Burford resigns post as EPA administrator

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anne McClurkin Burford resigned yesterday as chief of the embattled Environmental Protection Agency, and President Reagan said the resignation was "an occasion of sorrow for us all." The announcement came shortly after the White House said it was releasing to Congress documents it had refused to turn over earlier in congressional investigations of the agency.

In agreeing to supply the House investigating committee with all documents it seeks in its probe of the Environmental Protection Agency, the White House in effect dropped Reagan's claim of executive privilege.

A Clinton Friend of Burford, Freda Perkins, said the EPA chief quit because she "believed the resignation was in the best interests of the EPA and in the president's interests." After that announcement of the release of documents, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes was asked whether President Reagan still has full confidence in the administrator of the EPA and he replied: "Let's wait and see." Reagan had expressed confidence in the administrator as recently as his final press conference.

Burford's resignation follows three months of turbulent relations between the EPA, Congress, the Justice Department and the White House.

Career opportunities are available for students interested in summer or full-time work in the Boston area.
News Briefs

By The Observer and The Associated Press

Those strange-smelling rolls that were served in the dining halls last night were perfectly healthy, according to a cook in the North Dining Hall. "Doc," Horvath said that the recipe called for "some cooking type of ammonia," and this in­gredient seemed to have made the rolls "taste good." We know there would be a lot of questions about it, so we had the recipe ready to show people," said Horvath. The rolls were served as part of "A Taste of Ireland" night. — The Observer

Van Lines will not be operating this weekend or next. Services will resume on March 25. — The Observer

Nationally known illustrator Denis Lazuk will give a lecture at 4 p.m. today in the Attenberger Auditorium of the Notre Dame Museum of Art as part of the Visiting Artist Series. Lazuk received his degree from Notre Dame and studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. His illustrations have appeared as covers for Time, Fortune, and Forbes and in such magazines as Sports Illustrated, McCall's, Ladies Home Journal, Redbook, and Good Housekeeping. — The Observer

The final showing at the Chrosis films, Valley Cur­tain and Running Fence, will take place today at 6:15 and 7 p.m. respectively. Both films will be screened in the Attenberger Auditorium of the Notre Dame Museum of Art. Admission is free. The Chrosis exhibition closes Sunday, March 20, 1983. — The Observer

The Observer announces the appointment of two news editors: Bob Vonderheide, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Lexington, Ken., and Mark Wonschke, a sophomore economics major from Iowa. The two will assume responsibilities for the 1983-84 Observer Editorial Board — The Observer

Saudia Arabia said yesterday that OPEC "most probably" will agree on a uniform cut in oil prices in the next 24 hours. But other ministers in the leading 13-nation cartel reported little progress. Both films will be held in London, a country re­cognized as a leader in the oil field. But one oil industry official said there are "too many unknowns." — The Observer

An 11-year-old Anderson, Ind., girl arrived in Houston yesterday, clutching a doll named Heidi and hoping to find "a new life" at a hospital where doctors will examine her to see if she can receive a heart transplant. Physicians at Texas Children's Hospital were to examine Sharon Stohler "from head to toe" before making their decision, said the child's mother, Barbara. The family arrived in Houston this morning. — The Observer

A judge dismissed murder charges yesterday against two沿海班的内地人 who shot a bank manager from a braindamaged man’s motorcycle after he was taken off a respirator but still did not die. Municipal Court Judge T.O. Cohoon said the police had not stood trial on charges of murder and conspiracy to murder because there was no proof they acted negligently or with malice. Defense attorneys con­ceded there was no evidence New Zealand Nejd had acted out of compas­sion in a hopeless case. "Although the actions of ... Barber and Nejd could have been justified by some to be premeditated, there is no evidence in the record before this court that such precautions action was taken in violation of standards of medical and ethical conduct," Cohoon said. "It must be concluded that neither Dr. Barber, nor Dr. Nejd took any overt action with regard to the patient that was, per se, unlawful." — AP

Winter continues its return to South Bend today. The clouds will remain, with a 70 percent chance of snow. Highs around 30, and lows in the low 20s. Cloudy and cold tomorrow. Highs around 30. — AP

The Headlines continue

Ryan Ver Berkmoes, Managing Editor

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The first part of the conference consisted of a talk given by the president of the union, John Joyce, a '57 Notre Dame graduate. He discussed the overview of problems with which the union leadership had to cope.

The rest of the conference consisted of a series of eight mandatory workshops. Among the workshops were "Quality of Worklife," "Political Action — Delegate Selection," and "Collective Bargaining '83." The most important workshop held, said Joyce, was "Unemployed Member Program," which gave a detailed outline of measures that could help the unemployed. Joyce commented that 30 percent of union members are currently unemployed. A high percentage of these members have been out of work for over six months.

Joyce felt the union could help these people by providing them with counseling and assistance. He noted that the serious damage done to these workers is not economic, but psychological.

Concerning the choice of the CCE for the conference, Joyce said that, not only did the conferees want a university setting, but they decided the best facilities in the area are located at Notre Dame in the CCE.

Leadership conference

Bricklayers probe work problems

By PAM RICHARDSON
Staff Reporter

To solve the unemployment and job-related problems of the housing industry, the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen held a national leadership conference this past week. The conference started Monday and ended yesterday at the Center for Continuing Education.

Union agents and consultants from across the nation met with national leaders to talk over the problems of the union. Approximately 160 members participated in the three-day conference.

Fears Soviet 'delight'

Reagan lobbies against freeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration took the offensive yesterday against a nuclear weapons freeze plan headed for a House vote next week, charging that the measure would "delight the Soviets" and increase the danger of nuclear war.

House Minority Leader Robert Michel, R-III., said he told President Reagan that the Democratic-controlled House is likely to pass the resolution, endorsed Tuesday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on a 27-9 vote.

"Obviously, he (Reagan) didn't like it," Michel commented to reporters.

The White House said President Reagan might not be swayed by passage of a freeze resolution.

The resolution calls upon the administration to use the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (SALT) for the purposes of "pursuing a complete halt to the nuclear arms race" and "deciding when and how to achieve a mutual verifiable freeze on testing, production and further deployment of nuclear warheads, missiles and other delivery systems."

Richard R. Burt, assistant secretary of state for European affairs, told a House Armed Services subcommittee that the resolution would undercut arms control negotiations with Moscow.

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Social Security bill nears passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, after two years of bitter party warfare over Social Security, faced only one hurdle yesterday to passage of a bipartisan $165.5 billion package to pull back the system from the brink of bankruptcy through higher taxes and a slowdown in the growth of benefits.

Debate centered on whether to raise the retirement age or taxes in the next century as the last element in the plan to close Social Security’s revenue gap in the 1980s and wipe out its $19 billion deficit over the next 75 years.

House Speaker Thomas P. O’Neill speaking about the bill’s chances before the start of the marathon eight-hour debate, said, “There’s no question the votes are there, unless it unravels in some unexpected way.”

The measure would generate $165.5 billion in new revenues or savings over seven years. The short-term reforms would also solve two-thirds of the long-range problem.

The measure would solve the remaining one-third of the deficit by missing a five percent benefit cut for new retirees a quarter century now with a quarter-point payroll tax increase in 2015.

The chamber was considering only two amendments, one sponsored by Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, to raise the retirement age from 65 to 67 by 2027; and a rival amendment by Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., to raise the payroll tax instead by 0.55 percent in 2010.

Pickle said the change would not occur until “way in the future.” With people living longer, he added, “Raising that age is absolutely inevitable. Now is the time. You miss this chance and we will end up in the future just raising taxes.”

Pope in conclusion of visit emphasizes concern for poor

PORT-AR-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Pope John Paul II offered “words of comfort and hope” for the world’s poor and criticized “aggressive proselytism” by other religions yesterday in a whirlwind conclusion of his visit to Central America and the Caribbean.

“It is a question of having a dignified standard of living,” the pope said in remarks prepared for delivery at a eucharistic congress in Haiti’s Western Hemisphere’s most destitute country and the last stop on his eight-nation tour.

The church does not “want to accuse and point out what is wrong,” but desires “to contribute positively toward development especially with leaders,” he added.

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Ford Motor Co., announced Wednesday it will invest $125 million in its Indianapolis Steering Gear plant so that the facility will produce components for a new line of front-wheel-drive cars later this decade. The investment is one of several that would have been lost by 1987 if Ford had decided to go to an outside supplier for the power rack-and-steering gear said company spokesman Gene Koch, adding that it also could add about 100 jobs at the facility. The plant, which now makes steering parts for real-wheel-drive cars employs about 2,600 hourly workers. Another 600 are on indefinite layoff, said Phil Rose, president of United Auto Workers Loc. 1114.4

Occidental Petroleum Corp., one of the largest United States' oil companies, has signed an interim agreement with China to develop a coal mine in China's Shanxi Province. The companies said the project is the first major joint venture between a Chinese state-enterprise and a major Western corporation. "Projects such as this benefit both of our great nations," Occidential Chairman Armand Hammer told reporters in announcing the project here. "It is a great honor for our company to be able to help develop the tremendous natural resources of China, while at the same time helping solve the world's energy problems." The project calls for development of the Pingshuo open-cut mine, which has reserves estimated at 1.4 billion tons of low-sulfur coal.

"Curious index"

By MILTON MOSKOWITZ

Special to the Observer

The way most people get news about the stock market is via a report on the Dow Jones Industrial Average. When you ask how the market did today and the answer comes back: "It was up 10 points," they're talking about the movement of the Dow Jones industrials.

It's a curious index to rely upon because the Dow Jones industrials consist of only 30 stocks—and they're supposed to mirror the entire market. There are more precise measures—the Standard & Poor's 500 and the New York Stock Exchange Index, for example—but the Dow Jones is the measure of choice, probably because it had been around since 1898. It pays to be first.

The Dow Jones list is not static. Companies are dropped for cause. In 1976, Anaconda, the copper miner about to be absorbed by Atlantic Richfield, was displaced by Minnesota Mining & Mfg., the miner of Scotch tape. In more recent years, Chrysler and Estanck were bumped in favor of Merck and IBM. Chrysler, as a result, is the only "car" stock on the Dow Jones list. General Motors is now the lone car maker on the Dow Jones industrials.

Estanck, once the operator of the Swift slaughterhouses, now makes price-gripping Merck is the stand-out performer in the pharmaceutical industry. And you'll know what IBM does. (What took so long to make the Dow Jones Industrials?) The most recent change came last August 5th when Mayville, formerly known as Johnnsville-Mayville, was axed. "It's surprising in view of the filing for bankruptcy for fear of being sold, but the Dows growers Merck, you're supposed to mirror the entire market. There are more precise measures—the Standard & Poor's 500 and the New York Stock Exchange Index, for example—but the Dow Jones is the measure of choice, probably because it had been around since 1898. It pays to be first.

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Editorials

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P. O. Box Q

Dear Editor:

Brian Callaghan and Prag PrasAnnov haven't even taken office yet and they are already crying over the Administration at our expense.

Prossannoy's stormy turn into Flanner Hall just a few days before the student body president elections and I have suggested everyone in our section to come out and listen to her. After we unanimously expressed our opinion that the Student government does nothing for us, she proceeded with a 10 minute lecture on how pathetic we are and how well she could make student government work for us. Now, not one month after the election, she wants to sell the Flanner Hall senators off campus in the senator lottery.

I refer, of course, to your March 2 article in which PrasAnnoy and Brian Callaghan recommended that juniors from Flanner, Grace and Carroll halls be selected off campus to save the kids in the junior's own, "smaller" dorms — Ballin and Keran.

Why aren't they voicing our outrage at the administration's latest injustice to its students? Wasn't it their positions on the 'Hall President's Council to further their own ends at our expense?

Callaghan and PrasAnnoy are already meddling, our section's senior Student government as a do nothing outfit.

The administration in its continuing effort to increase the size of the Freshman classes, and its need in the process, is selling out the class of 84. Flanner Hese becomes unaffordable. Our government doesn't do anything for us, and our government is selling off space. I have a feeling we elected some of the People's representatives to improve the quality of our education. Who do they now represent? Do they represent a good use of our student fees? Do they voice our complaints? No. They decide to pitch in and help the administration in its unseemly attempt to maximize its profits. The People's representatives are acting like they're already campaigning for a spot in Hesburgh's administration.

This isn't the effective, responsive student government the People's representatives promised as a month ago. Thanks for nothing.

The justices from section 8A

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Slow to China, quick to pleasure

The ship was originally built to transport American troops for an invasion of Japan during World War II. When that spectacle never materialized, the Columbia was converted to a restaurant boat, sailing with a mixed bag of cargo and crew to the ports of the world. On one voyage, she sailed away from Vietnam in the last load of refugees from Saigon.

On Buckley's very first voyage, the ship was loaded with whiskey, gewgaws, bongos, and refrigerators bound for Germany. He notes that the crew took no real precautions. "The bar was like a wild west saloon and we were a bunch of gringos," he says. "The crew was always ready to take our money."

The book is written around a cast of characters that reveals the truth. There is Foggy who at various times has been aSKIIN:淡之用gun, the former Japanese sailor who laboriously paints the crew's name on to the ship with his paint brush. Tenba, the cook, who always wears a smile and is an avid patron of B-girls. Higgin is the integer fence that2l/hiin of the world's great seamen, and is an avid patron of B-girls. Higgin is the integer fence that

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At Raleigh on Feb. 12, Paxson scored just six points but his pose in running a slowdown offense spread throughout the youthful Irish, and ND was able to pull off a 64-59 upset. Four days later, he was limited to only ten points but again his patience and crisp passing enabled Notre Dame to shoot a season-high 66 percent, mostly on layups, en route to a 60-54 rout.

Gone are the days of "John Paxson and the Four Assistmen," says the Director of Scouting for the NBA. "Now a team can't just worry about me. They had, " says the 6-2 guard, whose teams had lost just 19 games in the first 300 Will share usual Call John 288­8641 Thanks

"I really didn't consider Dayton," says John. "But just graduated; that was the first time I really felt frustrated. I had never lost that much in high school.

"What's helped me most this year is the freshmen (Tim Kempton, Ken Barlow, Jim Dolan, Joseph Price and Joe Buc)," says John, "and my mom, I'm sure. She has a kind of confidence that I haven't seen in a freshman class here. By the time they get out of here, they're going to be something.

"Last year, we didn't have an inside game," continues Paxson, who stands rhythm on the Irish all-time scoring list with 1,324 points. "Now a team can't just worry about me. They have to worry about the inside game. That's been the biggest help.

"I'll be sorry to leave Notre Dame. I owe so much to the University and to John Phillips. I'm glad to be leaving on a successful note."

"He always went to the camps where the best basketball was being played. The intent was there -- he wanted to be a consistent improve." - Jim Paxson Sr.

The Paxson Family of Hill Road in Kenton, Ohio, is sad to announce the passing of their son, John, Jr., an American at Dayton and played two years in the NBA, having been a key part of the selection in the 1956 (the considerably­less­humble Bill Russell and Tommy Heinsohn). John's brother, Jim Jr., was also a standout at Dayton and is currently coaching the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers. Another brother, Mike, is a walk on at Ohio University.

Sports andstandards and indoors and outdoors — was always a way of life in the Paxson household. Outside. it was basketball, baseball and football. Inside, it was shoot the rolled­up­pair­of­socks­through­the­lampshade ("John's favorite," says his mother Jackie) and, of course, football in the living­room.

"It's kind of a business on the court," John says. "I'm just a student in basketball and football in addition to basketball. Naturally basketball won out.

"Even since they were little, we've always encouraged sports as part of the total person," says Jim. "Sporta inside discipline in youngsters that they can't get anywhere else. They're a lot of kids that are able to do a lot of things. They went to camp. We didn't push them, in fact they knew they had all the camps and say to me. Those are the ones we want to go to.

"With other sports (besides basketball) there was no question for the kids to follow their dad's footsteps," adds Jackie. "Jimmy felt more comfortable with basketball and he wasn't worried about any comparison with his father. Johnny became interested too, but I think the two of them could go out in the backyard anytime and play.

"Comparisons is no problem with the Paxson family. In comparing two entities, one inevitably is judged to be worse than the other."

In fact, considering those comparisons was the primary reason John Paxson, who was an all­star at Dayton's Archbishop Alter High School, chose to attend Notre Dame instead of his hometown school.

"I really didn't consider Dayton," says John. "But just graduated; that was the first time I really felt frustrated. I had never lost that much in high school.

Many Dayton loyalists, however, didn't buy John's reasoning.

On March 1, 1980, John Paxson returned to his hometown with his new team — to a chorus of boos. The sensitive, seemingly unfappable, freshman took the court with team in his eyes.

"The hoos hurt him," says his father. "What upset him the most was that they didn't understand him as a person."

"Yeah, it took a kind of hard first year," remembers John. "But everything's OK now. I still beat about it once in a while. That's really finally during the summer when I'm out at a bar or something."

Two years later — March 6, 1982 — John Paxson, now one of the premier guards in college basketball, returned once again with his team to Dayton Arena... to a standing ovation.

He had won over even his harshest critics.

"It's a bon­fide­first­round­draft­pick — " says Marty Blake, Director of Scouting for the NBA.

The site is diluted Chap­ag Stadium where the equally sad Bulls are playing host to the expansion Blazers, featuring their All­Star guard, John Paxson. Permision John is easily just Jim, super­tcorp­posing­45 points and securing­the­game­for­the­players­of­the­game.

Sitting in the stands is his brother John, glaring intently at the court. The Advertiser in an administrative decision dated October 25, 1963, had daydreaming to the day when he too may fulfill a lifelong ambition: to be a lawyer.

"I really admire him and respect him," says John of Jim. "He's gotten where he has by using his head. He's constantly in motion — he just figures that there's nine other guys on the floor but only one ball, so he's got to go after it.

John is perhaps the most thoughtful of the four. He is described as a person who is not overly talkative, but who does sit down and talk at length about whatever subject is in his mind."

"I've always been a role player, a team player, who can adjust just as successful as a professional."

"Playing against him the last couple of years (in pick­up games) I think he's a very good player and I think he'll make it," says Jim. "I think he has the talent and the smarts to be a success."

But college basketball is certainly not the NBA. Where defense is non­existent, speed is king and high scores are the hallmark of any successful team. The Blazers' last two wins were over Mo Cheeks and L.A.'s Magic Johnson — are pinpoint passers, with ten­foot shooters and can each outstrut a cherub. Both are arch.

"For a point guard (they NBA team) always think white guys are too slow," says Jim, "so he'll have to overcome that stigma.

There's been a lot of guys that didn't average 20 points a game, but he's a very successful player. As long as he plays well, he'll be able to do it."

On the other hand, two of the best players in recent NBA history — Boston's John Havlicek and New York's Bill Bradley — were slow, white swigmnetmen.

John is optimistic at all chances for success in the pros.

"I think I'd make a good point guard who set up the others for good shots and hit the jumper when I'm open," he says.

"I've always been a role player, a team player who can adjust to whatever the team wants me to do. I don't really know where I stand with in them but I'm going to give it a shot."

Digger Phelps is even more optimistic.

"The NBA is definitely in its future," he says.

Tomorrow: The other side of John Paxson — the student and the man
Now's the time to say 'thanks' to Paxson

If ever there were a college basketball player that was a worthy hardship case, it had to be John Paxson.

The typical hardship situation involves a player faced with supporting his parents and/or wife and children and/or girlfriend and children.

But the number of dependents Paxson could have claimed on his Form 1040 would have been a CPA's delight. He was, after all, carrying 12 or 13 young men all by himself last year.

Sometimes, when the player in less severe financial straits opts to play for pay before running out of eligibility, the rationale is that, by staying in college, the player runs the risk of serious injury that could destroy his earning capacity.

Paxson, resembling John Wayne lost in the middle of a "Little Rascals" out-take during last winter's 10-17 nightmare, ran a far greater risk of injury to his sanity.

For one thing, he had to endure what Paxson had to live through last season.

"He's always been unselfish," says Digger Phelps. "John feels that, if the team is to accomplish anything, it's going to have to be as a team.

"What he's done this year, in terms of blending out young players and getting them to play with confidence, is only because of what John has sacrificed. He's given up scoring 30 points a game and now we're playing with balance on offense and defense."

Those kind of attributes, and now the fact that he is currently tenth and climbing on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list, are why John Paxson stands head and shoulders above the crowd.

While outstanding basketball players might not exactly be a dime a dozen at Notre Dame, they're certainly more common than leftover ice cream at Saint Mary's. But none of the greats ever had to endure what Paxson had to live through last season.

Even so, Paxson refused to give in. When it seemed that Notre Dame's only chance of scoring was Paxson throwing up a 35-footer with ten hands in his face, he posed the ball to a teammate.

"He handled it with class," Phelps says simply. "John's a sensitive person, and he's been that way since he was a fresh- man. Because of his sensitivities, he's very aware of other people's sensitivities and treats everybody as a person and with dignity. That's the one human trait that makes John the type of person that he is."

The wonderful thing about John Paxson is that all the success in the world — and he earned his share of it — hasn't changed him one bit.

"He always has his values and his priorities in order," mar­ vels Phelps, "and he doesn't let anything detract him from them.

In these times of insanity, which see athletes earning one million in a single season and others being bribed not to eat themselves into oblivion, it brings the imagination to think that the public might owe anything to one of these prima don­ nas.

There is, however, one exception. John Paxson plays his last home game for Notre Dame tonight. Put down your books, put down your beer can, put off your trip to Florida for two hours, and come and say "thank you" to John Paxson. Not for being a great basketball player, which he is, but for doing more good for Notre Dame's image and reputation than five Sports Illustrated articles could ever do.

Women's Bookstore sign-ups

Women's Bookstore Basketball signups will take place on Thursday, March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Lafortune Ballroom. More details on the tournament will be announced sometime after break. — The Observer
By MIKE RICCARDI

Sports Writer

It's been said that lightning never strikes in the same place twice. Yesterday at the ACC — with everything on the line — it did. Notre Dame, coming off abranches-striking-overnight storm over Dayton Sunday, came off the canvas to take Indiana University to overtime and came through again in the extra period to gain its 20th win in an epic 63-61 struggle.

The victory also put the Irish, who are currently assured of a bid to the Women's NIT in Amarillo, Texas, in the thick of the hunt for a berth in the NCAA Tournament next?

By CHRIS NEEDLES

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"John Paxson is what you call a quiet leader. He leads by example. He does 'by action. To end up where we are now compared to a year ago... hey, it's John. — Digger Phelps."

He is, at once, architect and builder. The orchestra conductor who also plays the featured soloist.

He is the Oregon Wells of college basketball — the c Tol, producer, director and star of your team. This season, he has been the lone constant, and the major force behind Notre Dame's transformation from a 10-17 doormat to 18-9 and tournament-bound.

For his efforts, John Paxson will receive his "Oscar" — the numerous All-America awards that have already begun pouring in for him would gladly trade them all for "Best Pictures" — namely, an NCAA championship. This year, that award is up for grabs, more than at any time in recent memory and provided the Irish are invited on Sunday to the tournament, Paxson will lead one last charge at the top prize.

His statistics lie. Entering his final regular season game tonight against Northern Iowa, the senior from Kettering, Ohio, is averaging 17.4 points and four assists per game, and is shooting 54 percent from the floor — impressive, but not among the nation's leaders.

What John Paxson means to this predomantly freshman Notre Dame team cannot be expressed in numbers, let alone words.

"The way he has put confidence in these younger players is to say, 'You can do it, you can help us,'" says Phelps. "He can take 30 shots a game."

Sure enough, the Irish, after beginning the season 2-3, have won 16 of their last 22 and will enter post-season play — be it NCAA or NIT — with a positive outlook. In his role as team captain, Paxson's influence on his teammates, young and old, and their progress has been immeasurable.

"He's not a team talker," says Phelps. "He's but very good one on one. He'll take one of the freshmen aside and help him with their problems. He's really helped Tommy Andree out a lot this year. Tommy's made a great sacrifice for the team (during Phelps' youth movement) and John's really helped him through it. Because of his sensitivity, he can get at people one on one."

After a nightmare like last season, Paxson will do anything he can to help the Irish win. Two perfect examples are the back-to-back victories this year at North Carolina State and Pittsburgh that put ND in the hunt for a post-season berth.