Senates votes ‘yes’ to Big Ten academic resolution

By DEREK BETCHE
Assistant News Editor

Big Ten membership for Notre Dame came one step closer last night when the Faculty Senate recommended that the University join the conference’s academic consortium, the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC).

The group voted 25-4 during last night’s meeting to approve a formal resolution addressing the change. The resolution will be sent to Notre Dame’s officers and its Board of Trustees for final considerations.

"If we could join the CIC without joining the Big Ten, we would do it tomorrow. We can’t do that because the two are coupled," explained committee chairman Larry Sterling, the resolution’s sponsor.

Although technically only an informal result, CIC membership represents Notre Dame perhaps the greatest benefit to joining Big Ten athletics and would not occur without joining the conference.

The 12-member CIC includes the 11 Big Ten schools and the University of Chicago. The members cooperate on research and other academic programs, and the senate report labels the CIC "exactly the most important intellectual force in the Midwest and one of the most significant in the country."

A report explaining the faculty’s reasoning accompanies the resolution and its explicit recommendation that Notre Dame try to join the CIC.

"The basis for the resolution comes from the faculty association’s attempt to look at the relationship between Notre Dame and the members of the CIC," Sterling said. "We do very well when comparing undergraduate programs. We do not fare well when graduate programs are considered."

CIC allies could share and work with Notre Dame to improve its academic reputation, supporters argued. For example, one of the most important credentials of a research university is membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU). Notre Dame is not a member, all members of the CIC are.

"It makes an extraordinary difference. Membership would certainly affect our academic reputation," Sterling said. The AAU endorses membership by invitation only, and proponents of conference membership argued the CIC members could ally themselves with Notre Dame to lobby for its inclusion. The report and the debate revealed that the goal of improving Notre Dame’s graduate school ranking as the primary reason to support the move into the CIC. The report noted that 15-20 percent of all American Ph.D degrees are conferred by CIC members.

"The greatest potential benefits would be for our graduate programs because that’s where the CIC’s strengths are," Sterling said. "It gives us an opportunity to accelerate improving our graduate programs and research."

Increasing ties with the nation’s leading research faculty and graduate students is another reason to join the CIC. Sterling continued.

"The sustained interaction of top faculty would be healthy in the long run for our institution," he said.

The report also addressed two common objections to Big Ten membership. First, it asserted CIC membership would not see BIG TEN / page 4

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree

I’m beginning to look like Christmas. As temperatures drop and a white Christmas seems more likely, holiday decorations like this Christmas tree in LaFortune are beginning to seem less out of place on campus.

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Hundreds of University of California teaching assistants returned to work Monday, ending a long strike over their right to unionize and engage in collective bargaining. Labor disputes such as this reflect a growing concern about the role of graduate student employees at a university, and while there is no likelihood of unionization or a strike at Notre Dame in the near future, this concern exists here as well.

"We have a really good working relationship with the Graduate School...we’re usually pretty well liked," said Graduate Student Union president Marybeth Graham, who observed that Notre Dame’s T.A.s are relatively satisfied. "I don’t see unionization happening. I don’t think grad students feel the need for it. The frustration and dissatisfaction that exists in California isn’t being voiced here."

There are a number of T.A.s concerns with CUNI’s negotiation with the administration in recent years, however. One main problem has been health insurance costs.

"That’s where a lot of our advocacy and negotiating comes in," Graham said, noting that under the current system, a T.A. with a family can pay as much as much as one-third of their gross income for health insurance. Other issues tackled by the GSU recently include on-campus housing and day care for graduate students with families.

The focal of the strike in the University of California system was on the right of graduate student employees to unionize in order to better negotiate standard working conditions and compensation. The work stoppage, which is now in a 45-day cooling-off period, was widely supported by graduate student organizations across the nation.

"They are aiming to accomplish what a lot of schools have already accomplished—establishing good working relationships," Graham said. The right of graduate students to unionize was also supported by the American Association of University Professors.

One major point of contention in the strike is the status of T.A.s as teachers and as students. Opponents of unionization in California fear that the relationship between union members and their faculty advisers could be strained. Supporters hope to use their collective bargaining strength to codify T.A. rights and responsibilities and prevent exploitation on behalf of those same advisers.

Another issue brought up in the debate relates to the learning experience of graduate students.

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GSU president: T.A.’s will not form union, but voice concerns
**Inside Column**

All we like sheep

This is the time of year when it really hard to find a parking place. The malls are overrun with shoppers who know that there are only 16 days, six hours, eight minutes and 47 seconds of gift-buying time left. For some, Christmas holiday clos­es the stores. Airports are also affected as inclement weather delays and disgruntled pas­sengers, groaning, open rows of gates to accommodate the rush on 37-pound turkeys and cases of pumpkin-in-a-can. Crowds are as much a part of the season as reindeer and eggnog, and putting up with them is all a part of the mystical Spirit of Christmas.

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Please take all items of value out of the vehicle, close the windows securely, and lock your vehicle. Nothing of Value should be left in plain view.

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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season! Go Irish, Beat Yellow Jackets!

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STUDENT SENATE

Student club funding faces debate

A controversial proposal changing the nature of Student Union club funding will come up for debate at tonight’s Student Senate meeting, with fierce debate expected on both sides of the issue.

The proposal, written by Club Coordinator Ryan Harding, would establish a constitutional measure guaranteeing the Club Coordination Council (CCC) 39 percent of Student Union funds for allocation to student clubs and organizations. It would also change the timing of that allocation from the end of spring semester to late March so that the CCC has more time to divide up funds between the student organizations.

“This would really benefit us,” Harding said. “The way we allocate now is flawed — it’s a very quick process and it’s fair to the people we serve.”

The proposal would also lead to an increase in funding for the CCC. The 39 percent is three percent more than they received this year, and this increase would be constitutionally mandated — thus decreasing the amount of money available for other programming.

"It’s a very tough issue... no matter what we decide, someone will be unhappy."-Brian O’Donoghue, Senate Oversight Committee Chair

There are 38 percent of the Student Union budget. The increase would not be substantially more than that, he claims. “It’s a shift in the budget of less than one percent,” he said. “It’s not that minimal.”

Currently, clubs and organizations are guaranteed approximately $198,000 in funding, which is less than they received this year.

Under this proposal, they would be guaranteed $226,000, a $28,000 increase over their current guarantee.

The plan is opposed by many members of the Student Union Executive Cabinet, a group of leaders of all five student unions, the Hall Presidents Council and class offices, among other groups.

The Financial Management Board, which approves all budget allocations, was unable to reach a decision on the matter, voting 4-4 on the topic last week. It is unclear which way the Senate will vote on the amendment.

However, an alternate version has been drafted by the Senate Oversight committee which will likely be considered at tonight’s meeting.

This proposal would decrease the guaranteed minimum and change the date for the allocations. This compromise will increase club funding and will enable experienced outgoing senators to review the budgeting process, instead of having new members make these complicated decisions so early in their terms.

Ultimately, however, even this compromise may leave some members of the Student Union feeling disappointed.

“It’s a very tough issue,” said Senate Oversight committee chair Brian O’Donoghue. “No matter what we decide, someone will be unhappy.”

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Snite plans Kaeser photo exhibit

Director of Special Events Steve Ringler said Snite plans a collection of works by American photographer Fritz Kaeser, compiled by Stephen Moriarty, curator of photography at Notre Dame’s Snite Museum of Art, has been published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The collection, entitled “Fritz Kaeser: A Life in Photography,” features 80 representative photographs drawn from a prolific and varied artistic career which spanned more than a half century. The photographs will be on view in the Snite Museum during an exhibition from Jan. 15–March 14.

Born in Greenville, Ill., Kaeser studied at the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin and at the Art Institute of Chicago before opening a camera store and studio in Madison, Wis., in 1933. That same year he married Mildred Tangen, a dance student at the University of Wisconsin, who introduced him to the world of the performing arts and helped him develop a reputation as a photographer of dancers.

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Happy 19th Birthday Andrew

Love, Mom,Dad and the rest of the Dayton family
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regionize Notre Dame and it pointed to Northwestern University and the University of Notre Dame, asking him to rescind the probation.

The students may also appeal their probation but are unsure about the procedure. Preacher added. "Their violation was arrogant," Father William Beauchamp declined an invitation to meet with the committee and discuss details of the University's handling of the trial. "We are unhappy with the reply," Bigi said.

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"There's a responsibility by the university and the faculty member to be mentors to the T.A.," Graham said. "That's part of the educational experience."

There are currently 13 official unions of graduate student employees at American universities, including the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin. There are also movements to unionize in progress at a number of other schools, including the night in the University of California system. The Chronicle of Higher Education and the UCLA Daily Bruin contributed to this report.
Blackout hits San Francisco

A citywide blackout cut off power to nearly a million people today, halting trains, planes and cable cars, closing shops and offices and leaving pedestrians scrambling. The mess was blamed on a mistake by electrical workers. "Chains, complete chaos," said Rolly Furlay, a security guard trying to bring order in a downtown corridor. Virtually the entire city and several suburbs to the south were blacked out, and neighborhoods were only gradually coming back on line this afternoon. The outage happened when a construction crew at a power substation in suburban San Mateo County made a mistake involving a temporary ground, said Gordon Smith, Pacific Gas & Electric president and chairman of the executive officer. Other links in the grid shut down automatically to limit the damage, he said.

U.N. intensifies weapon hunt

BAGHDAD

U.N. inspection teams launched a series of surprise searches Tuesday in an effort to ban Iraqi weapons despite angry assertions from Baghdad that the searches amount to harassment. "We are undertaking a very intensive schedule," said Caroline Cross, the spokes­woman in Baghdad for the U.N. Special Commission, which oversees the inspections. "We have several teams in town. We need to test Iraq's pledge to comply." The official Iraqi News Agency said the inspectors — some using barbed-wire fences to keep visitors out — had found the highest since they returned to Baghdad last month. Baghdad did not lunge at its anger as the weapons inspectors sped up their probe. State-run newspapers quoted Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, currently on a visit to Moscow, as saying there was a limit to Iraq's compliance. Iraq has been coop­erating with the U.N. inspectors for more than seven years but has yet to see an end to eco­nomic sanctions. Aziz was quoted as saying:

"Do you have any opinion ... as to who's lying, because it seems inevitable that both parties have lied?" O'Neal asked Craig, special counsel to the president.

"The president ... has testified about that, kind of activity, and I accept his word about that," Craig said. He added that "it's an oath-on-oath, he says—he says situation."

Outside the committee room came the first indication that the White House campaign to build support among GOP moderates might be bearing fruit. Congressional sources, speak­ing on condition of anonymity, said Republican Rep. Amo Houghton of New York would announce on Wednesday he opposes impeachment and favors censure of the president. Houghton is among the moderate Republicans whom the White House and Democrats hope can be persuaded to re­frain from impeachment. The White House scripted its two-day presentation to the Judiciary Committee with that objective in mind. Clinton's allies were hoping, partic­ularly, that Houghton could show the way to others from New York, includ­ing Reps. Rick Lazio, Ben Gilman, Michael Forbes and Jack Quinn. Under the direction of the commit­tee's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, the Judiciary Committee's staff has begun drafting articles of impeachment accus­ing Clinton of perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. Committee votes are expected beginning Friday. The White House defense effort unfolded inside a hearing room that has its share of history. Constitutional amendments are born inside the ornate chamber. And a quar­ter-century ago, the panel voted to impeach Nixon. Nixon, the nation's 37th president, resigned before the full House could vote on whether to impeach him and order a trial in the Senate. Clinton has vowed to resist rather than resign, and unlike Nixon at the end of Watergate, he retains strong political support in the public at large and among lawmakers of his own party. Outside the crowded committee room, preparations already were under way for a historic vote on the House floor next week. Several officials, speaking on condi­tion of anonymity, said Rep. Ray Lally's (R-III.), was the leading candi­date to preside over the House during the debate.

Space station moves to higher orbit

With the bulk of their construction work behind them, Endeavour's astronauts gave the new up-and-running space station a safe but shaky lift to a higher orbit on Tuesday. The pilots fired the shuttle thrusters to climb to an altitude of about 248 miles, 3-1/2 miles higher than before. They'll soar even higher on Friday. NASA wants to leave the international space station in as high an orbit as possible. Spacecraft gradually sink because of the naturally occurring drag of the atmosphere, and need to be boosted periodically. The seven-story, 35-ton station swung a foot back and forth in Endeavour's cargo bay, its solar wings flapping, as the shuttle moved higher and higher. The astronauts kept close watch on the quivering stack dur­ing the 20-minute ride.

"Nice job," Mission Control said. Shuttle commander Robert Cabana replied that theboosting procedure "really worked slick." After the previous night's 7 1/2-hour spacewalk to wire the Zarya and Unity station modules together, the astronauts took it easy Tuesday. It was their first break since rocketing into orbit last Friday. Flight controllers took up the slack, monitoring all systems aboard the space station. Unity, the American­made side, came to life for the first time in orbit late Monday after spacewalkers hooked up 40 electrical connections.

The Unity connecting channel was right around the freezing point when its heaters kicked on. The 36-foot cylinder should be warm enough by the time the six shuttle astronauts venture inside on Thursday, said NASA's lead flight director, Bob Cottle. The astro­nauts will spruce up Unity and Zarya, and drop off clothes for the first permanent crew, due to arrive in early 2000. Unity's fans and computers also were purring.
Vocation office helps students explore faith interests

By RUTH SNEILL

Women in the United States are considering Catholic religious vocations at an older age, according to statistics from the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"The trends are the same as for marriage. Women are getting married and making life decisions much later," said Sister Veronica Wiedower, general council for Life Development for the order.

Most women are now in at least their late 20s when they decide to make religious devotion their life's work, whereas women used to enter the convent directly out of high school. Wiedower characterized the recent trend as a second career move, much like a decision to change jobs later in life.

"For a long time, religious life wasn't a topic that was discussed much, but people are now looking for a deeper prayer life and how to be of service," Wiedower said.

The number of women considering religious life dropped sharply after Vatican II emphasized increased lay ministry and a stronger role for women in the Church. Prior to the Church summit, only women in religious orders could really be involved in Church organization and programming.

According to Wiedower, interest in spirituality and religious life is constantly increasing, and some women have chosen to incorporate roles traditionally held by nuns into their daily lives as laypeople.

Spirituality is much more visible in the media now.

"It's almost a marketable quantity and more in people's immediate environment," she said.

The process of entering or investigating religious life is long. Women usually contact diocesan vocational offices through a particular parish. Individual dioceses then hold retreats for interested women at which different orders are presented. Finally, specific orders provide more specialized retreats for those looking into their groups.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross hold "Come and See" events, during which interested women visit and work with sisters to understand their religious life more fully.

"Usually, women get to know us because they know someone who is in the congregation," Wiedower said. "We have the most success with people who know us personally. We have one candidate for this year and two interested for next year."

Women often contact Wiedower with an interest in religious life rather than a pre-emptive act to actually pursue the vocation. In either case, the congregation is willing to provide information.

However they get their information, when women are seriously interested in religious vocation, Wiedower and other sisters help them make decisions. Prospective sisters begin with the discernment process.

"The discernment process lets them know about themselves so they can see how they fit into religious life," Wiedower said.

The process involves reflecting on prayer and discussing certain topics, especially relationships and service to the Church. "We work at getting to know the women," Wiedower said.

Currently, the Sisters of the Holy Cross have 685 members worldwide with most residing in the United States. Most sisters are between 30 and 90 years old. Women 20 through 29 years old comprise one of the larger groups in the order.
**Woman seeks inclusiveness in religious higher education**

By ERICA THESING  
**News Writer**

As the role of lay ministers continues to become more prominent within the Catholic Church, the need for lay men and women with professional credentials is becoming more significant, according to Father Mark Poorman, director of the Master of Divinity program at Notre Dame. "It's in ministry that people are going to their full-time energies for, said he. "We're in the business of offering some educational opportunities to provide credentials for their ministry gifts."

But for some of the thirteenth women in the program, who study alongside Holy Cross seminarians preparing for the priesthood, frustration is a common feeling. Third-year student Dana Dillon, who is an assistant rector in Lewis Hall, noted that some women experience this frustration with their roles in the Church as they watch men receive the same degree, then go on to the priesthood. "It is a big issue for me. I think it's a big issue for a lot of the women. It's an issue for some of the men as well," she said. "The women in the course see ourselves as very competent leaders. There is the question of 'Why not?' Why can't we choose to pursue priesthood if that's where we're called."

While both Poorman and Dillon emphasized the variety of options available to women with this degree, including positions in parishes, schools, youth ministry, campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy, teaching and direct service to the poor, Dillon noted that the differing roles for men and women within the Church raise theological questions about the equality of the genders. The language of baptism calls for radical equality and declares everyone as an image of Christ, but in reality the Church teaches that women do not imagine Christ in the same way that men do, she said.

"I really think its crucial for the Church to come to terms with how both women and men are in the image of God and image of Christ," Dillon said. "The Church articulates again and again that there are different roles for men and women. What does that mean in terms of salvation?"

Dillon emphasized that the Church must examine its position on women's roles. "If the Church doesn't struggle with these issues, it risks becoming irrelevant in the lives of, certain, women," she said, explaining that a loss of women's support would create a domino effect on Church membership as women often set a spiritual example for their children. Despite the aggravation that some women in the program experience, Dillon said that it is a worthwhile experience. "There's some sadness, and also anger and frustration with the Church, she said. "But we've come far this in the degree program and there is a real love of the Church."

Poorman noted the importance of women's involvement with the program. "They offer a great perspective on women's issues in the church," he said. "They offer a lot of the same qualities that both the lay men and seminarians do: A deep love of the Church, a strong desire to serve, a dedication to the gospel."

He emphasized that the talents women bring to the program are a necessary part of the Church's ministry. "I think there's an increasing openness to accepting women's gifts, especially within lay ministry, as an important contribution to the Church," he said. "I think that trajectory is going to continue because so many of them are proving to be effective ministers of the Church."

The Notre Dame program of Divinity is a three-year program offering 24 full tuition scholarships to lay persons. "(The program) combines the academic requirements of a master's in theology, with some professional training," said Dillon. "They hope to form your faith in addition to a ministerial identity."

**Sisters of the Holy Cross**

**Membership profile**
- 569 members in the U.S.
- 36 members in Bangladesh
- 21 members in Brazil
- 17 members in Uganda

**Age distribution**
- 36 Sisters between ages 20-29
- 98 Sisters between ages 30-59
- 165 Sisters between ages 70-79
- 1 Sister above 100

**Ministry profile**
- 200 volunteering for service and prayer
- 98 working in fields of education
- 79 working in health care
- 41 working in social work

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**Robert's anticipates her Golden Jubilee**

**Holy Cross Sister Agnes Anne celebrates 50 years of support to her community and the world**

BY JESSICA DELGADO  
**News Writer**

This summer Sister Agnes Anne Roberts will celebrate her Golden Jubilee praising her 50-year commitment to the community's standard of justice. After graduating from Saint Mary's, Roberts began a colorful journey through her faith. These adventures, now exist as photographs and souvenirs of past challenges, stand as constant reminders of the positive effects of her vocational life.

One of Roberts' most memorable experiences occurred while in Haiti in April 1995. She and eight employees of Saint Alphonsus Medical Center traveled to the Caribbean destination on a six-day mission. "The mission was part of Project Haiti, a program of Saint Alphonsus which provides desperately needed pharmaceuticals, equipment and medical care to the Haitian hospitals," explains Mission magazine, sponsored by the Holy Cross Health System.

It was during this time that Roberts poignantly witnessed human injustice through the marginalized people she was sent to aid. Roberts and her team traveled to their sister pediatric hospital, a 100-bed hospital, and the affiliated orphanage, home to 400 children, reports Mission.

The tasks performed by the group included assisting in clinical care and medical record consulting, washing laundry and helping babies. "It all boils down to being properly nourished and uncompromisingly that is something that they are not," explains Roberts.

The same compassion Roberts exhibited in devastated Haiti over that six day period, is mirrored in her daily responsibilities at the convent in South Bend. Possessing a degree in nutrition, Roberts is in charge of the dietary needs of all the sisters and employees in the congregation. Roberts also channeled her energy into renovating the living areas of the convent for her fellow Sisters. Her goal was to create a "homey" environment for these women who have taken vows of poverty.

"There is so much of God's beauty around us and when we renovated the convent I wanted to make sure the sisters had every chance possible to enjoy it," explains Roberts. She diligently worked with the crew during the restructuring of the halls utilizing a lot of her research and experience, Roberts anticipated the needs of her changing community and reflected her ideas in the updated designs.

She ensured that the numerous Sisters functioning in wheelchairs could continue to do the many activities the community offers by installing two more elevators and renovating the laundry chute to a more accessible area of the space. By connecting the halls of the buildings with indoor walkways she felt the extreme weather would no longer become a burden to many of her peers. Roberts also created and decorated more leisure rooms for the sisters to relax with their families.

Regardless of where Roberts is fulfilling the original mission of her congregation, it is apparent that she strives to ensure that everyone is comfortable.
Reception held to unveil new MIS lab

Representatives from Andersen Development and the student body gathered for a reception to celebrate the unveiling of a computer lab in the lower level of the College of Business Administration for students majoring in Management Information Systems.

Andersen alumni at Andersen Consulting, Notre Dame faculty and the student body gathered for a reception to celebrate the unveiling of a computer lab in the lower level of the College of Business Administration for students majoring in Management Information Systems.

Andersen alumni gave the University a $160,000 gift in January for the development and ongoing operation of the lab.

The lab, which will open second semester, will consist of a stand-alone network of 20 computers with a dedicated server. The lab will give MIS majors the computer support necessary to develop software applications and to test hardware and software configurations in a manner not currently possible on the University network.

Students will be able to gain experience managing client/server networks, using groupware products such as Lotus Notes, accessing a Webserver and secure intranets, and working with alternative network operating systems and server platforms.

The lab will also be used by other students and faculty in COBA who have special computing needs, such as in database marketing, and to conduct behavioral research experiments, including the study of human-computer interface and group decision making.

Quiz Show Finalists

Sean Leonard
-Senior, St. Edward's Hall-

Andrew Nutting
-Senior, O'Neill Hall-

Tom Ogorzalek
-Sophomore, Siegfried Hall-

The Final Round will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium

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Federal judge overturns ban on late-term abortions

Associated Press
TRENTON, N.J.
A federal judge today overturned a New Jersey law banning a controversial late-term abortion procedure.

U.S. District Judge Anne Thompson declared the law unconstitutional because its wording was too vague and it placed an undue burden on a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion.

Thompson said the law threatened both patients and providers with "irreparable injury" because women might be denied access to "the most conventional and safest abortion procedures" and because providers might be subject to "license revocation and heavy fines for performing constitutionally permissible abortions."

Thompson's ruling resulted from a four-day civil trial, which ended in early October.

Throughout the trial — heard by Thompson without a jury — lawyers argued over the wording of the ban.

Lawyers for abortion rights advocates maintained the law's language was so sweeping and vague that it described all abortions. They saw it as a thinly veiled attempt to ban common abortions.

The lawyer for New Jersey legislators, who passed the ban in 1997, argued the law applied only to a specific late-term abortion procedure, known as "intact dilation and extraction," or IDX.

In that procedure, which opponents dubbed "partial-birth abortion," the doctor pulls the fetus — feet first — through the birth canal and punctures the skull with a sharp instrument so the head can pass through the cervix.

The stage for the trial was set in June 1997, when state lawmakers passed a bill banning "an abortion in which the person performing the abortion partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery."

The wording sent abortion rights advocates reeling. They interpreted the bill to ban any abortions in which the fetus starts out living, passes through the vagina and dies.

The bill, which does not mention "intact dilation and extraction," did make room for one exception. It allowed the procedure only if the woman's life was at risk.

But Gov. Christie Whitman had wanted to allow the procedure if the woman's health was at risk — a provision abortion opponents said would render the ban useless.

Whitman vetoed the measure, and in December 1997 the Legislature overrode the veto.

The law was then challenged in federal court by Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, which provides 900 abortions annually, and three doctors who perform abortions.

Soon after, Judge Thompson allowed a temporary restraining order blocking the ban's enforcement until she reached a decision.

Whitman decided her administration would not defend a law she had opposed. That forced the Legislature to hire its own attorney.

Lawmakers retained Richard F. Collier, a Somerset County attorney, known for representing abortion opponents.

During the trial, Collier argued if a fetus dies while at least partially in the birth canal, then it is no longer an abortion, it is "infanticide."

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Gabriel Martínez

Weary-eyed cynics answer: “you can’t change the world.” That is the cowardly excuse of those not willing to fight for change. Yet young people also have their feet on the ground. We want space to grow as human beings; we look for opportunities to work honestly. We want to be generous with our children and the children they will have, who will live far away in the middle of the continent. We want to feed their bodies with good food, their minds with a good education and their souls with virtues and with truth.

With that in mind, we want to participate in the life of our country. We want to be one of those giving employment, one of those who will work productively, and one of those who will serve in public office.

In addition, I call the truly young to be indentured with their actions. We must fight for the truly young not for sale, and will not be silenced, to refuse to stay still, to participate. For the truly young are not for sale, and will not be silenced, if they go armed with Truth and Virtue, and these weapons will fight side by side with Justice and Charity, even if the cynics say, thinking they insult us, “idealists!”

Some of the young will respond. Some would rather applaud than boo. Some would rather laugh with Christ than at Him. When they frown in indignation, the best of them respond by kneeling and praying. “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners.”

Eve’s last Truth cannot be silenced, even by those worst forms of censure that are the watering down of Truth and apathetic peer-pressure. I have seen people who are not content with a bloodless Christianity, who know that Catholicism is more than stained-glass and candles. The truly young are the children of God and Mary who will eat their vegetables and the dessert; the young do not pick and choose their beliefs. The young are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, for they are left empty by a religion of politicians, offered by heretics with profiteers’ appointments.

For the young believe in something greater than themselves, not in something they fashioned after their own image. The fearless knight, who did not surrender before the dragon, knew before the king; he recognized the relationship between them. So do they, fearful and frail human beings, kneel before the Prophet, King and Priest forever, who conceals His divinity on the Manger and who conceals even His humanity in the Monstrance. Like the knight, they surrender their weapons to their Lord — liberty, memory, understanding and will — and from their Lord they receive their knighthood. Glad in the armor of God, girl with truth, dressed in justice, shod with eagerness for the gospel of peace, holding faith as a shield and covered with the helmet of salvation, they querel the arrows of the evil one and stand firm on the day of dark. (Thanks, St. Ignatius and St. Paul.)

The young are like the Simon the Cyrenian, who understand what the uncharitable voices of half-Truth and worldly compromise do not: that with our suffering we can share in the suffering of Christ and in the redemption of humankind. They are like the Psalmist, singing, “the law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul” and crying, “Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness . . . against you I have sinned. I have done such evil in your sight.” They are like the father of the boy with a demon: “I believe, I believe, help my unbelief!” And in them I see a young girl, kind and gentle, seeking the Truth and sharing it, who said: “I am the handmaid of the Lord,” and “Do whatever He tells you.” This small band of inconstant zealots is not for sale, and will succeed. Whether the administration and the faculty will follow them is another matter altogether. Will they enter into the exciting romance of orthodoxy, or will they stay content with their stale formula? I hear the latest theological or moral atrocity committed by the distinguished and learned faculty (and this I say without out sarcasm, for they are learned in the matters of this world and in it they have acquired great fame), and I cry with indignation to my Mother on the Dome. I sense that the administration prefers fame and fortune to Truth boldly proclaimed and Holiness shamelessly lived, and I wonder if gaining the world is worth losing this University’s soul. I see the vitality of the Catholic students, and then I know why I came to Notre Dame. I came to meet the young.

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GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I don’t even know what street Canada is on.”

— Al Capone
Rejoicing at the Congressional Session’s End

While walking my dog, Potamus, around the U.S. Capitol grounds, I encountered a man listening to a Daniel Webster debate-current events. The first angel, a Republican, quietly lamented that the Judiciary Committee voted on party lines to expand its impeachment inquiry and include allegations of campaign financing abuses. The other angel, a Democrat, praised the initiative, saying that it might be the best way to expose the partisan stain of beer and wine while defending the political discussion in the eloquent Webster.

Webster uncharacteristically sided with Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, who, while testifying before the committee, accused the Republican majority for trivializing the judicial system. Dershowitz charged Republicans with ignoring the special provisions of the Constitution that prevent a sitting president from criminal prosecution during his presidency, only holding him accountable for treason, bribery, high crimes and misdemeanors.

Dershowitz charged, “This committee is only concerned with Democratic perjury.”

“I cannot fathom,” followed Webster, “that these blinded by partisan politics choose to stand up and defend for the forfathers specified in no uncertain terms. The framers of our nation would not subscribe to the notions exposed in committee that behavior, in fact, even crimes less than substantial, rise to the constitutional standard of impeachment.”

The Republican angel sat motionless during Webster’s speech, then thought aloud, “Republican committee members such as George’s Bob Barr must cease their divisive rhetorical phrases like ‘real Americans,’ or Florida’s Bob McColloch saying ‘those who look at this in a reasonable way.’ By expanding their probe into estate planning, financial reform, I fear that their fruits will be the appearance of more partisanship and less regard for the ‘real and reasonable’ view of the American public.”

It was as if to illustrate Webster into another tirade by asking him his opinion of Bill’s Bob Barr, when Potamus began chasing a stray poodle. Potamus, being half Labrador and half Pit Bull, easily overpowered the playful poodle while playing one of their doggy games. However, the poodle kept coming back for more, as if to challenge the Potamus. He was the dreaded Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr. As I hurried to keep Potamus, the Democratic angel, oblivious to Starr’s identity, glided close to me. “Excuse me sir,” said the angel to Starr. “You appear to be a person of high intelligence and integrity. Could you help me with a logical problem?”

“Heartened, he stated, “I’d be glad to take the patron saint of beer and wine, but with college binge drinking, MADD is my only friend. I need to change the wording so that I can sell the title. No, he’s never tried but not lie. What would you suggest?”

Starr stood quietly for a second then replied, “It could be called the ‘Patron Saint of Beverages and Altar Accoutrements’ which is technically correct but also marks the hardness of the truth as seen by others. While I personally always need a drink, consider masked truth to be true if it does, in deed, know that it is masked. Minorities are important in law.”

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christmas album reviews

Tis the season to dig out all your Christmas tunes and do the whole mistletoe and holy thing. Now if you're like me you've relied on your mom's 8-tracks and reel-to-reel recordings of those Christmas songs to get you through the holiday. But now that you're away from home and wanting to deck the halls and turn your room into your very own winter wonderland, you're going to want to buy some Christmas albums. Since I doubt any of you are able to make the kind of commitment it takes to buy the Hanson Christmas album, I will advise you on some classic albums to invest in so you don't have a blue Christmas.

Now I am not taking away from any artist that has had the intestinal fortitude to try and sell a song that countless others have sung before them, but I wanted to limit my selection to four greats of caroling - Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis, Nat King Cole and of course, old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra. I will be discussing one album of each artist in order of my preference from least to most.

One of the most popular Christmas albums of all time is good old White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Now quite frankly, the music on the album isn't really that good, even with the presence of the Andrews Sisters. Some of the tracks are only appealing because of Crosby's voice, which owentimes reminds me of my grandfather on Christmas after he has dipped his cup in the eggnog one too many times. Crosby isn't one of the most cheery sounding fellas, but his voice does have great nostalgic appeal. It brings a kid of the high-priced Christmas era back to a simpler time when you might actually ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

You also can't go wrong with classic Christmas tracks like "Christmas in Killarney" (go Irish) and "Mele Kalikimaka."

With the music backing of Perry Faith and His Orchestra, the music is considerably better that that of the Crosby album. Mr. Mathis has a very sweet voice that brings back memories of sitting around the fireplace and relaxing as snowflakes gently fall outside. It is that peaceful quality of the album that makes it such an endearing album.

Deciding between the last two artists, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra, was rather difficult. I decided that each of these is a must for stocking stuffers. Nat King Cole's The Christmas Song is most well known for the titled song that he made famous, but that almost everyone on the shopping season has tried to in vain without success.

Cole also has a nice combination of cheeriness and warmth in his voice that is very inviting to listeners. Only one of the only English and Latin versions of "Adeste Fideles" that smoothly combines both versions. Who else could sing "O Tannenbaum," a song written in the joyous language of German, and make it sound cheery?

Last, but certainly not least is good old Frank Sinatra who doesn't seem to get the kind of attention he deserves on the radio during Christmas. In fact, when you go into most music stores you don't even see his album A Jolly Christmas from Frank Sinatra. Most of you probably have only heard it when your parents decide to dust it off with their other Christmas LPs. The album is very high spirited and the music is quite good.

The first track, "Jingle Bells," is much more swinging than other versions that you might have heard. The highlight of the album however has to be the "Christmas Waltz," which happens to be one of my favorite carols. The music on Mr. Sinatra's album has to be the best of the bunch. In addition, Neil Diamond also is a great Christmas song singer that you might want to check out.

If you do decide to buy one of these albums, most are inexpensive and can be found at most music stores. If you don't know where to find them, just look in the large displays set up for the shopping seasons right next to Wham's albums next year.

Geoff Rahie

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James Schuyler

A h, it's almost that time of year again. That time when the entire family gets together to celebrate the Christmas season. Now what would Christmas day be without some Christmas music?

I still have nightmares of many a Christmas morning when my mom would blare the seasonal works of musical stars such as Barry Manilow, Neil Diamond and Kenny G. Now, the kids are fighting back. The Squirrel Nut Zippers have just released an all-Christmas album entitled Christmas Caravan.

I will be honest - when I was handed this CD a couple of days ago, I didn't think any modern band would pull off an entire album filled with Christmas tunes. However, I was pleasantly surprised with the work on this disc. The album is as well put together with smart songwriting and some nice musical moments.

Out of the 13 songs included on Christmas Caravan, eight of them are Squirrel Nut Zippers' originals, proving that the musicians of today can contribute cheer to the holiday season. The opening track, "Winter Weather," expresses the band's additional love for the snow that comes with the holidays, while "A Johnny Ace Christmas" talks of a man who enjoys the anticipation of Christmas Day even more than the actual event. The strongest track on the collection is the hilarious "Indian Giver." The song, anchored by a strong electric guitar riff, tells the story of a toy that wants back all the presents he gave to other people for Christmas. "Well, I've got a friend/Who lives across town/Every year when Christmas rolls around/He gives me my Christmas present in a paper sack/Two pairs of socks/Without successors."

A nice treat on this effort is the various musical textures and colors of the laid-back lounge band. "Carolina Christmas" is dressed with bluegrass rhythms and "My Evergreen" is filled with jazzy piano. Although the closing track, "Hanging Up My Stockings," contains too many repetitive horn licks, and the slow "Gift of the Magi" drags on for what seems like an eternity, it's a jazzy rendition of the classic "Silent Night.""
...to buy some lovely Christmas albums

Hanson
Snowed In

A Charlie Brown Christmas

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Neil Diamond
The Christmas Album

The Time-Life Treasury of Christmas

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Philadelphia, New Jersey end game in deadlock

PHILADELPHIA, NEW JERSEY — Rod Brind’Amour scored the tying goal with 3:45 remaining in the third period Tuesday night to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 3-3 tie with the New Jersey Devils.

The Brind’Amour goal countered an early New Jersey tally that wiped out a 3-2 Flyers lead. It was his 10th career goal and his second power-play goal of the game at 13:09 to set up the third overtime period Tuesday night.

Rookie John Hull and Dan Dugan also scored for the Flyers, who salvaged a point in the opener. The Devils are also unbeaten in their last eight games on home ice. 

On the tying goal, Chris Gratton, who led off the right circle that hit Martin Brodeur’s stick and popped the puck back to Brind’Amour, who slipped the puck into the cage to close out the scoring in the seesaw contest. The Devils dominated at the start of both periods and goals by Lindros and Hull in a span of 55 seconds shifted the tide in favor of the Flyers.

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RED WINGS 1, BLACKHAWKS 2
Steve Yzerman had two goals in the Red Wings’ 1-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhaws Tuesday night, snapping the Blackhawks three-game win streak.

Nicklas Lidstrom, rookie goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere won the game for Detroit.

The game was just 27 seconds old when a shot from Yzerman missed the net and a rebound by Shanahan scored for Detroit. Rookie Mike Maneluk and Eric Dineen scored for Chicago in the third period.

Yzerman set it up, stealing the puck from Defenceman Ken Daneyko, appeared in his 935th game, and scored his 419th career point, held by John Maclean.

Avs’ road kill

AVLAVCE, ISLANDERS 1
Peter Forsberg scored the tie-breaking goal off a pass from Jari Kurri’s stick Saturday when the Colorado Avalanche beat the New York Islanders 2-1 in their first and final meeting.

Forsberg’s goal came at 5:51 of the second period of the season. Chasing after a loose puck with New York Islanders Nicklas Lidstrom and Scott Niedermayer both skaters were gloved by goalie John Vanbiesbrouck out of his net to play the puck.

Salo missed the puck and Forsberg managed to get backhand into the vacated net.

Ryan Saveit with a lead kick pad save on Trevor Linden with 1:25 remaining in regulation. The Islanders (10-17-0) are the only team in the NHL to have not played an overtime game this season.

Russell scored for the Avalanche, which won their fourth straight game straight over the Islanders.

The last New York win was on Feb. 1, 1994, in the Nassau Coliseum, and known as the Nordiques.

Mario Czerkawski scored the lone goal for the Islanders, who have lost six straight games and nine of their last 11. 

Russell scored the only goal of the third period. His score from the blue line left off an Islander defense and before it went wide.

Forsberg’s first goal this season.

Tender Linden had the Islanders’ best chance of the period, but his one-timer from the slot hit the left post.

An apparent goal for Forsberg was disallowed when Referee Tony Strachan’s stick was in the net.

Forsberg’s goal at 14:21 when he tipped in a dump-in from Steve Yzerman from the outer right circle.

Czerkawski tied the game at 14:21 when he tipped in a pass from Pat Falloon from the outer right circle.

PERSONAL
SANTIAGO, LIGHTNING 2/29
Shawn麦考林 had two goals in the final second-night game as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the New York Islanders 4-3 Saturday night.

Steve Yzerman added a goal

and two assists. The center has eight points in his last nine games, three in his past four. He has nine goals and 24 assists in 59 games.

Forsberg and the Islanders scored 3-0 apart midway through the first period.

After stealing the puck along the right wing boards, Yzerman skated toward the net and sent a pass through the crease to McEchnare, who made 1-1-0 at 14:14.

Yzerman scored on a backhander from the goal-mouth scramble at 9:46.

The Lightning got within 2-1 at 4:02 of the first and never played catch-up after the first period.

McEchnare countered as he completed his second two-goal game at 9:33.

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NEW JERSEY 5
Detroit goalie Jimmy Carson stopped Holik that tied it with his fourth goal at 1:11, tipping in a pass from Doug Gilmour. Osgood was pulled after this second start since missing six games with a hip flexor injury.

Detroit regained the lead when Roest swooped in on the Devils at 7:52 and flipped the rebound of Martin Lapointe’s shot over a sprawling Fitzgerald and into the second NHL goal.

Elias gave New Jersey its first lead at 16:42, scoring off an errant pass from Yzerman.

Ron Hextall replaced Vanbiesbrouck to start the third period and gave New Jersey a seemingly secure 3-0 lead.

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Salo missed the puck and Forsberg managed to get backhand into the vacated net.

Ryan Saveit with a lead kick pad save on Trevor Linden with 1:25 remaining in regulation. The Islanders (10-17-0) are the only team in the NHL to have not played an overtime game this season.

Russell scored for the Avalanche, which won their fourth straight game straight over the Islanders.

The last New York win was on Feb. 1, 1994, in the Nassau Coliseum, and known as the Nordiques.

Mario Czerkawski scored the lone goal for the Islanders, who have lost six straight games and nine of their last 11. 

Russell scored the only goal of the third period. His score from the blue line left off an Islander defense and before it went wide.

Forsberg’s first goal this season.

Tender Linden had the Islanders’ best chance of the period, but his one-timer from the slot hit the left post.

An apparent goal for Forsberg was disallowed when Referee Tony Strachan’s stick was in the net.

Forsberg’s goal at 14:21 when he tipped in a dump-in from Steve Yzerman from the outer right circle.

Czerkawski tied the game at 14:21 when he tipped in a pass from Pat Falloon from the outer right circle.

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SANTIAGO, LIGHTNING 2/29
Shawn麦考林 had two goals in the final second-night game as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the New York Islanders 4-3 Saturday night.

Steve Yzerman added a goal

and two assists. The center has eight points in his last nine games, three in his past four. He has nine goals and 24 assists in 59 games.

Forsberg and the Islanders scored 3-0 apart midway through the first period.

After stealing the puck along the right wing boards, Yzerman skated toward the net and sent a pass through the crease to McEchnare, who made 1-1-0 at 14:14.

Yzerman scored on a backhander from the goal-mouth scramble at 9:46.

The Lightning got within 2-1 at 4:02 of the first and never played catch-up after the first period.

McEchnare countered as he completed his second two-goal game at 9:33.

Lecavalier, the first overall pick in this year’s draft, scored his fourth goal of the second and first in 13 games to make it 2-0.

Wendel Clark assisted on Lecavalier’s best effort as the Lightning’s point streak to five games (4 goals, 1 assist). The Islanders regained the two-goal advantage when Aprill Daskell scored at 11:33.

Ottawa de Groen-Jean Loskaukas made his season debut.

The Lightning have lost 11 of 17 in regulation time.
Iowa upsets Kansas

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Larry Brown nailed two free throws with 1:41 left to lead No. 12 Kansas to an 83-81 victory over No. 10 Iowa in an overtime thriller at the Midwest Regional in the NCAA Tournament.

Kansas improved to 27-5 and will face fourth-seeded Oklahoma in the regional final on Saturday, while Iowa (20-12) was eliminated.

Brown made the crucial baskets on a night when the Jayhawks shot a mere 38.7 percent from the floor, including 1-for-4 from 3-point range. He finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"Our defense was the difference in the game," Brown said.

Kansas forward Like McEachern had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Thaddeus Lewis added 14 points and 13 rebounds. The Jayhawks outrebounded the Hawkeyes 40-26.

Iowa junior guard Kirk Hinrich, who had 14 points, missed a 3-pointer with 1:50 left that would have tied the game.

Iowa junior guard Javon Harris, who had 22 points, had a chance to win it at the buzzer, but his 3-pointer was blocked by Kansas' Kirk Johnson.

Kansas senior forward堡f Clark Johnson said the Jayhawks were not prepared to lose.

"We are never going to get down because, frankly, we thought we were going to win," he said.

DiMaggio is on road to recovery

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - Joe DiMaggio made a dramatic turnaround from a serious lung infection just after doctors told his family and friends to prepare for the worst, his brother said Tuesday.

"We called the family because, frankly, we thought we were getting down to the last road," Dr. Earl Barron said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Today, there's a little more hope," Barron said. "He's been in and out of the hospital six weeks, but the latest is he's come out of the hospital. He's not in a coma. He is up and moving and opening his eyes," he said.

DiMaggio entered Memorial Regional Hospital Oct. 12, with Barron heading a team of six doctors treating him.

Since his surgery, he has suffered recurring pneumonia in his left lung. Besides treatment with three antibiotics, he also has had fluid drained from his lungs several times. His blood pressure dropped so rapidly on Nov. 16 that a Catholic priest was summoned to administer last rites.

"I thought he was near death," said friend and attorney Morris Engelberg. "We're playing this day-by-day. Today is good. Tomorrow, who knows?"

Even if DiMaggio is eventually discharged from the hospital, he will never have the same quality of life, Engelberg said.

"Machines are keeping him alive. He's been in the ICU for 58 days. He's got every hook up known to man. He's being fed through tubes," Engelberg said. "If he recovers, he won't be the same. He'll never have the quality of life he did."

Barron refused to speculate on whether DiMaggio would ever leave the hospital. "He could go in five minutes and he could walk out of the hospital six weeks from now, I would certainly not want to predict," he said.

Doctors anticipate other problems and must treat any complications as they occur, Barron said.

"They've done a sensational job with him. I don't think he could have gotten better care," Barron said. "The proof of it is when he walks out of the hospital, God willing."

Barron, who has treated DiMaggio for five years, is keenly aware of why so many people admire his patient.

"He's an icon. He's an amazing person. He's the greatest player that ever played," Barron said, sitting in an office filled with baseball, football, hockey and basketball memorabilia.

"He may not have hit 70 home runs, but he did just about everything else," he said. "I saw an awful lot of слере that I'm constantly thinking about it and discussing it with my peers."
Tom Osborne, Bo Jackson highlight Hall of Fame selections

NEW YORK

Less than a year after coaching his final game at Nebraska, Tom Osborne was inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame on Tuesday night, along with 12 former college stars. "It's a great honor," said Osborne, who compiled a remarkable 255-49-3 record and won two national titles and shared a third in 25 seasons with the Cornhuskers. "Whenever somebody, a player or a coach, gets into a Hall of Fame, there's a lot of people very responsible. And that's the case here. I'm just the figurehead." The Hall of Fame waived a three-year waiting period to admit Osborne after he retired in January. Last year, the hall did the same for retired Grambling coach Eddie Robinson.

Jackson, Auburn's 1985 Heisman Trophy winner who went on to star in the NFL and in major league baseball, led a parade of college greats who were honored 17 athletes who received postgraduate fellowships. The foundation also honored 17 athletes who will receive an $18,000 scholarship each.

In Division I-A: quarterback Jim McMahon (Brigham Young, 1977-78), quarterback Jerry Rhome (SMU, 1986-88); center Jim Ritcher (North Carolina State, 1976-79); running back Mel Long (Toledo, 1969-71); quarterback Philip Stinson (Northwestern, 1994-96); and defensive back Anthony Piemunzi (Youngstown State), and kicker Al Perack (Pittsburgh).

In Division I-AA: center Nick Battles (Butler); defensive back Anthony Pianus (Youngstown State), and kicker Al Perack (Pittsburgh).

In Division II: linebacker Lee Daily (Henderson State) and defensive tackle Brad Budde (Southern California, 1976-79), tackle Bill Fralic (Pittsburgh, 1981-84), linebacker Randy Gradishar (Ohio State, 1971-73); defensive tackle Mel Long (Toledo, 1969-71); quarterback Jerry Rhame (SMU, Tulsa, 1961, 63-64); center Jim Ritcher (North Carolina State, 1976-79); running back defensive back Johnny Roland (Georgia, 1976-86); center-linebacker Alex Sarkisian (Ohio State, 1976-81); and defensive back Anthony Piemunzi (Youngstown State), and kicker Al Perack (Pittsburgh).

In Division III: defensive back Anthony Piemunzi (Youngstown State) and kicker Al Perack (Pittsburgh).

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Tyson plans return to ring
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

If Mike Tyson is concerned about a possible return to prison, he wasn't saying Tuesday.

Looking fit in a black muscle T-shirt and wearing a crimson beret, Tyson appeared for a news conference called to announce what promoter Dan Goossen called the worst-kept secret in boxing — that Tyson will face Francois Botha on Jan. 16.

The 12-round bout at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, to be carried on Showtime Event Television Pay Per View, will be Tyson's first since June 28, 1997 when he hit Evander Holyfield's ears in their heavyweight championship bout and was disqualifed in the third round.

Shortly thereafter, the Nevada Athletic Commission stripped Tyson of his boxing license and fined him $3 million. The commission reinstated Tyson's license in October.

Even before Tyson spoke at the packed Hollywood Athletic Club news conference, adviser Shelly Finkel informed attending reporters and fans that questions wouldn't be answered regarding "any pending litigation."

The first questioner asked Tyson how he felt about a possible return to prison, and was shouted down by others on the dais.

"Tyson has a 45-3 record with 39 knockouts, while Holyfield is 39-1 with 24 knockouts. Botha's only loss came on Nov. 9, 1996 when he was stopped by Michael Moorer in the ninth round for the IBF heavyweight title."

The All-Star game canceled, season at risk
Associated Press

NEW YORK

The All-Star game is the latest casualty of the NBA lockout. The only thing left to save is the season itself.

Ending a 47-year-old tradition of bringing its top talent together for a special showcase, the NBA on Tuesday canceled the All-Star game, which had been set for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

"This is just a result of the inexorable march of the calendar," commissioner David Stern said. "There just isn't time left to have a season with an All-Star game."

"We apologize to the city of Philadelphia, but we promise to bring the All-Star Weekend back as soon as possible," Stern said.

Stern called Mayor Edward Rendell to break the news, but it really didn't come as a surprise. With collective bargaining negotiations at a standstill and the outlook increasingly bleak, the biggest question now is whether there will be a season at all.

If Tyson can't make this deal, I don't think there's hope for the sport itself," Stern said in one of his most pessimistic comments to date.

The cancellation meant Philadelphia would lose an estimated $35 million in business associated with the game.

The NBA had held an All-Star game every year without fail since 1951, and this season's version would have given the 76ers a chance to show off their new arena, the First Union Center, and perhaps even their best player, Allen Iverson, if he had made the Eastern Conference team.

The city would have been back at the center of the basketball universe for the first time since the days of Dr. J and Moses Malone.

"I wanted the world to see the greatness of Philadelphia in one giant show," Sixers president Pat Croce said.

It also would have given NBC a chance to draw one of its largest audiences of the winter during the all-important February sweeps period.

The owners and players have not met for negotiations since last Thursday, and no new talks are scheduled.

Stern has refused to set a date when it would be too late to save the season, saying it will expire of its own accord in the not too distant future. He also ruled out having an All-Star game at the conclusion of the season.

"Sadly, the owners have elected to cheat millions of fans and the city of Philadelphia out of a wonderful spectacle," union director Billy Hunter said. "Their effort to further intimidate the players will not succeed."

The first two months of the season have already been scrapped, and it now cannot begin until mid-January at the earliest.

Deputy commissioner Russ Granik disclosed that the league is willing to extend the playoffs until the end of June — about 10 days later than usual — but would not be willing to play into July.

If a season can be salvaged, it appears it will contain less than 50 games. Stern reiterated Tuesday that having a handshake deal on a new collective bargaining agreement won't be enough for him to lift the lockout. The deal will first have to be put to paper and ratified, a process that could take about two weeks.

At least three weeks more would then be needed to sign free agents, make trades and hold training camps.

Since that would leave very little time to squeeze in a few games before the All-Star break, and because All-Star selections are supposed to be based upon performance in the current season, the league was left with no choice but to cancel the game.

"We just don't see a realistic way to have the All-Star game, based in some way upon what was transpiring in the season," Stern said.

The All-Star Jam Session, an interactive event that provides fans with their best opportunity to get an up-close taste of the festivities, had already been canned.

Granik also shed some light on the type of schedule the league would have if the lockout is lifted, saying it would not be feasible to have 56 games with every team playing every other team twice.

"You'd see more of a conference-type schedule with some mixing of intra-conference games, but no team is going to see every other team at home. That's going to be virtually impossible," Granik said.
B.C.S. leaves Kansas St. high and dry

BY JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Imagine building a team from the ashes. "From beneath the ashes," Imagine taking a winless, hapless college football program and turning them around from an 0-11 season into a football powerhouse a mere decade later. Imagine coming into the season as a contender for the national championships.

Imagine defeating Nebraska, limiting Texas' Ricky Williams carries, and being in the five seconds it took the time which was forced by A&M's to catch a 32-yard, third-down fumble down back into the ashes national championship.

That's all it took. Tennessee had all but lost to Arkansas until Arkansas lost the game, placed the ball on the ground for Volunteer defenders to grab and allow Tennessee to run them over in a manner they were unable throughout the game. Florida State, like Kansas State, has suffered a defeat. While the Wildcats lost in double overtime on one magnificent play, the Seminoles were drubbed 24-7 by ... the North Carolina State Wolfpack. Oh, yeah, and The Pack didn't manage to beat teams like Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado like A&M did, although they did prevail by three points at home against football powerhouse Duke.

So if the B.C.S. is going to pit two teams like Tennessee and Florida State against one another, and this is unfair, what is the right solution? Well, I've mentioned a playoff system in other articles. However, in lieu of the events that transpired the past weekend — the SEC and Big 12 Championships coupled with the "Hurricane Bowl" between UCLA and Miami — it seems as if a system that offers a playoff-like atmosphere is already in place.

So, what's the answer? Sometimes there is no clear-cut answer to any question, and this is one of those times. College football's conference championships and history will prove a playoff between teams that have earned the right to play. For example, the top-eight teams according to the B.C.S. rankings would never get to play one another in a playoff system because of their allegiances to their respective conferences. While Kansas State-Texas A&M was a preview of what such a matchup would be like, it is unfair that the Wildcats must play the Aggies while Tennessee plays someone of Mississippi State's caliber (which is not as bad as one might think).

Nevertheless, the B.C.S. system is the best solution put forth by college football's minds. A playoff system based on the B.C.S. would be more desirable, but extremely difficult. As for Kansas State, we can look once again to Coach Snyder for insight. "... if the B.C.S. system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you." Kansas State lost to Texas A&M in a game they should have won. Perhaps more importantly, their strengths-of-schedule (a portion of the B.C.S. equation) was weak because three of their first four games were against Indiana State (yes, Division II-A Indiana Stale), Northern Illinois and Army (not exactly Northeastern Louisiana).

Despite the two aforementioned reasons, Kansas State deserves to be in a better bowl than the Alamo Bowl and should face a better opponent than Purdue.

The fact that the popularity and name recognition of some teams — especially Florida, with two losses — locks them into the B.C.S. while it locks out a program risen from the ashes such as Kansas State explains the politics that come into play in college football. It also explains why we will never truly have a perfect system in terms of teams, rankings and bowls.

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Jan. 1 Sugar Ohio St. vs. Texas A&M
Jan. 2 Orange Syracuse vs. Florida
Jan. 4 Fiesta Tennessee vs. Florida St.
Knight outburst works to Kentucky’s advantage in OT win

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

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Hecker led Indiana with 18 points, while A.J. Guyton added 15 for the Hoosiers. Scott Padgett scored 17 points for Kentucky, which opened the overtime with a 3-pointer by Padgett and a layup by Wayne Turner for a 56-51 lead.

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fast-paced breakaway offense that started at the game's onset. Freshman forward Tamika Williams who added to the offense, playing when the Huskies built a 29-point lead; their largest of the game, with five minutes remaining. She scored 12 points in just 18 minutes of play.

In a game in which Auriemma emphasized playing the ball to the inside, Abrosimova. Cash and Williams combined for a little less than 50 percent of Connecticut's points. "We really wanted to take advantage of our inside game tonight," said Auriemma. "We felt like we had more bodies, and we told the guards that we wanted to pass the ball inside as much as possible.”

That task was led by Amy Duran from the point, who finished the game with eight assists on offense and four steals on the other end of the court. The Irish came out in front of all 5,102 fans on the court playing Connecticut's defense. The Irish faithful, however, didn’t see the women at their best.

"This is one of those games where you want to get up in front of the mic and apologize to the crowd,” McGraw said. “I think Connecticut is a great team and they made us play very poorly, but I also thought we made ourselves play poorly. We are a much better team than we showed tonight. These girls were so excited to have a big crowd that when they came out in front of all these people, all they wanted to do was please them.” McGraw continued. "They wanted to do everything right and have these people come back.”

Hopefully, they will come back. Despite the loss, Notre Dame (6-1) is still off in one of its best starts in school history. Their current sixth ranking in both polls is also the highest ever for the program and the Irish already have wins over three ranked opponents, including two that were in the top 10. If Notre Dame continues to play the way it has over the past few weeks, another showdown with UConn is sure to loom somewhere down the road. Maybe then, the time will finally be right.

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makes them tough to stop.”

“They definitely have more depth. In the past they’ve had one great player,” McGraw said. "Now they don’t have just that one great player. I think Abrosimova is a great player, but it doesn’t really matter if she is on the court or not. They are all capable.”

McMillen was the lone bright spot for the Irish, as she scored 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting and was perfect from downtown. She had all 5,102 fans on their feet after she drained each of her five three-point field goals. The Irish faithful, however, didn’t see the women at their best.

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The Outland Trophy, annually presented to the nation's top line- man. He also earned first-team all-America honors by the Football Writers Association of America. On defense, the Jackets took a hit last week when starting linebacker Matt Miller suf- fered a torn anterior cruciate in his right knee, and is out for the postseason. Miller is Tech's third- leading tackler with 65 hits.

A box share of the credit for the Yellow Jackets' turnaround can be given to head coach George O'Leary. A four-year vet- eran at the helm of the team, O'Leary was recently named ACC Coach of the Year, while eight players were named to the all-ACC team.

The Irish and the Jackets have one common opponent on their schedules: Big East team Boston College. Georgia Tech started their season with a 41-31 loss to the Eagles, while Notre Dame used a last-minute goal-line stand to preserve a 31-26 victory.

If this year's Gator Bowl is anything like the last time the Irish played in it, fans have reason to be optimistic. In 1976, 13th- ranked Notre Dame defeated No. 20 Penn State 20-9 to finish off their season with a 9-3 record.

Led by quarterback Rick Slater, the Irish scored twenty unanswered points to take a commanding 20-3 lead at half- time. Running back Al Hunter rushed for 102 yards on 26 carries to become the first back in Notre Dame history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Hunter, who scored two rushing touch- downs in the first half, was named the game MVP for his efforts.

On the other end of the ball, a determined Irish defense led by linebackers Bob Coste, Doug Becker and Steve Heinkenrieder did not allow the Lions to score a touchdown for the course of the game. While Slater and Hunter were on other things, the core of the team returned to claim the 1977 national championship the following season.

Will this team's future hold more of the same? One thing's for sure: only time will tell.

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Notre Dame Tennis

Netters are ranked highly in pre-season

Dasso leads No. 16 women

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team has been ranked 16th in the country and first in the Midwest Region heading into the 1999 dual-match season, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association which released the rankings on Tuesday.

The Irish, who finished 19-9 a year ago, will play 15 matches against teams ranked in the top 50 and will welcome nine ranked teams to Notre Dame, including second-ranked Duke.

Notre Dame opens the season against DePaul in Minneapolis, Minn., on Friday, Jan. 22.

Under 10-year head coach Jay Louderback, Notre Dame is one of nine schools to have at least three singles players among the 100 ranked players and one of just seven to have at least two doubles teams among the 50 ranked teams.

The Irish singles contingent is led by sophomore Michelle Dasso, ranked 23rd in the country. Dasso advanced to the quarterfinals of the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Champions- hip in September and compiled a 6-4 record in the fall. Two of her six wins came against top-20 players, including a win over seventh-ranked Julie Ditty of Vanderbilt, with all four less- ers coming to players ranked above her in the latest rankings.

Freshman Becky Varnum, who went 13-5 in the fall, enters the rankings for the first time tied at No. 51 and is ranked higher than all but four freshmen in the country. Varnum posted a victory over Eastern Michigan's 41st-ranked Jean Kansuthi. Irish junior All-American Jennifer Hall rounds out the ranked Irish singles players at 100.

The Irish women's doubles team of freshmen Nina Vaughan and Kelly Zalinski enters the rankings at No. 37 with the team of Dasso and Hall right behind at No. 39. Unranked in the preseason, Vaughan and Zalinski went 6-3 during the fall and advanced to the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Region champions- hip.

The Notre Dame men's tennis team has been ranked 24th in the country heading into the 1999 dual-match season, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association which released the rankings on Tuesday.

The Irish, who finished 20-10 a year ago, will play 12 match- es against ranked teams and will welcome seven ranked teams to Notre Dame, including 10th-ranked Illinois, seventh-ranked Texas and 10th-ranked Duke.

Notre Dame opens the season by playing host to DePaul, Miami (Ohio) and William & Mary in the adidas Quad Meet on Sat., Jan. 23.

Individually for 12-year head coach Bob Bayliss and his men's team, junior Ryan Sachire is ranked third in the country in men's singles, the highest ranking for a Notre Dame tennis player since David DiLuccia finished the 1992 regular season as the top-ranked player in the country. Entering the fall ranked eighth, Sachire went 12-3 and advanced to the final of the ITA All-American championship, the second leg of the ITA col- leigate grand slam.

Five of Sachire's 12 wins came against players now in the top 50 and two in the top 10. All three losses came to players cur- rently ranked in the top 15, including a loss to top-ranked James Blake of Harvard in the ITA All-American championship match.

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Freshmen lead Irish to win over Providence in league opener

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Troy Murphy scored a game-high 30 points to lead Notre Dame to a 83-80 win over Providence College on Tuesday in the Big East opener for both teams. Providence (6-3), which had its six-game winning streak snapped, pulled to within 81-79 on Corey Wright's 3-pointer in the closing seconds. But Murphy was then fouled, and his two foul shots with 8 seconds left clinched the win for Notre Dame (4-5), which was 68 percent from the field on 15-of-22 shooting in the second half. Murphy, who was 11-of-16 from the field and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, tied the highest point total by a freshman in a Big East opening game. Sean Connolly and Jamel Thomas each had 21 points for the Friars. Providence broke out to a 13-2 lead in the opening minutes sparked by three consecutive 3-pointers, one from Jamal Camah and two from Connolly. Notre Dame then went on a 32-7 run in the next 11 minutes, with a combined 28 points from David Graves, Harold Swanagan and Murphy. The Friars closed the deficit to 39-31 at halftime. Graves finished with 17 points and Swanagan with 13.
**FOOTBALL**

**Gator Bowl win could set '99 pace**

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It's that time of year.

College football fans from all over the nation will be tuning in on their television sets to celebrate the new year by rooting on their favorite teams. The situation will be no different for fans of Fighting Irish football, as 18th-ranked Notre Dame will face off against No. 12 Georgia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl on Jan. 2.

Town bowl games are familiar territory for the Irish over the decades, the past few years have been no less kind to fans of the Gold and Blue. Following a 24-21 win over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame has gone 0-3 during the holiday season. Last year, a 27-9 loss to LSU in the Independence Bowl ended a five-game winning streak. Three years ago, a fourth-quarter rally by the Florida State Seminoles from 12 points down gave them a 31-26 victory over the Irish. Two years ago, the team declined offers of postseason play following a 27-20 loss to USC.

**Watch the Gator Bowl at 12:30 p.m. EST on Jan. 1 on NBC.**

These facts still dwell in the hearts and minds of the coaches and players, but a question that lingers minds of most fans is much easier to decipher: Will quarterback Jarious Jackson be fully healed by the time the Irish take the field? Fortunately, from the looks of things, the answer to that question is yes.

Despite suffering an MCL injury in the closing minutes of the LSU game, is reported to be recovering well, and should be back at full strength by the time the team travels to Jacksonville on Dec. 26. For the rest of the team, serious preparations for the game will begin following the end of final exams.

While Jackson's possible return is welcome news, he will have to start his comeback tour against a Georgia Tech squad that is greatly improved from its 17-13 loss when the two teams met last year. Led by experienced quarterback Tim Hamilton, the Yellow Jackets went 9-2 this season to tie for first with Florida State in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

A key factor for the Irish in their New Year's Day bowl against Georgia Tech will be the health of quarterback Jarious Jackson.

**IRISH INSIGHT**

The time hasn’t come

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This was supposed to be it. This was going to be the game in which Notre Dame finally got the monkey off its back and burst into the national spotlight with its first-ever win over Connecticut.

Not so fast.

Last night, UConn proved why they are the top-ranked team in the nation as they defeated the Irish for the ninth consecutive time in just four years. The Irish put forth a valiant effort, but the Huskies quickly took the fight out of the Fighting Irish and rolled to a 106-81 victory.

"I think we knew we had a good chance and this was our best chance, but we didn't get it done," said captain Sheila McMillen. "They played aggressive and I think we came out and played okay, but their press really killed us in the first half and got us down."

The Irish committed 21 first-half turnovers and 31 for the entire game. Big East preseason player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova lit up the Irish for 23 points, but its bench also contributed 48.

The No. 1 Connecticut women's basketball team used a balanced attack to defeat Notre Dame, which lost its first game of the season. The Huskies were led by Big East pre-season player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova's 23 points, but its bench also contributed 48.

"I think overall they are better (than they have been in the past)," McMillen said. "They are more balanced than they have been in the past and that