Remembering the ‘ND Ten’
Thirty years ago this week, students were punished for protesting recruiting visits

By ERICA THEISING
Notre Dame News Editor

On an autumn afternoon 30 years ago, students gathered in the Main Building to protest on-campus recruitment by the CIA. They were met with a violent response from police. Students were arrested, and the university was left with a legacy of activism and the memory of the ‘ND Ten.’

These protests were about us as individuals confronting the University and administration about its moral pretensions.

Mark Mahoney '71 student protestor

According to Mark Mahoney, the Student Senate passed a resolution asking recruiters to participate in a question-and-answer session prior to on-campus interviews for students to gather information on the company’s practices. This would only occur when a sufficient number of students petitioned for it.

But the University refused to arrange that forum, Mahoney said. As a result, the students gathered outside the interview rooms in the Main Building, demanding a forum with Dow and the CIA.

“These protests were about us as individuals confronting the University and administration about its moral pretensions,” Mahoney said.

Failure to cooperate would result in suspension. In an eight-page letter to the community, university president Ray Offenheiser said students who protested more than 15 minutes could face expulsion or arrest.

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Offenheiser: Debt relief is essential to developing world

By LAURA SELINGER
Notre Dame News Writer

Debt relief and world hunger were tied together as students shared "A Simple Meal" with Oxfam America president Ray Offenheiser on Thursday night.

Students gathered in the Center for Social Concerns with Offenheiser, a 1971 Notre Dame graduate, for a meal of beans and rice and a discussion of global poverty. Offenheiser leads Oxfam America, an international non-profit organization that promotes progress and growth around the globe.

“We are a development organization with a human rights perspective. From a social and economic point of view, Oxfam America seeks to find sustainable solutions to the global issue of poverty,” Offenheiser said.

Debt is also a serious problem plaguing many third-world developing countries today, he said.

“After unscrupulous political leaders have died or been overthrown, many developing countries discover they have enormous debt burdens to repay,” Offenheiser said.

As a result, he said, the countries are forced to pay off their debts, and continue to pay them, regardless of expenses for agriculture, education, health and other public services. Because those public services become virtually extinct, the citizens of these countries are subjected to severe injustices.

At the same time, these troubled nations are unable to receive additional loans to pay off their debts. Because the debts remain unpaid, they also face a harsher punishment — the inability to participate in globalization and advancement.

“This was the prerequisite which concerned Oxfam America because it had economic and moral issues,” Offenheiser said.

"Something needed to be done to assist these countries but the question was what.”

Currently, representatives from Oxfam America, religious leaders and debt relief supporters have been working hard to establish a debt relief program. A key victory was achieved in the...
INSIDE COLUMN

Simply the best

Whenever I return home for vacation or break, there’s one question I usually face when someone finds out I go to Notre Dame. “What’s the best Irish football game you’ve ever seen?” Quite a few choices come to mind. There’s Jim Sisson’s field goal over Texas freshman year, or upsetting 15th-ranked LSU in ’97, or defeating defending champion Michigan at the start of the season. In any event, I don’t think I’ll ever forget the Notre Dame victory over Alabama, noted one player. “The biggest event in the country that weekend. We just wanted to create an event that was fun and there wasn’t any way the goalposts could come down—shoulder-to-shoulder, singing the Alma Mater after the game, when we were standing out on the field, noted one player. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History

Students tear down goalpost November 17, 1987

Following the football team’s victory over Alabama, students stormed the field. Despite attempts by ushers, state police and security, the students—chanting “take the goalpost!”—ripped down the goalpost in the south endzone. It cost between $1,300 and $1,700 to replace. Although a few minor injuries to students and police occurred, no serious injuries were reported.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Baptists consider cutting ties with Wake Forest

MIT grad sues over revoked diploma

Champaign, Ill. A 1998 MIT graduate who had his diploma suspended this summer for involvement with the death of a first-year fraternity pledge sued MIT Tuesday for breach of contract and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Charles Yoo was pledger leader for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity in September 1997 when Scott Krueger, a freshman pledge, died of alcohol-poisoning at a fraternity party. More than a year after his graduation, MIT grad sues over revoked diploma

Interhall championship moved from stadium

The battle between Dillon and Morrisey for the interhall football title was moved from its originally scheduled location in Notre Dame Stadium to Carrier Field. The change was necessary because the stadium grass had been aerated and reseeded. Members of both teams expressed disappointment. It’s every kid’s dream to play in Notre Dame Stadium, noted one player.

ILINOIS PROFS PROTEST DIPLOMA

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. University of Illinois professors who feel copyright laws are being violated are considering a lawsuit against commercial note-taking companies such as Versity.com and IndexiNotes. Mark Loff, associate profes sor of history, said he and other professors from the history department are going to be discussing legal action with administrators because notes from their lectures are being sold. "We’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention. "Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to go do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention. "Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to go do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention. "Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to go do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention. "Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to go do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention. "Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to go do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [club] policy if they want to get back in the fold, so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention.

LOCAL WEATHER

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The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 19.
Pregame bonfire collapses at Texas A&M, 11 dead

Log pile collapsed after crane struck it

TExAS A&M BATALLION

At least 11 Texas A&M students were killed and 28 injured early Thursday when the bonfire stack collapsed into a dangerous heap of heavy wire and logs.

At 2:28 a.m. CST, a crane lifting a log hit the stack too hard, apparently crushing the centerpole at the base, witnesses said.

Emergency crews were dispatched at 2:42 a.m.; the first crews arrived on the scene six minutes later.

Structural engineers have arrived on the scene along with more than 100 law-enforcement and rescue personnel. Specialized sound equipment and motion detectors are being used in the rescue operation.

The stack fell suddenly, trapping workers on and near the stack.

"I heard a snap, centerpole cracked and all of stack came down faster than anyone could move," said Alleen Drydun, a sophomore general studies major who was working at the workers' refreshment stand. "The next thing I know, people were going crazy, and there were bodies on the ground."

A College Station Medical Center spokesperson said 12 students were hospitalized; three of whom were in critical condition.

Officials reported that Corps of Cadets Company K-2 was working on the collapsed side of the fire.

Other Corps units and residence halls on the stack site were the FIHK Complex, Moses Hall, Astox Hall, Company D-2, Company C-2, Company K-2, Squadron 16 and Squadron 17.

Officials said at least 24 workers were on the stack when it collapsed.

Hilary Jones, a University Police Department (UPD) security officer, said the UPD critical-incident response team, urban search-and-rescue teams and community fire departments and emergency medical-rescue teams responded to the collapse.

She said an off-duty officer witnessed the collapse.

Michael Guerra, hall council president for the FIHK Complex, was escorting a worker from the site to her residence hall when the stack fell. "I was in complete disbelief," Guerra said. "I had just seen it standing, then it was down. It's something that should never have happened. It's something that you never expect."

Guerra said more than 30 people from the FIHK Complex were at the site.

About 4 a.m., redpot calls for assistance to transport logs and rescue trapped workers.

Guerra said precautions taken by bonfire organizers had saved lives.

"By the time I was able to get back to the site, the rescue efforts were being coordinated," he said. "One good thing about bonfire is there is a line of command that went into action tonight. The situation was handled as best as it could be under the circumstances."

In a news conference earlier Thursday, Texas A&M President Ray Bowen said, "It's evident there won't be a bonfire."

Students flock to site, help in rescue efforts

TExAS A&M BATALLION

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Questions like "Why?" and "How?" largely went unanswered as thousands of students pulled themselves out of bed and streamed onto the Pilo Fields at Texas A&M University.

Most students were forced merely to observe and wait impatiently outside police lines.

Shouts of frustration and confusion, as well as anger and sadness, moved through the assembled student body, but the most common expression was one of black disbelief.

Sixty to 70 students were on top of the logs trying to build the stack when it suddenly gave way, university officials said. "I was dazed. I was kind of thrown against the wall," said Sophomore Caleb Hill. "For a while, I could see a few people trying to jump off the stack. Got out from on top of it, sort from underneath it."

Sophomore Michael Guerra, who was helping build the bonfire, had left for a few minutes and returned moments after the collapse.

"People were running around calling people's names and crying," Guerra said. "Other people just looked like zombies. They couldn't believe what had happened."

Most of the students who stood in the cold, also stood in the dark with only rumors and second-hand stories.

A number of students talked hurriedly on their cell phones, some calling to check on friends' whereabouts, others to tell their parents, who soon would be receiving news reports back home.

Many of those who worked on this year's bonfire came out dressed in work clothes.

These students moved anxiously from one area to the next, looking for an opportunity to help. Others sat silently staring at the pile of logs that hours ago was the bonfire stack.

Students were seen sobbing and hugging their friends as they feared the worst. Anonymity was turned on police monitoring the barricades and news reporters taking footage of the accident. Shouts of "go home" and "this isn't a kodak moment" could be heard.

A large body of students stood on the west end of the police perimeter, ready to go into the scene and help remove logs.

Local officials at first kept all students outside the lines, but needing more manpower, they let teams of 20 workers at a time remove logs not in the area of the collapse.

Despite the cold air and early hour, the thoughts of four to 5,000 students seemed focused on the most important thing — the safety of those still trapped beneath the collapsed pile.

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Students marched to the Main Building in November 1968 to protest recruiting visits by the Army during the resulting protests. The next year, a similar protest resulted in arrests and expulsions.

ND Ten

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Mahoney said this week, "It was a big deal for those folks who were involved because we made a very deliberate choice."

Father James Riehle, then dean of students, collected 10 cards from protesters, Mahoney said. Several students turned in their cards in a show of solidarity with the protestors. Others dispersed when they heard state police had been called in, Mahoney said.

Mahoney, who said he was not blocking any entrance to the interviews, was among those suspended by the University. Along with the five students who were expelled, this group became known as the Notre Dame Ten.

Mahoney said the punishments seemed random, as some who were suspended had been more involved in the protest than some who were expelled. Others did not appear to be involved on any large scale. None of those singled out were elected student government officers, he explained.

"We really were, at the time, I think, scapegoats for the need for (Hesburgh) to demonstrate that"

RA's during their last year on campus. Mahoney keeps in touch with his friends from that period, including some administrators, years, including struggles with the University's paradoxes.

"I come back once in a while, to visit friends mainly — not on football weekends," he said. "I wasn't really alienated from the University. I was more alienated from the administration and what the University represented."

Mahoney, McCarthy and two other Ten members — Ed Buckelew and John Eckenrode — returned to campus in 1994 for the 25th anniversary of the protest. They met with students, visited classes and spoke on the idea of a Christian university.

The Notre Dame Ten are still concerned with what Mahoney calls "the challenge of creating and maintaining a Christian university which is involved by necessity with governments and institutions and corporations whose goals, actions and beliefs may be inconsistent with those 'Christian' values."

Mahoney said that during his meetings with students, he detected the same problems that existed during his undergraduate years, including anti-apartheid activists, poor gender relations and racial tensions.

"I don't know if the University is helping [students] sort all this out," he said. "There still seemed to prevail on campus some of those unresolved ... tensions that to a great extent the administration seemed oblivious to."

Mahoney now is a criminal defense lawyer in Buffalo, N.Y. He said the idea of moral confrontation that spurred him to protest 30 years ago is still at work in his law practice. He explained that the right of confrontation and cross-examination are important to his work. For those reasons, and for his friends, he is grateful for his years at Notre Dame.

"That Notre Dame experience was an important part of my life," he said. "I think it was more, like everybody else, what I made of it than what Notre Dame made of me."

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Caspian pipeline accord signed

Associated Press

ISTANBUL President Clinton said Thursday a deal to send Caspian Sea oil to world markets without going through Russia or Iran will help ensure that no country can choke off the global energy supply.

As Clinton watched, the leaders of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed a series of agreements to build a 1,060-mile oil pipeline from the rich fields of Azerbaijan through Georgia to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. In addition, a gas pipeline will be built from Turkmenistan through Turkey.

“The pipelines will be an insurance policy for the entire world by helping to ensure our energy resources pass through multiple routes instead of a single chokepoint,” Clinton said.

Most Azerbaijani oil is exported through Russia and Iran, which separates Iran from the Arabian peninsula. The Clinton administration has pushed hard for a pipeline agreement, which is also aimed at drawing the oil field rich region closer to the United States and Europe and reducing Russian influence in the newly independent Central Asian states.

“The agreements ... are truly historic,” Clinton said. He signed the agreement in the Ottoman-era Ciragan Palace. “They will advance the prosperity and security of a region critical to the world.”

Russia and Iran had pressed Azerbaijan to agree to deals in which the oil would pass through their territories.

Moscow has backed a pipeline that passes through the Russian south while Iran favored an oil swap in which Azerbaijani oil would be sold in northern Iran and oil from southern Iran would be sold on Azerbaijan's behalf. The Iranian deal was thought to be the cheapest, but vehemently was opposed by the United States.

The setback for Russia came during a meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in which Russia faced sharp criticism for its military campaign against Chechen rebels. After the signing, negotiations between governments and oil companies over financing will have to begin. Azerbaijan produces some 100,000 barrels of oil a day, about one-tenth of the 1 million barrels a day that would make the project viable, experts say. That is only a small fraction of the world's oil consumption. Saudi Arabia, for example, pumps some 8 million barrels per day.

Some experts say it could cost billions of dollars to bring Azerbaijan's oil industry up to the level in which it could pump enough oil to make the project viable. It is not clear, however, how large are the oil reserves in the area.

Election Watch

Associated Press

HAVANA A Cuban opposition group asked the United States on Thursday to more openly political and for the United States to end its trade embargo, the group said Thursday.

The statement by the Christian Liberation Movement said democracy and human rights were needed to allow Cuba to take its rightful place in the Spanish-speaking world.

Numerous heads of state attending the annual Inter-American Summit earlier this week made indirect calls for a political opening in Cuba. Most already had left Cuba by Thursday.

"If this opening is not realized inside Cuba, it will be artificial and really unfounded to say that Cuba is part of the integration process," the statement, which was signed by Oswaldo Paya, one of the island's better known dissidents, and two other Christian Liberation Movement members.

The statement also called for the lifting of American trade sanctions against the Caribbean island, saying they gave the communist government an excuse for the nation's woes.

"It is not true that we want to disrupt the summit or that we oppose this integration process," the declaration added, citing President Fidel Castro's charges that dissident groups had tried to derail the gathering.

Castro defended his country's system, saying its elections were far more democratic than those of other nations. Cuban opposition groups have complained about a lack of human rights — especially the right to expression.

Communist leaders have said, though, that Cuba respects human rights more than other countries by providing extensive social services.
November Events!

Friday, November 19
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Father Malloy will sign copies of Monk's Reflections: A View from the Donut to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County.

Saturday, November 20
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Author Ralph McInerny will sign copies of the newly released final book in his Notre Dame trilogy, entitled Irish Tenure.

Saturday, November 20
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Mary Pat Dowling will sign copies of her popular Grotto Stories.

Tuesday, November 23
7:00 pm
We are pleased to present Building Cities by professors Norman Crowe, Richard Economakis, and Michael Lykoudis of the Notre Dame School of Architecture. Join us for a discussion and book signing followed by a reception.

Tuesday, November 30
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Acclaimed Niles artist Nancy Drew will sign copies of her new book The Artful Spirit: Crafty Habits to Gift Wrap Your Life.

Tuesday, November 30
7:00 pm
Business pros rank among most published

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors have shown that cutting-edge research papers attract a national readership — again and again and again.

Marketing professors William Wilkie and Joel Urbany were recently cited in the 1999 Journal of Consumer Psychology as two of the most frequently published authors in their field. The designation places them in the top nine percent of published consumer-market researchers.

From the late 1970s to the 1990s, Wilkie’s and Urbany’s research has appeared in “a lot of places,” Wilkie said. “I believe the study covered the ‘Journal of Marketing,’ ‘Journal of Marketing Research,’ and ‘Journal of Consumer Research,’ which are three of the elite journals in our field,” Wilkie said.

Wilkie has been on the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, and he recruited his colleague Urbany to the University five years ago.

“He is a leading researcher in consumer behavior and is an excellent teacher,” Wilkie said. Both men study how consumers interpret and affect information.

“I work on issues involving marketing, consumers and public policy,” Wilkie said. “My work in the journals concentrates on the general area of consumer information.” Urbany’s research does not differ greatly from Wilkie’s.

“Most of the work I’ve done is on how consumers search for information and how they search for price information,” Urbany said. From an academic standpoint, published research is crucial to both professors and the University, they said.

“Being published is creating new knowledge,” Urbany said. “It is really what scholarship is all about — the advancement of the field.” Wilkie, who graduated from Notre Dame in 1966, agrees.

“I came away from my undergraduate studies at Notre Dame with the idealistic belief that universities represent a special sector in society in which the search for knowledge and understanding is prized, and I decided that that’s what I wanted to do with my life as well,” Wilkie said.

“In this sense, publications are forms of contributions to knowledge and are quite in keeping with the mission of a university,” he added.

Wilkie recognizes a university’s direct need for published findings. “If Notre Dame is to be a great university, it needs to contribute to the body of thought in the world as well as to the education of its graduates,” he said. “With respect to research here, my research keeps my teaching up to date on thinking in the field.”

SMC to hold prayer services next week

Observer Staff Report

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Saint Mary’s will host a prayer service in Regina Hall at 7 p.m., Monday, and at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

The service will give students, faculty and administrators an opportunity to gather and to give thanks before going home for the traditional celebrations with family members, said Judith Fean, director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary’s.

Those who attend are asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable food products. All donations will be sent to food pantries through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Each building on campus has a box where food products can be deposited.

A reception sponsored by Saint Mary’s president Marilou Illig will follow the prayer service. This inter-faith service, led by students, will also include readings by faculty and staff.

The event is sponsored by Campus Ministry.

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Bishops approve more decrees

By RICHARD WESTLING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON
A day after approving a con­
tested policy on theology teaching at church-related colleges, America's Catholic bishops returned to well­
chartered terrain Thursday, reaf­
firming their belief that govern­
ments must take responsibility for the neediest in society.

Academic groups had long lobbied to prevent the kind of controls over college theolo­
gies that Pope John Paul II and the Vatican wanted. The bishops and colleges must still hash out details on implementa­tion, and observers expect running controversy for years to come.

In contrast with the intense College deliberations, the hier­
archy passed without dissent a 35-page

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NCCB president

On charity. The paper praises Catholic colleges and universities.

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Other Catholic educators and theologians reacted cautiously.

The problem for many is that no one knows for sure how the changes — especially the man­

date — will be implemented. Also, bishops still must write procedures for granting — and

removing — their approval of theology professors, which has simply calmed any fears of the changes.

"How are they going to imple­

ment it? What strategies are they going to use? To what degree is it going to be coercive?" Cunningham said. "I can just think of a million questions.

Undoubtedly, among the biggest concerns to educators is what affect the rules will have on academic freedom.

Other school presidents, such as the Father Robert Wild of Marquette University, continued to question the wisdom of the mandate.

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think that this has just been unfinished business that's lasted nine years.

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"Those princi­

ples have come under attack during the latter part of the 20th century as a negative attitude developed with regard to the responsibility of government.

The bishops did not oppose outsourcing of social services to commercial businesses so long as "profiteering at the expense of the poor" is avoid­
ed. The paper does not explic­

itly explore "charitable choice," widened government funding of overly religious agencies as promoted by the

Bush and Gore presidential campaigns.

At a news conference con­

cluding the three-day meet­
ing, the bishops' president, Joseph Fiorenza of Texas, said the U.S. church will con­
tinue to be outspoken on such

public issues as economics, foreign policy, capital punishment, assisted suicide and abortion.

"We're not going to pull back," he said. "We will respond to these issues out of what we believe."

About spiritual trends sur­

facing as the bishops discussed a forthcoming policy state­

ment on church architecture. Cardinal James Hickey of Washington, D.C., said fewer Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament. He also noted a decline in prayerful silence before Mass and such prac­
tices as genuflection before the altar.

- NCCB calls for increased fight on poverty

Educators unsure of Ex Corde

By JR ROSS
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND
Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham doesn't feel he needs approval from his local bishop to teach his theology classes.

"If the bishop wants to know where I'm walking in the mid­

dle of the Catholic Church, I go to Mass every Sunday," Cunningham said.

Still, the Roman Catholic church hierarchy might not give him a choice.

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versities.
Congress delays transplant ruling

By LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE
Intervening at the last minute, congressional leaders blocked the Clinton administration's attempt to direct more donated organs to the nation's sickest transplant patients.

The delay, which will hold up new rules at least three months, came despite an agreement on the organ allocation issue last week between the administration and negotiators for Congress, who were hammering out a massive budget deal.

The move ensures that the emotionally and politically charged issue of who gets a new chance at life will be argued again in 2000.

Meanwhile, the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system and opposes the new rules, was meeting in Baltimore on Thursday and considering its next step.

Watson Bell, whose wife received a liver transplant and who represents the public on the network's board, delivered a stirring rebuke to the board for fighting over allocation while more than 4,000 patients die each year waiting for transplants. That includes a man from his home state of Arkansas whom he called Don, who died waiting for a new liver.

"Shame on me and shame on us and shame on our government and shame on the transplant community. Don didn't have to die. And hundreds of other people have not had to die," he told a hushed board.

"Millions of dollars have been spent that could have been spent on what we're here for, which is saving lives."

Bell's impassioned appeal, which ran for more than five minutes, came in the middle of what had been an ailing session of the board, which was meeting in Baltimore on Thursday and considering its next step.

The board applauded after Bell's remarks, which were heard by dozens of transplant patients.
JASPER, Texas  

The last of three white men to stand trial for chaining James Byrd Jr. to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces was found guilty of murder but spared execution Thursday.

Shawn Allen Berry, who insisted he was just a frightened bystander, was sentenced to life in prison for one of the nation's most turbulent racist activities. His racist remarks were both sentenced to death.

The all-white jury took 10 hours Wednesday and Thursday to convict him, but only two hours to agree on a sentence.

Byrd, 24, must serve at least 40 years in prison before he has a chance of parole.

Judges rejected Berry's plea that he felt his own life was in danger by his racist companions.

"There was a day and time in this country when juries and cops ignored racist cases. Facts are facts, though, and they stayed with the facts," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said.

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In 1997, there were 8,049 hate crime incidents, of which 4,710 were racially motivated. But the 1997 data came from 11,211 law enforcement agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 83 percent of the population.

There were nearly 300 fewer incidents in 1998 than 1997, but there were nearly 500 fewer police agencies reporting hate crimes.

Because the number of agencies reporting varies under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act 1990, the law enforcement agencies are concerned about trends in hate crime volumes.

They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

In 1998, crimes against people accounted for 68 percent of the offenses, with intimidation the most frequent hate crime at 38 percent of the total.

As a result, hate crimes against religious organizations and the remainder were businesses, religious organizations or other targets.

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Deaths, beatings might be linked

By STEVE GUTTERMAN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER
A new wave of fear is passing through Denver's homeless community with the discovery of two more bodies of transient men less than a week after arrests were made in five fatal deaths.

The bodies were found Wednesday after a homeless person spotted one of the corpses in a weed-covered field behind Union Station, Denver's main railroad station.

The unidentified men were both believed to be homeless. Police Sgt. Tony Lombard said the circumstances "certainly appear to be similar" to the deaths of five homeless men in the downtown area since September.

Police cannot begin investigating the cases as connected until the most recent are ruled homicides, Lombard said. Autopsies were expected to take a few days.

Other authorities were more ready to see a connection.

"The deaths of seven homeless men have left our community in a state of disbelief," said Mayor Wellington Webb, who asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft on Friday to provide FBI resources for the investigation.

Del Maxfield, head of the Denver Rescue Mission, applauded Webb's request, saying the homeless must be solved and stopped.

"They need to (solve and stop the crimes). These are people we're talking about. It's murder," Maxfield said.

The Denver Rescue Mission operates a homeless seeking shelter at the Denver Rescue Mission every night has risen sharply this fall despite unusually warm temperatures, Maxfield said.

"You can tell there's a lot of concern now," he said. "First there were three bodies, then four, then five, and now there are two more. So it's a pretty shocking thing for everybody."

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Study: Weekly drink reduces stroke risk

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S.

By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
Associated Press Writer

An occasional drink with dinner could reduce the risk of having a stroke, according to a new study.

Researchers found that light to moderate drinkers can lower their risk by 20 percent compared with teetotalers. The study, which appears in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was the biggest ever to examine the link between alcohol and stroke.

It showed that as little as a single glass of wine or beer per week can significantly reduce stroke risk. The study involved more than 22,000 men, but one of the researchers said the results could also apply to women.

However, the study's authors stressed that it would be unwise for doctors to advise patients who don't drink to suddenly start or for those who drink small amounts to begin consuming more heavily.

The study found no added protection from stroke by drinking more than lightly or moderately.

"Absolutely it has benefits, but it also has harm," said study co-author Julie Buring, an epidemiologist at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Researchers warned of liver damage from drinking while drunk and the risks to fetuses of drinking while pregnant. What's more, there are other ways to reduce stroke risk, such as quitting smoking or lowering blood pressure.

"Conversely studies have shown that modest drinking reduces the risk of heart disease. And until now, the evidence of an effect on strokes has been less convincing."

The American Heart Association also say at that 600,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke each year. It is the third leading cause of death in the U.S., behind the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Earlier studies were criticized for comparing drinkers to non-drinkers. This latest study examined varying levels of alcohol intake.

It found that between one drink a week and one a day reduces the risk, and the lesser amount was as good as the higher one.

There were not enough heavy drinkers in the study to look at the effects of more than one a day, but the heart of the study was to do that, because these are homeless men.

Researchers attribute alcohol's benefits to its ability to increase the amount of HDL, or good cholesterol, in the bloodstream. HDL cholesterol helps keep arteries clean. Researchers also say at that alcohol can break up blood clots.

The Physicians' Health Study, which began in 1983, studied male doctors between the ages of 40 and 84. They were tracked for about 12 years. In all, the study subjects reported 297 strokes.

Small amounts of alcohol were shown to decrease the risk of ischemic stroke, which is the most common type and is caused by clots that reduce blood flow to the brain. Drinking had no effect on the risk of a rare hemorrhagic stroke, which is caused by sudden bleeding in the brain.

While Buring said the findings may apply to women as well, she stressed that light to moderate alcohol intake for a woman is defined as about one drink per day vs. approximately two drinks per day for a man. Also, research has suggested that drinking may raise the risk of breast cancer in women.

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House passes $390 billion budget bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The House approved a $390 billion budget bill Thursday, ending Congress' inward wrap-up ing up its annual, contentious year. The final step - Senate approval - was proving time-consuming as several senators were holding the measure hostage to special interests.

Capping a year born in the cauldron of President Clinton's impeachment trial, the spent House approved a bipartisan deal involving money for new teachers, land purchases and home-districl benefits for lawmakers.

The package, merging 10 bills and exceeding 2,000 pages, was the product of weeks of negotiation that did not end until nearly midnight Wednesday. Lawmakers had mere hours to examine the nearly foot-tall stack of paper, with most members of both parties crowing about victories. "I think we ended the session on a high note," said Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

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The president gained about $30 billion over last year's totals before bargaining even began. That reflected GOP calculation that with their party's razor-thin congressional majority, they lacked the power to negate many of Clinton's spending requests.

"We think the end result reflects the president's priorities and the American people's priorities," said White House budget chief Jack Lew.

Republicans boasted of blocking White House requests for additional spending and tax increases, of limiting abortion activity overseas and of expanding states' flexibility to use federal aid for education and - programs.

They also said the measure fulfilled their promise to protect Social Security surpluses -- a claim Democrats and the Congressional Budget Office rejected.

Despite both sides' declarations of victory, the bill underlined a year of gridlock forced by staked-out ground by both parties. The GOP's chief goal, a $792 billion, 10-year tax cut, was vetoed by Clinton. The president did not get his proposal for a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. And the parties deadlocked over taking any action that would buttress the solvency of Social Security and Medicare for the incoming retirement of baby boomers.

Though the House was poised to go home for the year, the Senate was in a more volatile mood, and its departure was not expected until at least the weekend.

Midwestern senators opposing provisions helping them in the battle to save their states were threatening procedural delays. And Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., was still fighting to let Northeastern dairy farmers help their struggling regions.

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Congress urged to pass trade pact

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WASHINGTON A top Chinese diplomat warned Thursday that the new market-opening U.S.-China trade agreement will become null and void if Congress does not repeal the law that blocks China to an annual review of its trade status with the United States.

The Chinese Embassy's second ranking diplomat, Liu Xiaoming, also cautioned members of Congress against any attempt to link repeal of the law with approval of a controversial proposal to upgrade U.S. military ties with Taiwan.

Liu spoke to reporters after a meeting at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest business group.

China has been assured that under the agreement it concluded with the United States on Monday, it will obtain "near trade relations" status. The accord lays the groundwork for China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

The agreement gives the United States significant benefits in its trade with China but requires lawmakers to negotiate the law that requires law- makers to renew China's low tariff status annually. The law has produced a highly contentious annual debate over China each spring on such issues as human rights, religious freedom, Taiwan and other issues.

"If there is no permanent NTR, diplomatic shorthand for normal trade relations, "then there is no WTO," Liu said, adding that all provisions agreed to in the recent negotiations will not take effect.

Liu warned against any link- age by Congress between the trade agreement and the proposal to expand security ties with Taiwan.

The proposal, if approved, would nullify all the agreements the United States and China have entered into on the Taiwan issue over the past 20 years, he added.

The trade accord is a "win, win, win agreement," he said, good for China, good for the United States and good for the world.

"China's economic growth depends on an opening of the (trade) system," he said. "It will normalize economic relations (with the United States) and stabilize overall relations.

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World leaders rebuke Yeltsin

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ISTANBUL

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"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Yeltsin shot back at a chorus of rebuke from presidents and prime ministers at a summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Rejecting calls for political mediation rather than a military solution, Yeltsin said, "There will be no negotiations with bandits and murderers."

Gathered around an oval table, Clinton was joined by other Western chiefs of state in reproaching Yeltsin for "an endless cycle of violence" against civilians in Chechnya.

French President Jacques Chirac called Russia's air and ground assaults "suicide."

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Yeltsin harshly said he was not interested in "reproaches or sermonizing" from his colleagues, and gave no indication the criticism would have any effect on Russia's two-month-old military campaign to combat separatist rebels in the southern Russian region. Russia is locked in a battle with terrorists who have attacked Moscow and taken American, French, British and Russian hostages, Yeltsin said.

Despite his public defiance, Yeltsin later quietly agreed to allow a European official to visit Chechnya. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said OSCE chairman Krist Voldbakken of Norway would go, although she did not know when and under what circumstances.

"I'm not going to oversee this," the secretary said. But she said it was "a good foot in the door" for a more extensive OSCE mission.

For his part, Clinton sought to keep fences mended and peace with Russia.

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Gun-related death count drops

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ATLANTA
Gun deaths in the United States dropped 21 percent between 1993 and 1997 to the lowest level in more than 30 years, and firearm-related injuries fell 41 percent, the government said Thursday.

Experts cited such reasons as tougher gun control laws, a booming economy, better police work and gun safety courses.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked at all gunshot wounds reported at emergency rooms, whether they were intentional, accidental or self-inflicted.

The number of fatalities dropped from 19,395 -- 15.4 gun deaths per 100,000 people -- in 1993, to 32,436 -- 12.1 per 100,000 -- in 1997.

The rate "is the lowest it's been since the mid-60s," said J. Lee Annest, a CDC statistician.

"This progress is really encouraging and says that joint prevention efforts of public health officials, legislators and law enforcement should continue."

The drop was not unexpected: homicide rates in the 1990s have fallen to levels not seen since the 1960s, and about two-thirds of all homicides committed involve guns.

Moreover, nonfatal shootings fell from 184,390 to 64,207 in the same period, or from 40.2 per 100,000 in 24.0.

Bill Manown, spokesman for the NRA, said the numbers prove that "more gun laws aren't needed, the laws on the books need to be enforced."

"It is a fact that this substantial drop in gun violence directly correlated to a big increase in gun enforcement by police," said Lawrence Sherman, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied gun policy. "Police were not testing guns in a pre-ventive sense, prior to 1993 and now they are."

Some experts also credit a strong economy that has helped reduce overall crime and suicide attempts.

Margaret Zahn, a North Carolina State University criminology professor, said prosperity has also allowed governments to spend more on services that prevent gun violence, such as domestic-violence shelters and youth recreation programs.

The CDC also listed such possible factors as an aging population, increased gun safety measures and the waning of the crack trade.

Gun control advocates said they are encouraged, but even so, pointed out an average of 265 people a day were shot in 1997.

Surveys: Young voters in trouble

WASHINGTON
One-third of high school seniors -- many of them old enough to vote in next year's elections -- lack even a basic understanding of how American government is run, a national test suggests.

Just 26 percent of high school seniors are considered well versed enough in civics education to make reasonable, informed choices at the polls, said educators who released on Thursday the results of the 1998 national test of government and civics.

"What these young voters know and don't know about civics and government will have an impact on all of us," said Diane Ravitch, a chief education researcher and former Bush administration education official. Ravitch, who sits on the board of the test givers, said the test results are a warning of the serious lack in American civics education. "We cannot be content when so many young voters are so poorly prepared," she said.

The test, called the National Assessment of Educational Progress, is administered by a nationwide group established by Congress. The test is given roughly every two years to a nationwide sample of children in three grade levels in core subjects such as math and reading. In recent years, subjects such as the arts, writing and civics have been added.

The last civics test was given in 1988, but cannot be compared with this one because of the major content changes.

The new civics test -- which differed by grade level -- was given in 1998 to nationally representative samples totaling 22,000 fourth, eighth and 12th graders in public and private schools.

Officials said no state-by-state data was collected and that 4.5 percent of test takers initially chosen were excluded because they were special education students or had limited English skills. About 2 percent more received accommodations such as extra time to take the test.

Critics of the tests contend that exceptions such as these skew a national reading of all children's skills.

The test is generally the only adequate way to compare student progress nationwide, because states' own tests may vary significantly. Furthermore, schools are not required to participate in the national testing.

According to test givers, an eighth-grade child at the basic level is supposed to identify the basics of how American democracy works, and the ideas come from the filling of government agencies such as the Department of Independence and the Constitution.

The 12th graders should be able to show they can understand political ideas such as the Constitution and those fundamentals.

Younger children, 4th graders, could make rudimentary questions such as why we have voting laws and what happens when people die.

Like the high school seniors, about one-third of fourth graders and eighth graders performed below basic levels, meaning there are not identified in their knowledge and abilities.

Among the test findings were that fewer than half of 12th graders knew that the president and the State Department have more authority over foreign policy than Congress or the courts; 36 percent knew the Supreme Court used the Constitution's 14th Amendment to invalidate state laws that segregate public schools; only 9 percent were able to identify four ways democracy benefits from the active participation of its citizens.

In eighth-grade testing, 81 percent knew that in the United States, laws must be applied to everyone equally, but just 15 percent could name two services the government pays for with the taxes it collects.

State school districts lack sufficient requirements necessary for an adequate civics education, said Charles Ogletree, executive director of the Center for Civic Education, a Calabasas, Calif., group that promotes civics courses in schools. "The vast majority of students are not being taught civics and government at all or they are being taught too little, too late, and inadequate." Quigley said under these conditions, you can hardly expect them to do well on such a test.

The questions were multiple-choice and written by the Educational Testing Service, which is the same organization that writes and administers standardized college entrance exams. The questions were then approved by the bipartisan board that runs the tests.
Pace of life allows no room for study

As DART season and Thanksgiving approach, we can all start looking forward to the two weeks in February when we will actually be able to concentrate on our academic work. These days, with all the breaks and activities that take place during each semester, it is difficult to actually have the classes we are actually taking foremost on our mind.

Nobody works in September. Summer vacation just ended. We spend about two weeks talking about the summer, settling into classes and getting into the new football season. By mid-September to early October, the football season is in full swing, and we are already looking forward to Fall Break and whatever that might bring. Along the way, we have to write a paper or two and take a midterm, or two, but these are not important activities—they are blips on the screen compared with the parties, the dances and the clubs.

Of course, after Fall Break, you might say, we can really concentrate on classes. Not so fast! It takes a week to recover from Fall Break. Moreover, late October and early November provide important other diversions on top of the parties, the job interviews, the dances and the clubs. Of course, after Fall Break, you might say, we can really concentrate on classes. Not so fast! It takes a week to recover from Fall Break. Moreover, late October and early November provide important other diversions on top of the parties, the job interviews, the dances and the clubs. We will all take a month-long Christmas break. At the beginning of the break, we tell ourselves that during that period we will review and read all of those things we failed to review and read during the semester. We will all get a jump start on what is coming up next semester. Unfortunately, that usually turns out to be a pipe dream.

Jan. 15 rolls around, and it’s time to get back to school. As in the first semester, it takes a week or two to settle down after the break, which brings us to the dreaded month of February. Outside of Valentine’s Day, there are few distractions. So, we can all plan on two or three weeks in February in which classes are foremost on our mind.

Then March arrives. With March comes melting snow, spring break and March Madness. Classes soon become another blip on the radar. After spring break, we get to DART again (see above) and make room picks for next year.

This is a problem because we spend the hours, days, weeks and months of our lives as students dreaming about and doing everything else but what is most important in the present—getting a liberal education.

The current pace of life leads us to waste our time, to never really get out of our education what we should get out of it. It sets a dangerous pattern for living life because we will always find ourselves unhappy, anticipating that change, that move in the future that will set everything right. Or we will always look back on our past, regretting the time that was wasted, the time that we let slip by. Is our time here more than a bunch of activity interrupted by a two-week period of a chance to study?
Notre Dame needs conscience clause

In an earlier column, I mentioned the need for a conscience clause to protect coaches who don't want to wear the apparel of a particular company. The way I see it, if I won't eat it, or wear it, I won't do it. The argument against this is that it is a form of censorship. It is censorship because the apparel of a particular company may be considered by some as offensive. But this is no different than deciding not to eat certain food because it is offensive to you. The same holds true for coaches who may wear a reasonable, situationally appropriate alternative.

My concern here is that this clause has been raised in response to working conditions of those who manufacture the apparel and the revisions that may provide problems of conscience for a coach or athlete. I say this without making specific judgments about Adidas or Champion or the present time and without anticipating a negative judgment in the future.

The case for such a conscience clause is three points: First, the primary conscience of the moral life. A traditional way of articulating this primary conscience is through the case of the ignorant conscience: It is better that a person erring conscience be followed than of that conscience than for that person to do the objectively right thing, or he be he thinks it is wrong. It is best that the person do the morally indifferent act, or right. Thomas Aquinas discusses the point by saying that the conscience of a man, whether right or erring, is always binding.

More recently, the Second Vatican Council speaks of conscience as our "most secret core and sanctuary," where we are alone with God, whom we summon us to "do good and avoid evil." To obey one's conscience, "is the very dignity of man; according to God, it is to be judged." This does not mean that what our conscious tells us to do, "to do good and avoid evil." To obey one's conscience, "is the very dignity of man; according to God, it is to be judged." This does not mean that what our conscience tells us is always right, only that it should be obeyed. While conscience does err from invincible ignorance without losing its dignity, "if we ignore our own considered judgments of what is good and evil, we cast out the core of the moral life.

Some thinkers add the qualifier that it is better that the person be coerced to do what is judged to be right, but erring conscience be followed in cases where following the erring conscience is a more grave offense. One of the best is that, which would harm shame upon the person and the Church. I will not elaborate.

The second point is the second the one non-moral nature of our conscience's relationship to sport. This is not to say that treating with the apparel companies do not have significant benefit for our sports teams —

Doherty, dumb freshmen and dining hall activism

Unlike most letters to the editor, I will not try to use big words in an attempt to make myself smart in front of my fellow classmates. Instead, I'll get right to the point. The reasons for writing:

1) From STOP WRITING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. You are FRESHMEN. Read the letters of people who have been on campus longer than you. You know where the bathrooms are in the classroom buildings. While you are at it, learn when not to start the wave at football games. Hint: Unless we have a higher number than the other team on the scoreboard, there is no reason to do it.

2) Biology departments. Don't call a football veteran "the coach" Matt Doherty. If this isn't enough, then you want to see an example of the type of person who would hire a former football coach, they should look no further than the other athletes in the JACC. Doherty earns the respect of his players simply by demanding the effort that the fans deserve. If this were the case with the football coaching staff, we would not be hanging out the goal post in playing in a bowl game named after an Internet site.

3) Clean Plate People. How much money was used to print out the flyers that I used for a napkin in the dining hall last night? My suggestion is to take that money and buy three poor people a meal. Consider the dining hall of our South Bend living situation. At the time, I was eating some half-eaten apple or banana. When I go to the dining hall, I generally take four or five plates of food in the hopes that one of them will have something edible on it. The way I see it, if I won't use it, they won't either.

Also, who are you kidding when you say, "The food we didn't eat or touch could have fed a hungry person in South Bend?"

The food we do not touch is served to others who do. It is ridiculous to name the cost of a meal a person does not eat and then give it to someone else. I cannot see how this year's athletic department budget can increase next year either. The cost of the meal plan will go up next year for one reason or another. Whether it is another scholarship or not I do not know, but it certainly does not fit for the meal plan.

Blair Kirmark
Senior
Kempe Hall
November 17, 1999

A message for the players

Tomorrow’s game is your last game at Notre Dame this year and the last game forever for the seniors. Stop and think about it! You will never again play at the place that you have called your second home, your blood, sweat and tears, yes your all — for four years of your life. You have worked so hard, so incredibly hard, for so long that it is unthinkable to leave any shadow of a doubt in your mind that you deserve nothing — simply walk away at the end when it matters most. This is the only thing you need to do. The memory of playing in a bowl game named after an Internet site.

To give less than 200 percent on the field will invite your own conscience to replay this game with Boston College over and over again throughout the coming years like a beating drum with the question droning on and on: Was I the one who let my teammates down? If I had pushed myself a little bit harder, would we have won that game? What difference does it make? It’s only one game out of 15 or 16 for you, one thing in your senior day, and for the seniors, it is this. The culmination of four years. It’s like the stone in a ring — one day, the centerpoint of a career, that reflects every other game and everything after you come to commit to come here — all rolled into one. Yes, the word is commitment. Why choose Notre Dame and you, when you committed to laying it all on the line right here and nowhere else.

It is too bad that you ever imagined, for some I know that is true. Perhaps it has been a mixed blessing, as life so often is. But either way, this is your family (even families have squabbles), and this is you — your Notre Dame will be enshrined in your heart forever!

It is important to go out on a high note — for the seniors, for each other and because it is the right thing to do. Any off-the-field or on-field thing that you can do, you should do. Persevering through a team of fighters to the end "when the odds are great or small." In other words, despite the record, a truly great Notre Dame team was born, with other great Notre Dame teams this century, who were all part of the greatest collegiate team — unquestionably — of this era.

I still do want to write of that team because I still believe it to be true, despite the misgivings of some after the Pitt game. I hope that it will be proven in the next two games that you did never quit! But you should not do it for the fans who love you, nor the coaches who have themselves made huge sacrifices, with little to show for it by Notre Dame standards, but for the seniors and each and every one of you.

You have paid dearly with great efforts on and off the field; the students and fans know that. You cannot walk away from thinking that the food we didn’t eat or touch could have fed a hungry person in South Bend.

Watch "Braveheart" again, and ask yourself the same question. Will you have any regrets that you could go back out on the field at Notre Dame and give just the smallest bit more than you held back, the ones who made it to the Big Game? For your sake, I hope not.

At Krause Recke once said in a halftime speech, "Look you guys, it’s football. You’ve played this before; you know what to do. Now you tell the people just to watch a few more minutes and see what the seniors and each and every one of you will do."

John E. Moore
Wilbraham, Mass.
November 17, 1999
SCENE ASKS

Seniors: What was the highlight of your four years of ND football?

"Watching Lou Holtz's display of class as he exited the University he idolized since childhood. That's Notre Dame class."

Luke Brennan
Dillon Hall

"Beating defending national champion Michigan here at Notre Dame in the first game last year with ESPN on campus."

Cheryl Berg
Welsh Family Hall

"The final game in the old stadium and under Coach Holtz, when ND trounced Rutgers."

Micah Murphy
Kesough Hall

"Senior year. USC Fourth quarter revenge of the Irish."

Katy Soby
Welsh Family Hall

"Having a quarterback thrown with the ball because Ron Poulus never did."

Lindsay Richardson
Le Mans Hall

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Abandoning good ol' Michiana, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir rehearses Wednesday in New York.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Edifice

Even before the music begins, pre-rehearsal chatter fills the room in an excited harmony of anticipation, nervousness, excitement and expectation. As each one of the 43 members of the Saint Mary's Women's Choir enters the small basement practice room in Moreau Center for the Arts, the chatter escalates until a buzz of excited sopranoos and altoos rattle nearly uncontrollably.

The conversation, however, does not circle around harmonies and notes or even what is to come in the evening's rehearsal. Instead of opening music, women around the room open brochures and keep their folders closed, diligently studying Fodor's travel guide to New York. Anxiously awaiting to board the plane that will take the choir to Carnegie Hall in New York, New York, tonight's rehearsal is not average.

Yet as the piano strikes its first chord, the chatter quickly translates to notes, each voice contributing to a harmony that is the culmination of a semester's worth of practice.

Culminating a year of anticipation, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir will appear in Carnegie Hall this Sunday at 2 p.m. with the Penn High School Women's Choir and 40 alumnae from Saint Mary's College, under the direction of Women's Choir director Nancy Menk. Invited to the great stage by Mid-America Productions last fall, the Women's Choir will join Davidson College from North Carolina, directed by former Saint Mary's director Ray Sprague, and a group from Oregon under the direction of Solveig Holmgren in a three-part concert.

And the saying that the only road to Carnegie Hall is "practice, practice, practice" certainly holds true for the group, who has spent the last three weeks ironing out imperfections, fine-tuning each piece and making sure their New York debut is error-free.

"We're trying to achieve a level of perfection more so now than ever," said senior soprano Katie Trnka. "We always try to do that, but with this performance, it's more important than ever."

Perfection means more than just hitting the notes, Trnka explained.

"(Menk) has been stressing dynamics and making sure that certain sections sing without bravado," she said. "She's been knit-picky about the way the music sounds because she knows we can achieve that level of perfection. The audience is going to be able to see all the hard work we've been doing."

Yet preparing the groups for the performance has been nothing out of the ordinary, Menk emphasized.

"I don't think (preparation) has been any different," Menk said. "There has been an extra level of excitement and more talking about what the women will hear in the orchestra."

The women will perform several different pieces during the concert, all of which were arranged for women's choirs and women's voices. The choir will perform Johannes Brahms Ave Maria and sing three different settings of the Magnificat, one composed by Michael Haydn, the second by Ralph Vaughan Williams and a third composed by Libby Larsen.

Composed for Saint Mary's sesquicentennial anniversary in 1994, the third arrangement will hold special meaning for the alumnae and current women's choir, since Larsen will be present for the performance.

"So often, when you commission a piece, that's the end of it," Menk said. "This has been published by Oxford University Press, and now we've been able to really give it some national..."
Pasquerilla East returns to the stadium for the fifth straight year and is looking for its third consecutive championship against Welsh on Sunday. The Whirlwind plans to extinguish the fiery Pyro attack and create some sparks of its own by claiming its first interhall title. See page 2 for the teams' outlooks.
Women's Interhall Championship

PE puts perfect season on line against Welsh

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The season-finale showdown featuring the Whirlwinds of Welsh and the Pyros of Pasquerilla East is sure to be a fierce battle, but only one team will experience the glory of a win inside Notre Dame Stadium — and both teams want it badly. Pasquerilla East rides into this season's final game with a flawless record, remaining undefeated in the regular season and sweeping through the playoffs virtually unscathed.

There is almost no need to mention the obvious foundation of the Pasquerilla East team quarterback Elizabeth Plummer has dominated the highlight reels and has almost single-handedly lead an offense that has been impossible to extinguish.

But Plummer knows her team has to perform to its best ability on Sunday against Welsh to pull out a win. "I think they are going to be all season, playing up to high expectations," Plummer said. "We are going to have to play our best game to walk away with a victory."

"I think they are going to match up well against us. We are going to have to play our best game to walk away with a victory." Elizabeth Plummer
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"We've been practicing hard to time everything," Sweet said. "We are pretty pumped up about the game."

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Pasquerilla East quarterback and co-captain Katie Rak sees focus and intensity as keys to unlocking a win on Sunday. "Their defense is excellent, but we are going to have to overplay their defense sometime," Rak said. "If we keep our heads up and play like we've been playing, I think we are going to be all right."

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Pasquerilla East will create a tremendous obstacle for the Whirlwinds. Min is putting his team through a routine week of practice in order to get another routine result. "We feel pretty good," Min said. "We are just trying to prepare and match up with their team notching a 3-2 regular-season record and notching another title.

"No trouble handing their opponents a defeat, but Pasquerilla East coach Dong Min is not dismissing the talent that the Whirlwinds have displayed. "I think they are going to be all season, playing up to high expectations," Min said. "We'll just have to play as a team."

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Sorin looks for revenge against Knott in clash of opposites

The Juggernaut defense plans to stop Otters' potent attack

By KEVIN BERCHOU

A championship and the bragging rights that go along with it will be on the line this Sunday as the Sorin Otters battle the Knott Juggernauts on the hallowed grounds of Notre Dame Stadium in what looks to be a clash of opposites.

Sorin quarterback Beuerlein will look most often for his tailback Sorin, who has enjoyed his best season in almost a decade, to open up the defense. With his exceptional mobility and quick release, Beuerlein will look to avoid the pressure that will be coming at him from the Juggernauts' defensive line, anchored by a trio of linebackers including Doug Lawrence, Trevor Morris, and Keith Kowalczyn.

On the defensive side, the Juggernauts will rely on their impressive linebacker corps, led by standout Brian Pawloski, to stop Beuerlein's potent attack. Pawloski has been acclimated to the offense all season and has the capability to doom its opponents.

The matchup pits the Otters potent passing attack and the league's best defense against the Juggernauts' stingy offense, which is arguably interhall's finest. Both squads come into the contest sporting identical 5-1 records, with Knott taking the only head to head meeting by a score of 14-7. That win came in sloppy weather conditions, with the inclement weather helping to quell the Otters' potent attack.

"The weather hurt our passing game when we first played them," said Faber. "We'll be hoping for a nice day, because then they won't be able to stop us."}

The offense of which the Sorin captain speaks is without doubt the league's finest. Led by quarterback Luke Beuerlein and wide receiver Greg Carney, the Otters have put up huge numbers all year. Beuerlein's exceptional mobility and laser-like accuracy make him an especially valuable commodity.

Hanging around the league's most balanced offense be a formidable test for the Juggernauts. The Otters' running game, led by tailbacks Pat Virtue and Mike Crowe, is capable of making the big defensive play.

"They have the league's most balanced attack," said Faber. "Defensively we are just going to make sure that everyone knows their assignment and stays in their lanes. They do a lot of different things."

The Otters defense will be anchored by linebacker Doug Lawrence and defensive end Mike Cisternino, both of whom played well in a semifinal victory over Siegfried.

"I think we shut down Beuerlein, we shut down their whole offense," Carney said. "He can't get the ball if we shut the quarterback down," noted Faber. "I think we can do it."

The Juggernauts will be hoping for a repeat of last season's game, which saw them lose a close 7-0 in semifinal action.

"We're just going to make sure that everyone knows their assignment and stays in their lanes. They do a lot of different things," said Faber. "We've been working on getting him acclimated to the offense all week," noted Faber. "We know he's going to be ready."

The Otter defense will be formidable, led by the league's best defense led by an impressive linebacker corps.

"They have the league's best defense though, and if we shut down Beuerlein, we win. It's that simple."
After losing in the stadium for two years in a row, Sorin hopes to make "three times a charm" versus Knott on Sunday. Jugg seniors, however, have their own need for stadium vindication, having fallen in Flanner football's final game in the 1996 championship. See page 3 to see how both teams look to finish the job.
big apple

Women’s Choir takes on the glitz and
ing at prestigious Carnegie Hall

evening in preparation for its visit to Carnegie Hall in New York City.

exposure. It’s a special thing that the composer
is going to be able to be there to see that.”

While the choir has performed all of the
pieces they will sing at Carnegie Hall at last
week’s fall concert, the addition of the Penn
High School women’s choir, alumnae voices,
and a full orchestra will add dynamic to the
performance not seen before by many of the
vocalists.

The three groups, who have never performed
or rehearsed together before this weekend, will
have eight hours of combined rehearsal time
before Sunday’s performance, only one of
which will be with the orchestra.

“I’ll feel better about the performance after
I’ve heard the orchestra,” Menk said. “I
rehearsed with the Penn High School women last
week, and the alumnae have been learning the
music on their own.”

The addition of the 40 alumnae will add a
sound that is both further developed and pro-
vides depth to the choir, she said.

“The alumnae voices are more mature,” said
Menk. “It will be nice to add that to both the
current women’s choir and the Penn choir.
The alumnae can add lower notes and some
depth to the music.”

But after a semester of rehearsal and antici-
pation, the group will have little to worry about
mastering except stifling their nerves, vocalists
said.

“Other things are good, but this has to be
really good,” said freshman alto Meghann
Robinson. “I know I’m going to be
nervous.”

For Trnka, the sheer excitement of seeing
Carnegie Hall as a performer—not as a mem-
ber of the audience—will be her motivation.

“I’ve been to Carnegie Hall before, but never
to sing,” she said. “It’s an amazing experience.
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... getting that rush of performing there ... it’s
going to be something special.

But for a group of which several have
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enough away from the stage.

Planning to visit NBC’s Today show and get
camera time with Katie Couric and Matt Lauer,
explore the tourist attractions of the city,
and perform for East Coast alumnae Friday
evening at a reception, the trip will provide
“enough free time” for a vacation as well,
according to Menk.

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**NCAA Football**

**Football players aid in rescue efforts**

Associated Press

Some of their classmates were happy or dying. There was no time to think about football.

When word circulated across the Texas A&M campus Thursday that nine students were killed and dozens were injured in the collapse of logs stacked for Texas, the Aggies football players rushed to the scene.

"We wanted to assist in any way possible," offensive lineman Johnnie Bultman said. "Several players got together and came out to the site and told the people we could move logs and help in any way possible."

Shocked by the wave of grief that swept over College Station, A&M coach R.C. Slocum canceled practice, mourning more about the tragedy than the Nov. 26 game against rival No. 6 Texas.

"The importance of a football game fades in comparison," Slocum said. "Our only concern is for those students, their families and friends."

Instead of attending the burial of A&M tight end A˚nders Aggieland, Heimil said, "Our students are outstanding and have supported us through thick and thin. They've always been there for us. I'm a senior and I've seen some great times and some not so great. But without fail our players have done things that our Aggie family are in a state of tragedy than the Nov. 26 tragedy."

The players did what they could to help the rescuers. Some stayed late into the night trying to clear the jumbled stack of logs that a day earlier stood 40 feet tall.

"We gave our best effort," A˚nders Aggieland, Heimil said.

Slocum said the coaching staff would decide Friday whether they will practice again. In Austin, Texas college officials declined to discuss the upcoming game, saying it would be inappropriate.

"If the game was Friday, I don't know that anybody could play," Brown said. "For me to think about losing a game is very difficult. I think the tragedy and the kids and families are much bigger than the tradition of the game," he said.

"The rest of the week is inappropriate to talk about anything other than the tragedy," he said.

The Longhorn football team had a moment of silence before their game. "We said a quick prayer for all the families," quarterback Major Applewhite said. "It shows you how insignificant a football game really is compared to a precious human life."

Some Texas players and staff will organize a campus blood drive to help the victims, the school said.

Thursday's accident is likely to spark calls for more fences or barrier net at the site of the Texas A&M's career-leading tackler Kevin Lombardi Award winner, safety Brian Williams, said earlier.

"You would drive by and see those guys working all night long, putting the time and effort into it. It's unbelievable," Nguyen said. "The tradition is so big at that school. People don't really understand."

"There's a lot of risk in what they're doing, but now you see that anything can happen. You have to sit back and evaluate and see whether it is worth it," Dallas Cowboys special teams coach Joe Aveano, an assistant coach at A&M from 1985-88, said it's too early to make such a decision.

"It is a sad day, but in terms of history and tradition, I'm sure very trusting of the people will make the right decision," he said.

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BASEBALL

 Castro, Chavez mix politics with baseball

Associated Press

HAVANA

Fidel Castro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez greeted up for a friendly baseball game Thursday as their building friendship and new political alliance deepened.

Chavez promised to pitch for the Venezuelan side and Castro was managing the Cuban team in the game between retired veteran baseball players from the two countries.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said his nation's starting pitcher was a "clearly guarded secret," leading to speculation the 73-year-old Castro might take the mound — at the very least to throw out the first ball.

Cuba's team will count on veterans of world- and Olympic-championship teams.

Venezuela's will include former major leaguers Tony Armas and Vic Davalillo.

But behind the playful competition at the LatinAmericasian Stadium, a political alliance appears to be forming.

The strengthening of the bond between Castro his Venezuelan admirer comes as some of Cuba's ties with some of its staunchest allies seem to be cooling over concerns about human rights.

During this week'sbero American Summit in Havana, Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico, long Cuba's most faithful friend in the Western Hemisphere, linked the sovereignty so prized by Castro with the need for democracy and human rights.

"There cannot be sovereign nations without free men and women, men and women who can fully exercise their essential freedoms: freedom to think and give opinions, freedom to act and participate, freedom to dissent, freedom to choose," Zedillo said Tuesday night at the closing session of the gathering of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking nations.

Chavez, who won his country's 1998 elections, had a different view than Zedillo.

"Democracy is talked about a lot," Chavez said in comments carried Thursday by the Cuban Prensa Latina news agency. "It was talked about in Venezuela for 40 years and it was a big farce, a big lie. The rulers were masked, rubbing and betraying the people."

Speeches at the university are usually formal, restrained affairs. But on Thursday, Castro and Chavez traded jokes and praise, laughing and slapping one another on the shoulders like old friends.

No matter what the result of the game, Chavez said, "every single point and every drop of sweat" would be a contribution toward "the mission of uniting our people more every day."

NBA

Sprewell ready to take on Warriors

Associated Press

Sprewell said he was sore. Once. OK, twice, maybe three times.

Enough so that he's lost count.

"I think I've apologized over and over again," Latrell Sprewell said Tuesday. "I don't see why I have to apologize again."

This was in Denver, four days and 1,200 miles before Sprewell's current team, New York, was scheduled to stop off on its swing out West and beat up his old one, Golden State. Games against the Jazz in Utah and the Suns in Phoenix were sandwiched in between, but they were just that — games, out of context.

The Warriors were different. Sprewell wants a piece out of them, he wants to "crush" them.

"I just love it," he said. "If we just killed them."

Nearly two years after he grabbed the coach by the windpipe and threatened to kill him, after choking him, after being ordered out of the NBA and then ordered back in, after choking his own career on one coast and reviving it on the other, Sprewell is coming back to Golden State, his victory nearly complete.

All that remains is for him to grab the coach of the windpipe and threaten to kill him, after being drummed out of the NBA and then ordered back in, after choking his own career on one coast and reviving it on the other. This time, the result is different.

Sprewell understands — and he's grateful to general manager Chris Cohan for why they put up with so much grief in the first place.

"And to remind the organization that powerless as it seemed when arbitrator John Feerick reinstated Sprewell in March, 1998, they wield even less power now. They can't even force an apology from Sprewell. Nobody can."

Not his old coach, his new one, or even the Madison Square Garden suits who sign his hefty new paychecks.

"They couldn't get a straight answer from Sprewell on why he didn't show up for training camp on time. Ditto for NBA commissioner David Stern. But that's not the worst of it."

With each passing day, with every additional minute of face time, Sprewell argues for a new version of events, one that blurs fact and fiction a little bit more. The only thing in sports fans revile more than villains are losers, and Sprewell is shedding both of those skins.

Everything else about the story looks and sounds different, too. The Sprewell who choked Carlesimo is no longer around. He's been replaced by the one with snapshots in last season's NBA finals, a new attitude and a new $6 million contract. The Spre who comes into our living rooms now through his play and carefully constructed commercials in a fierce competitor, not a madman. That Sprewell didn't jump, he was pushed over the edge by a coach, then left to free-fall by an organization that could have saved him.

"Bitterness, hatred, whatever you want to call it, it's there," Sprewell said. "I think they could've handled it better. It happened behind closed doors in practice. No one knew. I don't know how it got out. It was an in-house thing and could've stayed that way."

Carlesimo's side of the story gets told less and less. The day Sprewell showed up to make his first public apology a knout of teammates sided in support behind him.

Carlesimo knew then the more points he scored with the public, the less chance he had of hanging onto his credibility among players in the league.

Asked about Sprewell's recent remarks, Carlesimo passed on the opportunity to respond one more time. "The last thing I want to do is revisit something that happened a couple of years ago."

The jury may still be out on Carlesimo's in-your-face approach to his work, but the results are in. In two of those two losing seasons, he will be lucky to see one more in Golden State through to the end. After that, the consensus there could be: he's handled it, and wind up working in television. Where, he'll be remembered less as the guy who took Seton Hall to a Final Four two years ago or who won him the playoffs several times, than the guy Sprewell choked in a fit of rage.

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DENVER

After seven seasons of exchanging scuffles, sour looks, war cries and taunting gestures with Dan Carter, wide receiver Tim Brown knows what to expect from his matchups with the combative Denver Broncos cornerback.

"They're always nasty," Brown said Thursday as the Oakland Raiders prepared for their Monday night game against Denver.

"Like I told him after the last game, 'You know you play nasty. I've got to play nasty mainly to protect myself out there. Those shots to the back of the legs that he gives guys is something that hopefully the league is going to look at next year.'"

Hearing complaints about his aggressive play is nothing new for Carter, who has a reputation for jarring tackles that sometimes connect with an opponent's knee, the back of the head near the neck. Whatever somebody has heard, "I'm just going after guys, doing my job," Carter said. "If I do [hit from] behind, oh well. I'm just playing football, going 110 percent. Whatever somebody has said about me, that's his business."

Chances are good that Brown and Carter will have more to say to each other Monday night when the Raiders (5-4) try to end a four-game losing streak to the Broncos (3-7).

The two tangled in an unpleasant exchange after Brown flipped the ball toward Robert Hicks said.

"That's who they are, the Buffalo Bills," Hicks said.

"I'm just going after guys, playing football like that. I will guarantee you this — when I get out there, I'm going to play 110 percent, regardless," Brown wants to see that effort reduced to 100 percent. He said he plans to ask the NFL's competition committee to review Carter's tackling methods.

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**Major League Baseball**

**Rodriguez catches MVP award from AL**

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**Horse Racing**

**Man pleads guilty to endangerment charges**

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**Baltimore**

The man arrested for running

into the track as thoroughbreds raced
down the home stretch of a

Preakness race pleaded guilty

Thursday to one count of reckless

endangerment.

Prosecutors said they are

considering a three-year

suspended sentence for Leo

Furlong, 22, of Pimlico, Md.,

who has been diagnosed as

suffering from manic depression.

As the horses rounded the

track, Furlong made his way to

the track from the infield,

went over a fence separating

the fans from the turf course,

staggered to the inside rail,

and walked onto the track.

"I don't really care what they [writers] do, I help them whenever I can,"

he said.

It's the second time a Red

Sox star missed an award

because of a writer's omission.

In 1947, Ted Williams won the

Triple Crown but lost the MVP to the Yankees' Joe

Dugan in 202-202 because

Boston Globe writer Mel

Webb, who didn't like

Williams, left the player off his

ballot.

"When Ted Williams won the

Triple Crown, he didn't win the

MVP award, either," Red

Sox general manager Dan

Duquette told Martinez at the

start of the conference call.

"So you're in good company."

"I got what I wanted, so

don't worry about it," Martinez
told Duquette.

His most important reward

was his trip to the Caribbean,

he said. Twice, he kept the

Red Sox alive in the ALCS.

He pitched the last six innings,

allowing no hits, in the
decisive fifth game of the

first-round series against

Cleveland. And he beat Roger

Clemens for Boston's only win

against the Yankees in the AL Championship Series.

Martinez also was the MVP of
two ALCS games and Fenway Park,

striking out four MVPs and a home run champi-

on every five days.

"I can't be greedy," Martinez

said. "It's good enough that I
got it and I am equally as good.

He did something unbelievable,

too, for a catcher.

"Rodriguez was the first ever

in the history of the MVP to

hit 33 homers, drive in 113 RBIs

and lead the league in wins and
dominance," Martinez said.

"It's a really good award.

"He did everything he

could do, if they don't want to
vote, it's up to them," he

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Majerus blames ESPN for second-round game site

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Rick Majerus is not happy to be in Kentucky for the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

He don’t get him wrong. He’s not upset that his 16th-ranked Utah team won its opener Tuesday over Arkansas State.

And he doesn’t mind playing No. 14 Kentucky, even though the Wildcats have knocked the Utes out of the NCAA tournament four times this decade, including a victory in the 1998 national championship game.

It’s that when he committed his team to play in the 16-team NCAA Tournament, Majerus was promised the Utes would play at home in the first and second rounds.

Instead, Utah, winner of five straight Western Athletic Conference titles and national runner-up two years ago, plays at hostile Rupp Arena on Friday night, with the winner advancing to the semifinals in New York next week.

Majerus blames the schedule-makers at ESPN, which is broadcasting the tournament.

"I’m upset about it," he said Thursday. "It was driven by TV. ESPN doesn’t want us on TV, or doesn’t want us back in New York."

"The business decision was maybe they felt we don’t have the television audience," he said. "Maybe there aren’t a lot of Mormons in New York. Maybe they sell a lot of beer ads, and we don’t appeal to that audience. We’re not a pizzazz team. We don’t go airborne for any dunks."

Officials at ESPN did not immediately respond to a request Thursday for comment on Majerus’ charges.

If the Utes are to back the odds and make a Madison Square Garden appearance, they’ll have to get by Kentucky, which advanced with a 67-50 win over Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

"When you can sub five at once" — as Kentucky coach Tubby Smith did during that win — "you know you’ve got talented players," Majerus said.

Freshman big man Marvin Stone debuted with 12 points for the Wildcats, while center Jamaal Magloire had 11 points and nine rebounds. Smith was concerned, though, that Penn grabbed 13 offensive rebounds to just 11 for Kentucky.

"Against Utah, we’ll have to play a much better game, especially in some of the boxing out and rebounding, because they’re very aggressive, very strong on the boards," he said. "I didn’t see any of the gang rebounding that we’re going to need against a Utah team."

The Wildcats also were tentative offensively, shooting just 40.7 percent from the field. "We didn’t have much fluidity to the halfcourt offense" and that’s probably coaching, because we haven’t had a whole lot of time," Smith said. "We’re going to have to make some adjustments in our motion offense to maximize our players’ potential."

The Utes opened with a 76-43 home win over Arkansas State on Tuesday, getting 14 rebounds from Alex Jensen and 14 points and seven boards from Nate Alhoff. Against Kentucky, Utah will again be without starting forward Hanno Mottola, who is recovering from a torn meniscus ligament he suffered in a preseason exhibition.

ESPN did not broadcast the Utah-Arkansas State game — more fuel for Majerus’ grudge — forcing Kentucky to scramble for a tape of the local broadcast to watch on Thursday. One of those assisting in the effort was former Wildcat Scott Padgett, now a rookie with the NBA’s Utah Jazz, who sent a videotape by overnight mail.
NBA

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WASHINGTON

Isaac Austin had season-high 20 points and 13 rebounds Thursday night as the Washington Wizards stopped a seven-game losing streak with a 92-81 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Michael Smith and Mitch Richmond, reduced to a reserve, each added 12 for Washington, which hadn't won since its Nov. 2 season opener.

The Wizards were attempting to avert their worst start since beginning the 1966-67 season 1-10.

Vince Carter led the Raptors, who had won five of six games to take the Central Division lead, with 23 points. He has scored 20 or more points in seven straight games, breaking the franchise record set by Marcus Camby in March 1997.

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Two first-period goals propel Lightning past Penguins

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TAMPA, Fla. - Kevin Hodson made 26 saves and Robert Petrovicky and Pavel Kubina scored first-period goals as Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 on Thursday night.

The Lightning have won four straight at home, the franchise's longest streak since a five-game run in 1999-00. German Titov spoiled Hodson's shutout bid, scoring just under three minutes left. Titov has three goals and six points during a five-game points streak.

Jaromir Jagr returned to the Pittsburgh lineup after missing most of the Penguins' last game because of an upper leg injury. He failed to record a point for the second straight game after opening the season with a 15-game points streak.

The injury in the thigh area just below his right groin sidelined the NHL scoring leader for all but three minutes against Buffalo on Tuesday night.

Hodson made a pad save on Martin Straka on a first-period breakaway, and robbed Titov from point-blank range in the third.

Petrovicky scored a fluke goal midway through the first period. The Lightning center scored from in-close after a shot by Andreas Jansson missed the net, hit the end boards and wound up in front of the net. Kubina scored on a backhand shot later in the period.

The Penguins had the first five power-play chances of the game, but failed to score in each time. Pittsburgh finished 0-for-4 overall.

Pittsburgh's Jan Hrdina and Aubrey Morrison also returned Thursday night. Hrdina missed 12 games because of a sprained ankle, and Morrison was sidelined for eight games by a charley horse injury.

St. Louis, Florida 0

Pavol Demitra scored two goals in a 1:04 span in the third period as the St. Louis Blues beat the Florida Panthers.

Roman Turek made 27 saves for his first shutout of the season as the Blues ended the Panthers' four-game winning streak in a 3-0 win. Turek has allowed 45 goals in 19 games, and the Blues have given up 43 in 19.

The Panthers had killed off 17 straight power plays before Demitra scored on a slap shot that appeared to deflect off Florida defenseman Lance Piccolin, then tricked past Sean Burke at 5:18. Robert Svehla was in the penalty box for keeping down Jochen Hecht, but Hecht got the second assist on the goal.

Demitra made it 2-0 on a breakaway at 6:22, taking a long rebound of a shot by Florida's Jaroslav Spacek at center ice and beating Burke from the side of the net. Demitra had five of the Blues' 15 shots in the first two periods and has 10 goals, tying him for the team lead with Pierre Turgeon.

The Blues missed a chance to make it 3-0 with 3:14 to go when Terry Yake's backhand was just wide on a penalty shot. He had been pulled down by Svehla on a breakaway. Yake had the Blues' last penalty shot on Jan. 26, 1999, and also missed one against San Jose's Steve Shields. St. Louis didn't have to wait long for another goal, though, as Michael Handzus' empty-net goal gave them 6-1-1 in their last eight home games overall.

The Blues scored their 27th goal of the season to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead at 3:27 of the third period and an assist, and Hal Gill and Kevin Dineen each scored in four previous home meetings.

Boston 5, New York Rangers 3

Jason Allison, Boston's scor­ ing leader last season, scored his first goal of the season as the Bruins beat the New York Rangers.

Joe Thornton had an empty­ net goal and two assists on his team-leading points total to 19.

Anson Carter added a goal and an assist, and Hal Gill and Shawn Bates each scored his first goal of the season. Boston extended its winning streak to three games.

Byron Dafoe (4-1) made 24 saves for the Bruins, 9-1-2 in their last 12 games and 3-0-3 in their last eight home games.

The Rangers scored three consecutive goals after failing behind 4-0, cutting the deficit to a goal when Adam Graves scored with just under five minutes to play. Theo Fleury missed a chance to tie it with a minute to go when his shot hit the pad.

The Bruins also beat the Rangers on Saturday. After that game, there was speculation that Rangers coach John Muckler's job was in jeopardy, with former coach Mike Keenan ready to step in.

Carter and Allison scored 1-2 apart in the second period. Carter opened the scoring at 6:42, flipping the puck past goalie Mike Richter after a backhand attempt by Thornton.

Allison made it 2-0 when his slap shot trickled through Richter's pads. Gill scored on a slap shot from the blue line to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead at 16:09 of the second period.

The Rangers mounted a comeback in the third period when Jan Hlavac and Mike Knuble scored just under three minutes apart.

Hlavac scored a pass from Petr Nedved, and wristed a shot past Richter's right pad to tie the game.

Dafoe knuckled the lead to 4-2 when his slap shot Dafoe inside the post.

Bates scored the Bruins' fifth goal when he backhand­ ed a shot past Richter while falling on the ice. This made 20 saves for New York.

San Jose, Ottawa 1

Vincent Damphousse and Kevin Dineen scored late in the third period as the San Jose Sharks beat the Ottawa Senators.

Damphousse scored his seventh goal of the season to give the Sharks a 3-1 lead with 3:45 remaining, and Lowry added his first goal of the season with 2:40 left.

Alexander Korpolyuk and Marc Sturm also scored to help the Sharks to their first road victory over the Senators.

Owen Nolan moved within two points of NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr in the New Jersey Devils' 4-1 victory over the Senators.

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Shay, Klemmer lead Irish into NCAA Championships

**Men's squad sets sights on top five finish**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams both head into the NCAA Championships Monday for only the second time in Notre Dame history, led by junior Ryan Shay and senior Allison Klemmer.

The men have consistently improved all season long, rising from unranked at the beginning of the year to seventh this week. Their climb in the polls has been sparked by victories at the National Catholic Invitational and Big East Championships, runner-up finishes in the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and Notre Dame District IV Championships, and sixth place in the Pre-National Championships in mid-October.

"The first goal is to be in the top 10, with a secondary goal being in the top five," head coach Joe Piane said. "We're ranked seventh in the nation, so we'd hope to replicate that."

"Our attitude going into the meet is to hold our ranking, which is seventh right now," Shay said. "To be in the top 10 is huge, and to accomplish that is astounding. As a team, we're really confident that we can do that."

Ryan Shay Irish runner

"We've really made some strides this season. It's going to take a strong race from everyone. We're going to have to go out and run intelligently and keep moving up in the pack."

One of the keys to the Irish improvement has been the performances of the third through seventh runners. "The group that has done the most improvement through the season is John Dudley, Mike Greiwe, Ryan Maxwell and Sean McManus and Marc Striowski," said Piane.

"They are the heart and soul of the team right now," Shay said. "What Luke [Watson] and I do doesn't matter half as much as what those guys do." Shay and sophomore Watson have been pacemakers for the Irish this year.

"We're basically looking to do as well as we've done all season, and run together," said Greiwe. "We've got two great front-runners in Shay and Watson, and the rest of us have to stick together and keep picking people off."

Shay qualified for nationals as a sophomore and is looking to make a big improvement on his finish last year. He has captured individual titles at several meets this season, including the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and the Big East Invitational.

"To be in the top 10 would probably be my primary goal," Shay said. "Once the race starts, depending on how I feel, to keep moving up as close to the first-place spot as I can get. I don't feel anybody out there is a better runner than me. Whether I win or not doesn't prove someone's a better runner. It just means maybe on a given day they were."

Shay and Watson could make a big splash in the meet. To be All-Americans, they must finish among the top 25 U.S. citizens in the race.

"I think both Shay and Watson have a shot at being All-American," Piane said. "I know what he [Watson] does in practice, and there's no reason he shouldn't be there right with me," Shay said."

The men will run 10K as at the doorknockers.

The increased distance should help the Irish, as the regular season races are run over an 8K course.

"We've always trained for 10,000-meters," said Piane. "The women's squad is running in the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1993. They placed third at district meets and received an at-large bid Monday based on their performance during the season."

"I think a good realistic goal would be to be in the top 20, and I think we're going to have to run very, very well to do that," women's head coach Tom Connelly said. "If we compete as well as we get back at the Big East meet, I think we can do that."

The Irish were somewhat surprised to qualify for nationals because the NCAA selection committee had to go through Michigan, the second-place finisher at district meets, to get to the Irish. "As a team, we're going into this race as underdogs," said Klemmer. "No one's looking for us to do anything at all. We're going to go out there and run as well as we can, so there's no pressure."

Freshman Jennifer Handley is excited to be running in the NCAA Championships.

"We're kind of just excited to be going," Handley said. "We don't really have any expectations of where we're going to be. Last meet, we had a lot of pressure on us to qualify, but this time we're just going to go out and run and have fun.

Klemmer, an All-American in track, is aiming to match that honor Monday in cross country.

She placed sixth in the district meet, qualifying for nationals as an individual.

"I am shooting to be All-American," Klemmer said. "I think I'm going to have to run a really great race, but I'm definitely capable of doing it." Connelly is not certain which runners besides Klemmer and Handley will be going to the starting line for the Irish, as several athletes have fought injuries and illnesses over the past couple weeks.

Seven other runners will go to the meet in Bloomington, Ind., seniors Nicole LaSelle, Erin Luby, Patty Rice and Valerie Sicignia; juniors Chrissy Kuenser and Erin Olson; and freshman Kari Eaton. Five will compete, depending on who is in the best condition to run at race time.

"If we have any goal as a team, it would be to run together, because teamwork is what is going to matter," said Rice, who will run her final cross country meet Monday. "Just looking around and seeing the people we've been working with for four years at the finish line, I think, is going to heighten the experience." The Irish won the National Catholic Invitational earlier this season.

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CROSS COUNTRY

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The Notre Dame men's basketball team knew they were going to Madison Square Garden, but they didn’t expect to be headed there this season.

The Irish are guaranteed a spot in the Big East Tournament held annually at the Garden in March, but a 107-96 victory over Siemens last night sends Notre Dame to the world's most famous arena next Wednesday to take on the winner of the New Mexico St-Arizona game in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

"It's really special," head coach Matt Doherty said. "I've played in the Garden, I've been an assistant coach in the Garden and now I'm going to be the head coach of Notre Dame at Madison Square Garden. The hair is raising up on my arms as I speak. That's happened a lot these past few years.

"I don't want to say that it's not the main reason that we're here, but it's still something that we're going to want to play the game and do well in the game and win, because we're going to walk out on the court and celebrate in the locker room. That's not games," Doherty said. "You have to have that mindset. We have to change their thinking. When we go into Ohio State, we have to believe like we're Notre Dame and we play on winning." Doherty was so sure the Irish would beat Ohio State, he scheduled the team's travel arrangements around it.

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"It's not by design," Doherty said. "I did it because at Ohio State it was the first game, it was on ESPN. I didn't want the freshmen to get rattled. I wanted ballhandlers. I wanted to control the ball as best I could." Carroll was a huge factor for the Irish, scoring eight points in a two-minute span in the second half. He shot seven of nine from the field, including two for two from three-point range. "We left Matt Carroll open for a ton of shots," Siena head coach said. "It seemed he made 100 of those tonight. To me, he was the unexpected contributor tonight."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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HOCKEY

Dunlop makes early mark on Irish squad

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

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"This is a winner," said Irish assistant John Micheletto. "He has the mentality that he wants to be out there in big situations. He knows what he needs to do to make the team win."

Dunlop has played well during the recent Irish sweep of Alaska-Fairbanks, hitting the crossbar during Notre Dame’s 1-0 victory last Friday.

"Anytime a freshman steps up his scoring it motivating the other players, especially the upperclassmen," said Micheletto. "Everyone plays harder and they count on him to contribute."

Dunlop is proving why his Notre Dame class is one of the nation’s best.

"His future will be determined by himself," said Stagger. "His potential is limitless, at the college level and possibly beyond. We are trying to recruit competitors like him and we will have a lot of success if we do that. Coach Pojilin has improved the skill level dramatically and we want to continue that trend to make us better."

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VOLLEYBALL

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Leffers nets Player of the Year honors

After setting conference records for blocks and hitting percentage, senior captain Mary Leffers was named the 1999 Big East Volleyball Player of the Year Thursday evening at the conference's annual award banquet.

Leffers was joined by junior setter Denise Boylan on the 1999 Big East first team, while junior Christi Girton and sophomore Kristy Kroher were named to the all-conference second team.

Leffers, a middle blocker, set Big East records for most blocks and highest hitting percentage in conference matches and is currently ranked fifth nationally in blocks per game.

A three-time Big East Player of the Week, Leffers recently became the 10th Notre Dame player to reach the 1,000 kill career mark and currently holds the Irish record for career hitting percentage with a .303 mark.


Joining Leffers on the all-conference first team was Boylan, who ranks fourth in the Big East in assists per game in both conference and overall matches.

A 1999 preseason all-Big East selection, Boylan has led the Irish to an average of 13.63 digs per game, compared to their opponent's average of 12.14 digs per game. If the Irish face Connecticut on Saturday, they will have to shut down senior middle blocker Chance Harris, who averages 3.39 kills and 1.62 blocks per game.

Notre Dame defeated the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in three games this year, 15-9, 15-11, 15-7, and also defeated them last year in the second round.

If Rutgers wins on Friday, the Irish will have to contend with two offensive forces. Scarlet Knights outside hitters Kera Carter and Lola Opadiran both average more than four kills a game.

Rutgers enters the tournament as the fourth seed, after finishing the season with a 15-13 record and an 8-3 mark in Big East play. The Irish beat Rutgers 15-7, 15-9, 15-7 earlier this year and hold a 6-0 all-time record against the Scarlet Knights.

Georgetown will face the winner of the Providence-Syracuse match on the other side of the bracket. The two teams left after Saturday's matches will face each other at noon on Sunday.

The NCAA selection show will follow the tournament one week after the tournament concludes Nov. 28 at 10 p.m.
**Swimming**

Undefeated Irish face tough competition at Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Shifting gears from dual-meet competition, the Irish women's swimming and diving team heads to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis this weekend for the Minnesota Invitational.

"It's a critical meet in terms of how we swim our races. We compete better in a championship environment. This serves as a dry run for championships, to make sure that we have the eight athletes in each event," said Irish head coach Bailnv Watnowrs. "It's an opportunity to win.

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"Coming off wins against Pittsburgh, Miami of Ohio and Kenyon College last weekend, the Irish will battle 14 teams in Minneapolis.

Returning to the meet after a third-place finish behind Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1998, Notre Dame will find its stiffest competition in No. 15 Wisconsin, No. 16 Minnesota, No. 17 Tennessee, No. 24 Illinois and Iowa State.

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"Diving will also be a point of critical importance. This year we've added seven starters to the team."

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**Women's Basketball**

Belles focus on improving in opener

By KATIE McVOY

The Saint Mary's basketball team looks to improve as it opens the 1999-2000 season against the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets in the Marcia French Tournament at 6 p.m. Friday, in Berea, Ohio.

The Belles finished last season with a 13-11-1 record. The season offers them an opportunity to grow as individuals, as a team and as a varsity program.

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anchor the Irish offense. Well
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1,000 point club this season,
Riley will be a pivotal player
both on offense and defense.

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The Irish and the Rockets are
even in their series at 2-2.

Forward Meotis Erikson dribbles the ball past a Dayton
defender in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

earned a berth in the third
round after defeating the Dayton
Flyers, 5-1. The exhibition game
gave both teams a glimpse of
the opponent’s talent and some
of its strategy, but neither team
should expect the results to be
the same, according to
Waldrum.

"I think the only thing it will
do for both of us is let us see up
close what kind of talent each
team has," Waldrum said. "Both
of us will have a better idea of
what each other has, but I don't
think the result of that game will
have any bearing with what's
going to happen on Friday. I
think it is going to be a great
game and it will be a battle to
the finish."

The third round game kicks
off at 7 p.m. today on Alumni
Field.

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women’s
basketball team begins its quest
for a national championship
when it opens the regular sea­

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Irish light up court in 107-96 win over Siena

**SPORTS**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish light up court in 107-96 win over Siena

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Sports Writer

The excitement is running high for Notre Dame men's basketball.

First-year head coach Matt Doherty has led the Irish to a 2-0 start and the semi-finals of the Pre-season NIT with a 107-96 win over Siena last night.

"The balance tonight was key because they really couldn't focus on any one player," sophomore forward Troy Murphy said. "They opened it up so much for Harold (Swanigan) and I to operate inside by their three-point shooting and that's what's been winning games for us - their three-point shooting.

Murphy, sophomore forward David Graves, senior guard Martin Ingelsby and freshman guard Matt Carroll spread out the offense for Notre Dame, all scoring in double figures.

Murphy set the tempo for the Irish early, scoring seven of the first 10 points for the blue and gold to put them up 10-7.

The Saints used a full-court press against the Irish, which forced 11 turnovers in the first 11 minutes, keeping the game close.

"I was disappointed that we didn't execute, but we'll work those kinks out," Doherty said. "I think we've got to just be more strong handling the ball and be more decisive.

"The Irish took the lead for good with nine minutes remaining in the first half, but senior forward Marcus Faison kept the Saints in the contest. He was the go-to guy for Siena, putting up 33 points and snagging four boards in the first stanza.

At halftime, the Irish were ahead 50-41, thanks to nine players scoring in the even Irish attack.

Freshmen had significant playing time, much more than in Notre Dame's 59-57 win at Ohio State Tuesday.

**FOOTBALL HISTORY**

Gordon dashes ND's title chances in '93

By TIM CASEY

Sports Writer

David Gordon currently makes his living as a general contractor, building houses in Connecticut.

The destroyer of a perfect Notre Dame season is now a successful builder.

How appropriate.

Exactly six years ago on Saturday, Gordon, then a Boston College junior place kicker, ruined Notre Dame's chances for their 12th national title when he connected on a 41-yard field goal with five seconds left. It was the longest kick of his career.

Gordon still vividly recalls that November afternoon when he went from a little known kicker to a national figure.

"The gold from Touchdown Jesus was the only thing I could really see," Gordon said earlier this week on the phone. "It was getting really dark and the sun was setting.

"I always pick a spot to aim at," Gordon added. "And Touchdown Jesus was my spot.

"I'm in a coincidence that ever happened in the history of Notre Dame football.

The contest marks the first time the Irish have scored more than 200 points since 1992.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Irish meet Cardinal in round three

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associated Press Writer

Four months ago on a sweltering August night, the Notre Dame women's soccer team defeated the Stanford Cardinal, 4-0, in an exhibition game.

Thursday, on a cold November night, those two teams meet again in the NCAA round of the NCAA tournament.

But Irish head coach Randy Waldrum doesn't believe the exhibition game will play any role in tonight's game because both teams have evolved throughout the season.

"I think we are probably both different," Waldrum said. "At that point in time in the season we were both looking at different positions and trying to get a handle on things. I don't think that anything that happened at that point in the season will have any bearing Friday night.'

The Irish have completely juggled their lineup since August. Senior captain Jen Grubb moved from the midfield back to her more natural defense position.

Waldrum said Grubb's move has put the team more organized on defense.

"It helped solidify some organization things we were struggling with early on," Waldrum said. "Mainly with her leadership qualities that she brings to the table. She had been doing a great job in the midfield and that's ideally we were wanted to put her but based on her leadership capabilities we thought she would be better in the back. We didn't do that until five or six games into the season and that will be something different.'

While Grubb changed positions early in the season, senior Jenny Streffler moved from forward to midfield later in the season.

"Junior midfielder Ana Makinen was not even in the lineup back in August, when she was training with the Finnish national team. Makinen is another leader who makes the Irish a more explosive team, according to Waldrum.

"I think Anne adds a whole new dimension to your team," Waldrum said. "She is certainly one of the best players in the country and probably one of the best players in the world. I think most national team coaches would tell you that. She has such

**SPARTS GLANCE**

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**SPORTS GLANCE**

Women's Soccer

NCAA Third Round vs. Stanford Friday, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Track and Field Championships Friday-Saturday

Women's Swimming at Minnesota Invitational Friday-Sunday

Women's Basketball at Baldwin-Wallace College Friday-Saturday, TBA

Women's Swimming Wabash College Irvine Saturday, 10 a.m.

Volleyball Big East Tournament Semifinals Saturday, noon

VS. Boston College Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

VS. Toledo Saturday, 6 p.m.
Senior free safety A’Janl Sanders has shown flashes of brilliance this year with his devastating hits and tendency for the big play. His 76 tackles lead the Irish from his strong safety position. For more on the heart of the Irish, see page 5.
Bowl bid on the line for Irish

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish, coming off a disappointing loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers last weekend, return to Notre Dame Stadium for their final home game of the season when they take on the Eagles of Boston College Saturday. Looking to scrape together enough wins to be eligible for a bowl game, the 5-5 Irish cannot afford another loss in their two remaining games.

"Obviously this is a big game for us," said head coach Bob Davie. "Boston College comes in 7 and 2. We have got a chance to finish this season on a positive and that is our goal right now.

Numerous injuries to the Irish in the past few weeks have left the squad without much depth on the sidelines. Despite the possible loss of several key players for this week's matchup, Davie is confident that the Irish can earn their sixth win of the season over the Eagles.

"We have enough players and game plan to go beat Boston College," said Davie. "... If you look at it closely, on defense, our starting defensive unit is pretty much intact. Our problem's really the depth and the backups where there are none and then it trickles into the special teams. Offensively, it is a concern because we have three new linemen in there ... We need every ounce of juice we have on this football team."

In addition to the loss of left tackle Jordan Black and tailback Terrence Howard after the Tennessee game, the Irish will also be without left guard Jim Jones and right tackle John Teasdale this week.

Julius Jones, Deke Cooper and Anthony Denman have not practiced yet this week, but are still scheduled to take the field Saturday.

Boston College comes to Notre Dame riding high after a 34-17 routing of West Virginia, which vaulted the Eagles into the national rankings, for the first time since the 1994 campaign, at the 25th spot.

The Eagles have much riding on this game — a win would virtually secure the squad a spot in either the Gator or Insight.com bowl in the postseason.

If the Irish plan to come away with a victory, they will need to shut down Boston College's quarterback Tim Hasselback and the Eagle offense.

"They do throw the football down the field. They do throw it vertically," said Davie. "They have got a talented group of receivers, particularly No. 11 is a guy that I think is an explosive player and the quarterback is playing well."

Hasselback and No. 11 wide receiver, Dedrick Dewalt, have combined to make a potent duo throughout the season.

Notre Dame has an 8-2 edge in its series with Boston College and has come out on top in the teams' last four meetings.

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Eagles to test depleted Irish secondary

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

An injured and exhausted Irish secondary faces another stiff test this week from a group of explosive wide receivers. Saturday when the Eagles visit Notre Dame Stadium. Boston College has three players — Dejuan Daniels, Jamal Burke and Derrick Crittenden — who average nearly 20 yards per reception. That is bad news for an Irish secondary that was torched for four plays of more than 20 yards against the Panthers last Saturday. Considering that the Panthers only completed 10 passes on the day, those four big plays stand out even more.

Those big plays allowed the Panthers to have great success against the Irish on third down. The Panthers were successful on 46 percent of their third down conversions. If the Irish cannot stop the big play and stop the Eagles on third down, they will not be able to stop the explosive Boston College offense.

"I have a hard time winning when opponents are 46 percent on third down," Davie said.

Daniels could be the most explosive of the Eagles receivers. Since moving to offense before Boston College took on Navy, Daniels has caught seven passes for 139 yards including a 64-yard touchdown catch against the Midshipmen.

"They have got a talented group of receivers," Davie said. "Particularly No. 11 [Daniels] is an explosive player."

In addition to the speedy threats of Daniels, Burke and Crittenden, the Eagles also have a steady receiving threat in Dedrick Dewalt. Dewalt has caught 36 passes for 496 yards and three touchdowns so far in 1999.

Trying to stop this talented and deep group will be an Irish secondary that is bruised and battered entering the final home game of the season. Free safety Deke Cooper missed practice time this week and might not be 100 percent for his last home game. Cornerbacks Deveron Harper and Clifford Jefferson are also banged up but expected to play. Starting strong safety A'Janl Sanders is also expected to play through his bumps and bruises.

While the starters in the secondary are healthy enough to play, the nickel and dime backs are devastated by injuries and suspensions. Brock Williams and Lee Lafayette are off the team due to discipline reasons while freshmen Jason Beckstrom and Albert Pierre, sophomore Shane Walton and juniors Jason Smith and Ron Israel are all expected to miss the game.

Due to all the injuries, Davie moved Sanders to the nickel back in passing situations and used freshman Gerome Sapp as the strong safety. Sophomore Donald Dykes also played some in nickel situations. Both Sapp and Dykes' inexperience, however, was exposed by the Panthers. Although they are injured, Davie does not plan on changing the Irish defensive scheme.

"It is too late in the season to start doing a whole lot of different things," Davie said.

Eagles to test depleted Irish secondary
**1999 FIGHTING IRISH**

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**Schedule**

**Nov. 20:** at Boston College

**Nov. 27:** at Stanford

**3rd season at Notre Dame**

**Nov. 21:** against Boston College: 2-0

**IN POSITION: defensive line**

**Line battles injuries, youth**

**Observer Staff Report**

The Irish entered this season with inexperience along the offensive line. With just one returning starter from 1998, Notre Dame had to completely rebuild its front wall.

Throughout the season, the line has shown some improvement but still had a long way to go. First-year starters Jim Jones, John Toussad, Jordan Black and Mike Gandy had finally started to gel with returning starter John Manieri before disaster struck.

Jones, Toussad and Black are all out for the year with injuries. In their place, Ryan Scarama, Sean Mahan and Kurt Voelgers have started gaining experience. These three new players must step up for the Irish offense to have any success Saturday.

**1999 EAGLES**

**Schedule**

**Sept. 4:** at Maryland

**Sept. 11:** at Pittsburgh

**Sept. 18:** at Navy

**Sept. 25:** vs. Wake Forest

**Oct. 2:** at Temple

**Oct. 9:** at Pittsburgh

**Oct. 16:** at Miami

**Oct. 23:** at Syracuse

**Nov. 13:** vs. West Virginia

**Nov. 20:** at Notre Dame

**Nov. 27:** at Virginia Tech

**third season at Boston College**

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**1996** at Boston College: career record:

**15-16** against Notre Dame: 0-2
Weekend warrior plays through pain

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior safety brings energy and enthusiasm to the Irish secondary

If one player on the 1999 Irish football team exudes energy and enthusiasm, it's senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders.

"It's just a mental thing," Sanders said. "I just try to stay positive all the time because if I don't, all these injuries I've got, they're going to get to me, and I've got to stay above that. I've got to play through it. I've got to be there for my teammates when they need me.

If any one player shows his love of the game by leaving it all on the line week after week, despite countless injuries, it's Sanders.

If anybody can fire up the fans and student body as the first one to raise his helmet in front of the crowd, it's Sanders. If any player resists the temptation to give up when times are tough, consistently motivating him to go forward to keep fighting, it's Sanders.

"I think he helps motivate them," secondary coach Lou West said. "The biggest motivation that he does is through his actions."

Although Sanders has played with several injuries for much of the past two years, he doesn't use excuse or bad luck as an excuse.

"If I could play healthy, I'd probably play better, but playing with injuries, that's part of the game," Sanders said. "You learn that from Little League all the way up. You just learn to play with injuries and you go with what you got.

Notre Dame coaches recognize Sanders' resilience as going above and beyond the line of duty.

"He's been a warrior," head football coach Bob Davie said. "He is going to be wearing a cast this week. He's a guy that has been beat up all year. Actually, he has been beat up for two years, but he is a warrior, all the way.

"Highlighting him, Notre Dame defense with a team-high three interceptions and 76 tackles, Sanders is a role model for the younger guys on the team.

"Being a senior, he's done an outstanding job of leading not only the secondary, but the defense," West said. "Every little thing that he does is very important.

"I look at myself as being a leader for the younger guys," Sanders said. "It's been rough and people want to quit at times, but you've got to realize we're a team here to play football and that's what we came to do.

"You've got to go out there and play. That's what I'm doing, playing for this week. And if we come up short, I left it on the field."

A'Jani Sanders

Strong safety

We started losing — hey, we've got a couple more games to play. We can't quit now. We started it, we've got to finish.

Although the Irish, predicted to be among the top 25 teams in the nation, slipped to a 5-5 record, they're not ready to pack it in yet.

"We're shining for something," Sanders said. "It hurts when you lose, of course, but we're all competitors and that's the competitive spirit in us. Yes, we came to Notre Dame for a great education, but we also came to play football and we've got two more football games. That's exactly what I plan to do — play football.

"We've got to try to send the seniors out with a bang. We've got to try to send the seniors out with a bang, you know, win the last game. This one is going to stick in your mind forever," Sanders added.

The Irish can become bowl-eligible with victories over Boston College and Stanford. To finish the regular season with consecutive wins, they will need to come back from the disappointment of two straight losses on the road.

"Everything changes week to week," Sanders said. "I don't worry about the week before up or the next week or the week before. You've got to go out there and play for this week. That's what I'm doing, playing for this week. And if we come up short, I left it on the field. I left it right there for you. That's it, my last game in Notre Dame Stadium.

Sanders, redshirted his freshman season, relies on some of his fellow seniors for motivation. In particular, he and free safety Deke Cooper push each other to play at the highest level of competition.

"Each year, we were competing for the same position and it was like, anything you can do, I can do better," Sanders said. "We just kind of kept that same thing going when Coach [Davie] put us at two different positions. So if Deke makes a play, I want to make a play, too, and I think that keeps us pretty strong together, keeps the secondary together.

"We try to motivate each other," added Sanders. "When he's down, I try to pick him up, and when I'm down, he tries to keep me up.

That teammate helps Sanders and Cooper to make key plays on the field, the best example coming Oct. 9 against Arizona State.

In that game, both Sanders and Cooper recorded key interceptions, as did senior corner­back Devon Harper.

"I think he had a great year," said Davie. "Each and every week he plays — I think he has been outstanding.

Sanders' 28-yard interception return for a touchdown against Pittsburgh, Sanders will play his final game in Notre Dame Stadium when the Irish host the Eagles Saturday.

Senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders drops back into coverage in last Saturday's game against Pittsburgh. Sanders will play his final game in Notre Dame Stadium when the Irish host the Eagles Saturday.

weird... why does it say page 5 and page 4?
Michigan State head coach Nick Saban leads his No. 15 Spartans against the Penn State Nittany Lions Saturday in a game that could decide the fate of many Big Ten teams and their bowl hopes.

**PSU looks to salvage season against MSU**

**AP Poll**

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**Around the Nation**

**Florida-Florida State winner has played for the national title. The teams even met for the Sugar Bowl after the Seminoles beat the Gators in the ’96 regular season. Florida State won its only national title in 1993, while Florida won its championship in ’96. “We are looking forward to the game, a typical game,” Gators coach Steve Spurrier said. “FSU is usually 10-0 or 9-1, we are usually 9-1. We have been 10-0 a couple times coming into each team. It has an opportunity to keep on going in the national picture.”

If the Seminoles win, they are a virtual lock to finish first in the final BCS standings, which determine the teams in its national title game (the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4). If the Gators win, they would then need to win the SEC title game on Dec. 4 to put themselves in a strong position to play for another championship.

**No. 21 Georgia at No. 16 Mississippi**

After tumbling seven spots in the poll following another loss, No. 21 Georgia will try to salvage the remainder of its season when it heads to Oxford to take on No. 16 Mississippi.

Georgia (6-3, 4-3 SEC) leads the overall series, 24-12-1, and has won the last two contests. The Bulldogs will try to bounce back from a dismal showing against Auburn last week in which they trailed 38-0 early in the second half before scoring three times in a 38-21 loss. Georgia had hoped a victory over the Tigers would result in a New Year’s Day bowl bid. Instead, the Bulldogs may be content with any bowl, having lost two in a row and facing their last two games on the road.

After playing Mississippi, the Bulldogs have a win, the SEC championship and the Little Rock Bowl.

Georgia’s defense, which has struggled all season, will have to do a better job this week. Ranked last in the 12-team conference, the unit allowed Auburn quarterback Ben Luedeck to pass for a school-record 416 yards and a record-tying four touchdowns passes a week ago. 

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Irish try to avoid embarrassing themselves

Yes, the Irish have hit a new low, but it has little to do with the 10-point loss to Pittsburgh last Saturday. 

looks — even to a sub-500 team — doesn’t cause that type of embarrassment. You can argue that being 3-5 isn’t the cause for the humiliation that Irish fans feel right now. But something is terribly wrong when Notre Dame’s motivation in its last home game of the season, against arch-rival Boston College, is a “year of embarrassment.”

Just two weeks ago, the Irish were on a four-game winning streak and had high hopes of playing in a bowl game. Just three months ago there were predictions of a national championship to close out the millennium. And just six years ago, we all know which team earned its last-ever No. 1 ranking in 1993.

But embarrassment is the present. I gauge the motivation of wearing the golden helmet and playing for the most storied college team isn’t that big of a motivator anymore. 

Note to students: Don’t try this yourselves. For some reason, just working hard enough to avoid being laughed at isn’t something that Notre Dame encourages in its students.

We should be so lucky to use “The Great Embarrassment Motivator” actually work.

But if playing for a national championship, a top-10 spot, or a bowl game isn’t going to work, what difference will this goal make against the Eagles?

Whatever the experiment in motivation that the Irish bring this Saturday, it will not go very far without a strong showing in the same areas that have plagued them all season.

If Pitt wasn’t a slap in the face for Notre Dame’s secondary and the offensive ground game, then nothing short of a parietal suspension will wake them up.

The Irish have allowed their opponents to field a Heisman-like lineup of quarterbacks this season, allowing them to air it out for over 220 yards a game. B.C. will surely use that to its advantage with quarterback Matt Schaub. If Notre Dame’s secondary allows them too, 

Hasselbeck has seven interceptions to counter his seven touchdowns but is coming off an excellent showing against West Virginia.

Irish secondary coach Lou West blamed the defensive line after the Pitt game for giving Panther quarterback John Turman too much time to throw. 

Then, Bob Davie blamed offensive coordinator Ken4 Rogers for not calling enough running plays. 

Looks like “The Great Embarrassment Motivator” has already gotten to some and caused more harm than good.

The reason for the Irish’s lack of offense.

They ran for just 72 yards against Pitt. In the four games that Jarius Jackson has rushed for less than 20 yards, the Irish have averaged just over 100 yards rushing.

To make matters worse, the losses of tackles Jordan Black and John Teasdale and guard

Jim Jones to injury will make it harder for Rogers to get things going on the offense.

The last thing the team needs to focus on is the fear of causing Notre Dame embarrassment. If things continue the way they’ve been going, that will take care of itself.

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

Freshman safety Gerome Sapp (20) and junior inside linebacker Anthony Denman (39) tackle a Panther in last Saturday’s 37-27 loss to Pittsburgh that Bob Davie called an “embarrassment.”
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