spring.

Treadwell, besides being the team's only senior, is a candidate for Big East player of the year and Academic All-America. She has Notre Dame's best career hitting percentage (298), has only missed one match in three seasons and is the team's top all-around player.

"Throughout her career, Lindsay has been very reliable because she does so many things well," said Brown. "She always seems to come up big in big games in tough matches, is a great blocker, serves very tough and has developed into a primary passer for us. Also, she gets the ball done when she has to set the ball and now is becoming a great leader for us."

Treadwell talked about the goals for this year.

"As a team, our goals are to get past the round of 16, stay undefeated in the Big East, and keep improving," she said. "Our team goals are my goals. I think that our goals are very realistic; volleyball just kind of depends on who's playing well on what day. Right now, we have a lot of skill, but need to fine-tune."

If Leffers is healthy, she will be a top middle blocker for the Irish. At 6'4", she averaged 1.26 blocks per game last season, has the fifth-highest hitting percentage in Irish history and earned All-District honors last season. Without her, the team will have to rely more heavily on younger players such as Jo Jameson and Malinda Spores.

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Senior setter Denise Boylan, who spent time in the USA national program this summer will again engineer Notre Dame's attack.

FOOTBALL

Denson eyes stellar conclusion

By ALLISON KRILLA
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Austy Denson likes to think he's the kind of person who thrives on pressure. Heading into the 1998 season, the senior tailback needs Notre Dame's all-time leader.

Darcey Levy nipping at his heels. and the talented sophomore trio of Tony Fisher, Howard, a Rancocas Valley High School product, rushed 205 times for 1,450 yards and 231 times for 1,450 yards and 2,143 yards.

"Nimble, Andy Lewis, and Mike McNair breathing down his neck."

Denson is set as the starter," he said. "He's been in that position for two years, and he's played well this fall."

As for Levy, solid spring and fall camps plus the departure of Clement Stokes and Tony Driver's move to safety have paved the way to the No. 2 spot on the depth chart.

"Darcey is going to play," said Robinson. "He's come out and had a good fall. He's done some positive things during camp."

Although Levy did not see any varsity action in 1997, the 6-foot-2, 208 pound tailback adds another dimension of athleticism to the Irish rushing attack.

While Denson and Levy provide a solid base at tailback, the first-year triple threat of Fisher, Howard and McNair have provided the drama during the year's preseason camp.

"We're pleased with all the freshmen right now, but the problem is you can only start one guy," said Robinson. "The names you hear in that freshman class, you'll be hearing in years to come."

Names like Fisher, Howard and McNair.

"I've got a 6-foot-1, 205 pound back from Euclid, Ohio, carried the ball 189 times for 2,143 yards and 40 touchdowns during his senior year at Euclid High School. Fisher earned USA Today Player of the Year honors in Ohio, and was rated the 69th best player nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times."

Howard, a Rancocas Valley High School product, rushed 231 times for 1,450 yards and 2,143 yards.

"He's very quick, a game changer," said Robinson.

"Without him, the team will have to rely more heavily on younger players such as Jo Jameson and Malinda Spores."

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Senior tailback Austy Denson has a firm hold on the starting tailback slot but the question of who his backup is needs to be answered.

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