**Grazin: Political 'death' of USSR happened earlier**

**By AMY MARK**

**News Writer**

The "death" of the Soviet Union is not as recent an event as many may believe.

"Politically, the death of the Soviet Union may have happened the day it formally ended Sunday," said Igor Grazin, a former Estonian representative of the Supreme Soviet and a professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School.

The decision by the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia to create a new commonwealth state can only be seen as the beginning of the end for the former republics of the Soviet Union, Grazin asserts, since that was known as the U.S.S.R. truly has ceased to exist, Grazin said.

The ultimate result will probably be "something equivalent to what Europe is today, but less integrated, politically," he said. He believes that as much as 85 percent of the republics will be unified, but that is uncertain that the Baltic states will join.

"The dictator in Slavic republics - Russia, Ukraine, and Byelorus - has no more at stake than the republics one by one," he said. He feels this "commonwealth of friendly states will take on a bureauocratic organization."

Concerning the future of President Mikhail Gorbatchev, Grazin says that politically and legally, his time is over. "There is no country he can be president of . . . there are no structures or things Gorbatchev has to fight for," Grazin said. He noted Gorbatchev's desire to reconcile the Congress he dissolved last September to deal with the present events. "The Congress is where he had gotten his power, . . . the source of legality for Gorbatchev, the balance for Gorbatchev . . . is gone," he said.

"There is nothing and nobody except Gorbatchev himself, left," Grazin said. He says that Gorbatchev has overstepped his time and should give up his personal ambitions and resign.

Grazin expressed admiration for how all violence has been avoided thus far. "People have been willing and are ready to accept changes," he said.

However, he does express concern about lack of central authority and different factions of the Soviet army. The lack of a central authority "increases the risk of an inter-army civil war" and poses "a threat as a potential anomaly, . . . an armed anomaly," he said. He explained that this is why Russian leader Boris Yeltsin is negotiating with district commands of the armies.

"This is a real concern," said Grazin, regarding the status of nuclear weapons. "It was believed that these weapons would be moved to Russia before any dissolution of the Soviet Union. But now it's happened backwards, and we have four new states with nuclear capability," said Grazin. "Now that black-box control has been given to the republics, it will be more complicated to launch a nuclear defense."

"There is stronger control now that it has been given to four different political elements."

In regard to the U.S. role in this historical transformation, Grazin says it is wise that President Bush be neutral. Although he is 99 percent positive that the commonwealth will completely replace the Soviet Union, he notes that the United States must also heed to the one percent of uncertainty remaining.

Grazin called U.S. Secretary of State James Baker "the new Mikhail Gorbatchev."

"Before, Gorbatchev's main role was to mediate and negotiate the republics," said Grazin. "Now, that will fall to James Baker. And, of course, that is good because Baker's popularity and authority are higher in the republics than Gorbatchev."
INSIDE COLUMN

Why silence on handling of Burtchell case?

Wednesday night, my friend Willie called me from Boston. The call was not entirely a social one.

"Isn't personal hygiene a culturally-relative phenomenon?"

I dunno, Willie. You've been hitting the Jack Daniels again, right?

"Here in Boston, everybody's griping that democracy, capitalism, gender roles and believing in Jesus Christ himself all just depend on the zip code of the hospital delivery room you got deposited in."

I don't know. He was spilling his words a bit, and I figured that he probably had been sucking down some liquid Christmas cheer.

"So Dave, what's so different about personal hygiene?"

Again, I didn't know.

"Most Europeans aren't as wrapped up in cleanliness as us Americans. When I hitchhiked through Yugoslavia this summer, the people in each town seemed to have their own particular scents—and they didn't come in hostiles. I was reading in some magazine that most of the deodorant sold in the world is from Boston."

"Why don't we just get in touch over break?"

Again, I had no answer to give him.

"Of course, maybe it does. Maybe some of the people high up in that administration aren't being genuine about what they believe? Maybe the Monk just doesn't want to see Cardinal Bzatinger on campus."

Again, I had no idea how to answer him.

"Well, Merry Christmas."

And Happy New Year, Willie.

The views contained in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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WEATHER REPORT

Forecast for noon, Friday, December 13

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

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FORECAST:

Cloudy but warmer today. Highs in the low 20s with a 70 percent chance of light snow.

TODAY AT A GLANCE

WORLD

# Jailed kingpin orders murder

Bogota - Surrendered cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar has turned his luxury jail into a "general headquarters" from which he has ordered the assassination of a former justice minister, the official contends. The former minister has become Colombia's leading critic of a government policy that offers lenient treatment to drug traffickers in return for their surrender.

NATIONAL

# New act in Keating case

Los Angeles - Federal criminal charges against former Lincoln Savings owner Charles Keating Jr. open a new act in the long drama of the costliest savings and loan failure in U.S. history. Keating and four former associates were to surrender to federal marshals for booking yesterday, eight days after the Arizona land developer was convicted of securities fraud in state court.

ART DONORS DISPLAY GENEROSITY

New York - The San Diego Historical Society already knows what it's getting for Christmas: a set of vintage Lionel trains. A museum in Rhode Island has asked for an exotic 17th-century Turkish towel. At the Metropolitan Museum, it's been Christmas all year. Over the last 11 months the Met has been given $25.3 million worth of art by donors, almost six times what it received in 1990, including important works by Degas and Pissarro, and an outstanding collection of pre-Columbian gold.

MARKET UPDATE

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Dec., 13

# In 1928: George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

# In 1944: During World War II, a Japanese "kamikaze" plane crashed into the U.S. cruiser "Nashville," killing 138 crewmen.

# In 1978: The Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

# In 1981: Authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement.
Kockler receives Air Force ROTC award

Special to The Observer
Notre Dame senior James Kockler of Allegheny, NY received the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Scholarship Award as the top 1991 Air Force ROTC pilot candidate nationwide.

The scholarship, $1,500 toward college expenses, and a commemorative brass clock was presented by Lt. Col. John Walker of USAA during special ceremonies at the Air Force ROTC regional commander's conference at Wright-Patterson AFB in early November.

Kockler is the 1991 Fall Semester Corps Commander for the 225th Cadet Group at Notre Dame, and is responsible for the planning and execution of all activities involving the unit's 150 Air Force ROTC cadets. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Airborne school in training with the Air Force.

GSU discusses insurance; new appointments made

By JULIE BARRETT
News Writer

Health insurance and new appointments to the Graduate Student Union were some of the issues discussed at the final GSU meeting of the semester this past Wednesday night.

Twenty-two graduate students responded to a health insurance survey enclosed in the University Village Newsletter, according to the GSU.

The GSU found that approximately half of the graduate students who responded to the survey have health insurance for their spouses or children, while a third of them have insurance for both, and, seventeen grad students use the Women Infants Children (WIC) social service for their families, ten have Medicaid and four use food stamps and various free social services to provide for their families while studying at Notre Dame.

A resolution to call on Father Malloy, as President of the University of Notre Dame, to issue a statement on the resignation of Father Burtchaell was discarded by the GSU.

The GSU did draft a letter to ND Security regarding its policy on date rape. The GSU calls on the Security Department to change its policy in distinguishing between rape and date rape and to acknowledge the seriousness of rape no matter who commits it, according to Kurt Mills, president of GSU.

The GSU plans to deal with the issue of student loans and the Student Accounts' policy of paying off the students' outstanding debts right away rather than little by little. An installment plan would allow students to pay off debts gradually, while having enough money to spend in the meantime.

Christy Rieger is the new chair of the GSU library committee. Students with concerns about the library should contact her.

The GSU is looking for a new social officer to take the place of Mee-Ae Kim. Students interested should contact the GSU at their office in room 200 in LaFortune or call at 239-6963.

It's Official!
ELLEN DEANE is 21.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Family

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY, JOHN D.!!!
From the Gang in Fairfield, California
Burtschaell’s statement printed in NCR

Editor’s note: The following is a reprint of a statement by Father James Burtschaell printed in the National Catholic Reporter in the Dec. 13 issue.

Last year when I began a research leave from teaching, I acknowledged to my provincial superior and to the Notre Dame administration that I had behaved towards some former university students in ways that were wrong, and which I very much regretted. The administration asked me to resign from my position. After 25 years of very active service, that was not easy to contemplate. But other unrelated reasons of my own persuaded me to accede to their request, and I agreed to submit my resignation effective at the end of this academic year.

I saw what I had done as a default in my responsibilities as a priest, a member of a religious brotherhood, and a mentor: one that I had greater reason to deplore than those who wished me to leave. It is now nearly a year and a half since the issue arose. My concern since then has ranged well beyond the actual points of complaint. It would be foolish to scrape off only some rust and then paint over the rest. With wise professional help and loving support I have been trying to inventory the full range of forces and faults that have compromised my self and my service over the years.

I have been making amends by offering apology to people I have offended and receiving their forgiveness, and I have been trying to submit to whatever transformation the Lord allows me. It has been a strenuous and difficult time, but a time for chastening, conversion and peace.

Outwardly things have not been so peaceful. I shall leave Notre Dame which became my home 40 years ago this fall. But that will be a timely way to learn better that one is a stranger here, not a resident.

And there has been humilitation. My friends have always said I could benefit by self-criticism. I now know if they had this much in mind, but the Lord evidently did, and I must take it as his gift.

The University of Notre Dame is a religious institution, and I have preached the relentless love of Jesus who died devoted to those who destroyed him, yet I find I am not a pacifist. I am a parish priest, a deacon, a disciple in forgiving. Pray that I may yet be, in the end, everything in a grace...
NEW YORK (AP) — In a surprise speech, British author-in-hiding Salman Rushdie announced his attempts to placate Muslims offended by "The Satanic Verses" and pledged to publish a paperback edition of the book.

In his first public appearance outside England since Iran called for his death for the 1988 novel, Rushdie pronounced his conciliatory overtures toward Islam "stillborn."

The novel, which prompted Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989 to call for Rushdie's death, "must be freely available and easily affordable, if only because if it is not read and studied, then all these years (in hiding) will have no meaning," he said in a speech at Columbia University Wednesday night.

Earlier this year, Rushdie said he regretted writing "The Satanic Verses," and would stiff the paperback release and all future translations.

But Iran reaffirmed the assassination order and doubled the multimillion-dollar bounty on his head, despite Khomeini's death and the rise to power of more moderate leaders.

Some Muslim leaders denounced the book as blasphemous, especially a passage in which the author gave several prostitutes the names of the prophet Mohammed's wives.

That declaration appeared to take his British publisher, Penguin, by surprise.

"We have not seen the text of what he actually said," spokesman Bob Gregory said in London. "Our position has not changed. There is no date set for publication of a paperback edition."

Penguin would try to get in touch with Rushdie, he said.

His appearance was announced only minutes before he took the rostrum. His entrance was met with gasps and then a standing ovation.

He arrived on campus amid tight security; doors in the library where he spoke were locked after he arrived and not opened until his departure. Columbia paid for private security and New York City police were also on hand.

He spoke at a dinner marking the 200th anniversary of the First Amendment, held by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Joan Konner, dean of the school, said Rushdie came to the United States at the school's invitation and would return shortly to England.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Decades of breast cancer research have improved detection and treatment options for women but have made no progress in preventing the disease, according to a congressional report.

More women are being diagnosed with breast cancer today — currently one in nine will get it in her lifetime — but death rates from the disease have remained virtually level since the early 1970s.

"We must conclude that there has been no progress in preventing the disease," Richard Limster of the General Accounting Office, which wrote the report, told a congressional subcommittee Wednesday.

The "critical obstacles" in the fight against breast cancer are the gaps in fundamental knowledge about the disease — principally, what causes it, he said. "Research in this area is a crucial priority."

Most of the important risk factors that have been identified, including age and heredity, cannot be modified, he noted. And the known risk factors account for only 20 percent to 30 percent of all cases, he said.

The report concluded that while "many breast cancer patients live longer and better than their predecessors, ... we do not seem to be winning the war against breast cancer."

Scientists are not sure why incidence of the disease is rising: 88 in 100,000 women in 1973 compared with 110 per 100,000 in 1988, the latest year for which figures are available.

"Some of the increase is apparently due to better diagnostic measures; we’re finding it faster and at an earlier and more treatable stage," said Dr. Bernadine Healey, director of the National Institutes of Health.

"Yet, some of the increase mystifies us," she told the House Government Operations subcommittee on human resources.

An estimated 175,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, while 44,500 are expected to die from the disease.

The GAO report, requested by Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., chairman of the subcommittee, said some of the increase in incidence likely reflects a true increase in the amount of breast cancer, while some can be explained by better detection efforts.

Mortality rates from breast cancer have remained relatively constant: 26 deaths per 100,000 women in 1973 and 27 per 100,000 in 1988, the report said.

"There’s no magic bullet to cure the disease. George Silberman, assistant director of the GAO study, told the panel.

Breast cancer detection increases

BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich. (AP) — A Vicksburg, Mich., man was killed and two men were injured Wednesday afternoon when the single-engine plane they were in crashed into a wooded area near the St. Joseph River north of Berrien Springs.

Norman Nelson, 56, a passenger in the plane, died in the crash. Another passenger, Dennis VanStrien, 35, of Kalamazoo, was listed in serious condition this morning at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. The pilot, Gary Dunn, 38, of Bronson, Mich., was listed in stable condition at Berrien General Hospital in Berrien Center.

The three were on their way back to Kalamazoo from Missouri at about 4:25 p.m. Wednesday when they radioed Michiana Regional Airport in South Bend that they were having trouble and were going to try to land at the Andrews University Airport in Berrien Springs.

About two minutes later, someone on Bluff View north of Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township police said it took police and Bremen about 25 minutes to find the plane, which was about 30 yards from the river.
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Dear Editor:

This letter expresses a terribly pressing concern of hundreds of male residents on this campus, namely the removal of Washington Hall's laundry facilities. We understand that the conversion merely continues a previous plan to grant space to the Department of Communication and Theater. That is understood and not contested. However, the perception undeniably exists that the University seeks to narrow student options by reopening St. Michael's, privately-run laundry facilities. We understand that the University shouldn't limit students' laundry options across campus to Badin, those who are trapped.

In doing so, many students are placed in a bind; those who declined to use St. Michael's with the original intention of continuing to use Washington are trapped. We understand that Washington was always intended to be temporary. It is a faulty assumption that students will flock back to St. Michael's when numerous North Quad residents, freshman and sophomores, have known nothing other than the convenience of Washington. We also remind students of the situation presented to them.

The University contends that options are not being taken away when St. Michael's reopen. But the fact that women's dorms have laundry facilities already places men at an unfair disadvantage. The options of male residents of North Quad include St. Michael's, privately-run laundry businesses, and marching across campus to Badin, Flanner and Grace Halls, the Rockne Memorial, and Lafortune.

In keeping all of this information in mind, we recommend the following steps for concerned students. First, conduct a hall survey as to the number of dorm residents who will use St. Michael's or other private businesses. Then, if a considerable number will not use either, start a petition asking for alternative laundry facilities, perhaps in your dorm. Attainment of such facilities can only be assured through demonstrated evidence. Lastly, make your request a dorm-sponsored one with the backing of your hall council. It is our hope that constructive steps will be taken to address our concerns.

Bong Migliabas
District Three Senator
Joe Flanagan
Cavanaugh Hall President
Jason Coyle
Keenan Hall President
Rob Pritchard
St. Edward Hall President
Matt Cutler and Bryan Kray
Sorin Hall Co-Presidents
Greg Butrus and John Donahoe
Stanford Hall Co-Presidents
Warrick Muldoon
Zahm Hall President

Administration should address harassment

Dear Editor:

Father Burtchaell has finally publicly responded to allegations of sexual misconduct and called this period in his life as a "time for chastening, conversion and peace.

The Notre Dame community, administration, faculty, students, and staff can use this painful time both critically and constructively by critically addressing the disfunctionality of the Notre Dame family. Let us call upon the administration in particular to break silence about the environment of harassment here at Notre Dame and exercise strong leadership in ending the more egregious opportunities for harassment and violence which go on in the family every day.

Let the administration make it clear that it will not tolerate and therefore implicitly permit harassment. Various university task forces have already made recommendations to the administration about the harassing environment. We need more responsible democracy and we need to examine our formal procedures for handling harassment.

Let the administration take a positive step immediately and announce the search for an Ombudsperson of provost rank to coordinate issues of sexual and discriminatory harassment on campus.

Kathleen Biddick
Associate Professor of History

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In the depths of winter I finally realized that within me there lay an invincible summer."

Albert Camus
Study, go home, unwarp and submit QUOTES, P.O. Box Q, NB, IN 46556
Response by BCAF was disappointing

Dear Editor:

The recent letter to the editor by the officers of the BCAF is disappointing in its tone of hatred and contempt. I am sympathetic to the hurt that the officers express as a result of the abuse they have undergone, but I think their response is negative and harmful. It is contrary to the Christian values taught at this University.

When the article states “We could care less about any loneliness or isolation that Mr. Peralez may have incurred as a result of his pro-choice philosophy”, I ask: what happened to neighborly love? Listen to the words of Jesus Christ, “I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Matt 5:44).

Again, when the BCAF officers state, “We can handle it, it seems as though he [Paul Peralez] be should be willing and able to handle ridicule when he is the recipient.” I am disappointed by this un-Christian response. Jesus teaches, “To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic” (Luke 6:29). It seems to me that BCAF officers refuse to apologise and their expression of discontent for the suffering of another.

Our royal ancestor, Christ the King, would never have acted in such a way. I believe that if more people would imitate Christ, doing all things in love, we would become a more human race, and overcome the hatred in other people.

Homosexuals not necessarily unhappy

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that until the studies on this subject are supplemented and replaced by more thorough research, it is a bit futile to argue about whether one can change the bent of unhappy homosexuals dissatisfied with their condition.

In the meantime, perhaps we can note (a) the obvious fertility of requesting heterosexes to change their bent, (b) the undeniable presupposition that homosexual persons in any large number desire any such change; and (c) the fact that most gays and lesbians seem to lead relatively “rich and gratifying homosexual lives.” Thank you!


William G. Storey
Professor of Theology Emeritus
Dec. 4, 1991

Reports of acquaintance rape should be put in Security Beat

Dear Editor:

The following statement was approved by the Graduate Student Council on December 11, 1991.

At an open forum held on the subject of rape on December 4 the Director of Security, Rex Rakow, stated that the Security Department does not issue a press release when an acquaintance rape is reported because “it is something that is going to threaten the safety level of the campus community.”

He also distinguished between what he called “bona fide” rape and date rape. As Ann Volka, a counselor from Sexual Offense Services, pointed out, rape is rape whether it is committed by a stranger or an acquaintance. We call on the Security Department to change its policy in this matter and acknowledge the seriousness of rape no matter who commits it.

Reports should be noted in the Security Beat column, as with any other crime. We recognize that it would be inappropriate to circulate a description of the alleged perpetrator or the name of the dorm, but nonetheless the campus community should be informed.

Kurt Milles
GSU President
Dec. 11, 1991

LETTERS

BCAF officers are hypocritical with respect to harassment

Dear Editor:

It is interesting to me that the officers of the Black Cultural Arts Festival feel comfortable criticizing Paul Peralez for not being able to handle opponents' ridicule and criticism, and then in the same article emphasize the benefit of a skit that publically defames and shames a fellow commentator. Is this the way a festival, or a club, should foster love and respect in the audience or people for that matter? Did it make Pau Peralez feel the way he does about SUFR? Did it make him feel more human for having viewed it and laughed at it? Did it make Paul Peralez see a more loving, understanding person for having endured the attack? I think not.

When the BCAF officers assert that they did not adopt the stereotypical, aggressive, violent means in dealing with the question at hand, I disagree. A skit that publicly defames and shames a fellow human being doesn’t seem to me behavior which befits our regal ancestry. Neither does the BCAF officers’ refusal to apologize and their expression of discontent for the suffering of another.

Our royal ancestor, Christ the King, would never have acted in such a way. I believe that if more people would imitate Christ, doing all things in love, we would become a more human race, and overcome the hatred in other people.

Peter M. Castelli
Stanford Hall
Dec. 11, 1991

Right to Life club announces results of survey on abortion

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to report and explain the results of the abortion survey conducted by the Right to Life club. We wanted to get an idea of student feeling on abortion.

After being assigned a section of the student directory, the surveyor called at least 15 entries in their section. (Graduate students were not included.) After questioning someone the surveyor stated that: “We are taking a random survey on the issue of abortion. The results will be published. You will remain anonymous. There are six questions and the survey will take less than two minutes,” 231 people participated in the poll.

In response to the first question “Do you want abortion to be pro-choice or pro-life?” 58 percent said they were pro-life and 42 percent said they wanted abortion to be pro-choice. From individuals’ responses to the questions, it seemed clear that people were uncomfortable being labeled pro-life or pro-choice. Many people claimed to be pro-choice even if they were opposed to abortion in all cases. The inverse was true as well; many people who said they were pro-life accepted abortion under a variety of circumstances.

When asked if the following statement described them, “I am personally morally opposed to abortion yet would support another’s right to choose to have an abortion.” 56 percent agree with the statement.

When asked when abortion should be acceptable, 74 percent said it was in cases of rape or incest, 90 percent if the life of the mother were at risk, only 19 percent said physical deformity was an acceptable reason, and only 18 percent said abortion for reasons of emotional or economic difficulty was acceptable. In a survey by Family Planning Perspectives, 19 times as many women had abortions for reasons of emotional or economical convenience than for all other reasons combined.

When asked “When do you believe life begins?”, 63 percent said conception, 14 percent in the first trimester, 8 percent in the second, 5 percent in the third and 1 percent said life begins at birth. When asked the related question “Up to what point should abortion be legal?”, 50 percent said never, 41 percent to the first trimester, 10 percent to the second trimester, 3 percent to the third, and 6 percent up until birth.

When asked “What do you view Notre Dame’s student body as being?”, 66 percent responded predominantly pro-life, 1 percent responded predominantly pro-choice, 33 percent responded predomnantly neutral meaning that there was not a clear leaning. Of the 33 percent who said predominantly neutral about the administration, 87 percent responded predominantly pro-life. 1 percent responded pro-choice, and 12 percent viewed the administration being neutral.

It is interesting to note that Notre Dame’s students views are very similar to the national averages instead of having a bias. According to the American Enterprise Institute, 42 percent of people are pro-life, 33 percent pro-choice and 23 percent neutral. In a survey by the Boston Globe and WBZ TV it was found that most people in the U.S. favor a ban on the majority of abortions.

According to the Wirthlin Group Survey, Americans’ position on abortion, 11 percent wanted to always prohibit, 11 percent wanted it always legal, 4 percent to six months, 29 percent legal to three months, and 28 percent only in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother is at risk.

In conclusion we must remember that every law is a legislation of morality or morality and that the presence or absence of a law makes a statement about our society. On an issue as serious as this one, it was interesting, of not being something to note how few had any strong convictions either way.

Daniel Hoffman
Dec. 10, 1991

Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

The second book is by the well-known historian, Professor Martin Duberman of the City College of New York: Gays, A Gay Man's Odyssey (NY: Dutton, 1991). Both books opened my eyes, once again, to the unbelievable damage ignorant counselors, psychiatrists, and therapists, can cause to their patients.

William G. Storey
Professor of Theology Emeritus
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Center for the Homeless gives gift of friendship

By LISA EATON
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While most students and faculty members are preparing to leave for the holidays, the guests at South Bend's Center for the Homeless are preparing to stay. The Center is their home and that is where most of them are going to spend the holiday season.

Debbie Bloom, a guest at the Center, will be visiting her family in Elkhart during Christmas. "It will be good to spend time with my family because I haven't seen them in two months. That's what matters at the holidays - being with family. Holidays bring people closer together," said Bloom.

Most of the guests are not as fortunate as Bloom though and will be spending the holiday season without their families. Although most of the guests agreed that the Christmas season is not the same without family, they also agreed that there is a closeness and hospitality at the Center that helps to make the holiday season more positive. There is a family-like atmosphere at the Center that brings the guests together.

"Once a person comes here, the other people go out of their way to make them welcome," said Bloom. "There is a closeness around here.

"We have each other and a place to stay. We sit around and talk a lot," said Ernest Langston, a Center guest.

"You live here for a while and you become like family," said Victor Newell, a Center guest.

"I'd probably like to go home. Try to have a good attitude. We'll hang in there, we'll be alright," said Tracy Shenefield.

"I wish that everyone here could have a nice Christmas. It is better to give than receive. As long as I'm happy, that's all I want," said Redd.

No one wants to be homeless at Christmas or at any other time of the year, but the guests and staff are doing what they can to make the most of this holiday season. They are truly appreciative for all the Center does for them at all times, and are able to give to each other.

In the end the greatest gift anyone can give or receive at Christmas is the gift of hospitality and friendship. In that case, the staff and the guests of the Center for the Homeless are richest people around.
The Center for the Homeless

Wish List

Immediate Needs

- Socks for all
- Men’s underwear and T-shirts
- Women’s underwear
- Bars of soap
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Deodorant (spray)
- Hand lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Antacid
- Non-aspirin
- Deodorant
- Bedspreads (for twin beds)
- Clothes iron
- Gifts for guest birthday
- Rubber gloves
- Candy (treats for the children)
- Framed pictures (large)
- Scissors
- Bus tokens

Desired Items

- Infant Car seats
- Chairs (folding and office)
- High chairs for children
- Sports equipment
- Folding card tables
- Curling irons
- Winter-caps, scarves, gloves
- Children’s books

Kitchen Supplies

- Large amounts of meat and poultry
- Paper products
- 10 cans of fruit & vegetables
- Canned juice (all varieties)
- Breakfast cereal

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- Wall to wall carpeting
- Station wagon
- Filing cabinets
- Supply Cabinets
- Smoke eater system for lobby
- Electric typewriters
- Personal computers & printers
- Photocopy machine
- Large throw rug for family lounge
- Fax Machine

Christmas in action

true spirit of Christmas, showing love for one another by sacrificing to give to another. In light of the true spirit of Christmas, several ND students are working to serve others.

As a whole the student body under the leadership of the Student Union Board is having a clothing drive. In each dorm is a bin strategically placed for the drop-off of clothes or other such items not needed by students that they are willing to give to goodwill.

There is definitely a need for a clothes drive because recently there was a fire at the local goodwill which burned two months of inventory for the establishment. “We chose this as a service project because we thought we could build it (the inventory) back up,” says Kelly Fitzpatrick, service commissioner at the Student Union Board.

Today is the last day to participate in the clothes drive so dig through those closets, I’m sure you’ll find something.

Several dorms are also sponsoring service projects individually in light of the Christmas spirit of giving. Knott Hall is participating with the Madfson Center, a center for kids emotionally and behaviorally handicapped. Aiding 24 financially insecure children ages three to five, Knott Hall is gathering money to buy gifts for the children, according to Vanessa Monteiro, Social Concerns Commissioner.

Keenan Hall is also aiding the community. Their talented men will be carolling for various elderly homes in the area, says Social Concerns Commissioner Chris Paulson.

The Native American Student Association have also reached out to nurture a link with the community. Having invited several children from the local Potawatomi area, the Native American Student Association held a party for children ranging in age from 3 to 15 years of age, along with their parents.

Besides cookies and cake, the favorite meal of most kids that age, the children were entertained with pin-the-nose-on-Rudolph and of course the ever-popular visit from Santa Claus who was equipped with big belly, red suit and loads of presents for everyone.

Apparently, Santa isn’t the only one with the spirit of Christmas. ND students are personifying that spirit in their service efforts. Working to develop a link between Notre Dame and the South Bend community as well as helping those who are less fortunate than they, students have given of themselves to make this Christmas season a happier one for others.
The church as the kingdom where nobody dies

Father Robert Griffin
Letters to a Lonely God

Most of the news has been bad, and the brave new world is starting to look mapless, like Greenland. The sex scandals have trickled down to the groves of academe. On the current list of the anti-heroes are the namest, Magic Johnson, Clarence Thomas and William Kennedy Smith, coming into our lives as representatives of televangelism, the AIDS crisis, sexual harassment, and date rape.

In a similar way, we can say of the sex scandals, we have enough of them on campus to keep us saddened; at least we hear rumors of alleged rapes, harassment, and unprotected sex, which cast their shadows on our lives.

Eventually our fear of allegations could poison the well. We should be defending our modesties as though they were members of an endangered species. Priests shouldn’t be stigmatized by the fear-mongering that could convince them to do the right thing for the wrong reason.

Notre Dame has become one of the places where the Church is on trial; discovering from experience “the sense of doom that lies over success, and the feeling that the pendulum is about to swing.”

Religion might explain it in other terms, but the pattern is there—“perfect evil walking the world where perfect good can never walk again, and only the pendulum ensures that after all in the end justice is done.”

Lately, you may have noticed, anything in the whole of Celt myth or legend where the loneliness of the world is shown through a mist of tears, and the life of man is no more than a flower.” That can be compared to the last act of Christ’s passion.

As an outpost of God’s lonely kingdom, Notre Dame encourages sinners to come home for their healing. The promise is: “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” The question is: are there homes in Gilead for the politically indifferent?

In the brave new world, the Church of Rome, chauvinistic and paternal, affords many to the lads in charge of the cult that need chastening. Somehow, I once read, “a bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.” That’s the picture that the brave new Church seems to have of the Peter Pans who have attached themselves as glory-hounds.

Now is the winter of our spirit-tormenting consequentialists. Notre Dame waits for the growth that will come when Spring stirs the freshness deep in us. It was a blow so appalling that I did not know what to do, so I flung myself on my knees, and bowed my head, and wept.” That moment seemed to save me. I saw then that the only thing for me was to accept everything.” Oscar Wilde, as a convert love to know if there is anything in the whole of Celt

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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES: Traded Von Hayes, for backup catcher, to the California Angels for Kyle Abbott, pitcher, and Rubin Amaro, pitcher. Traded Tug Haffin, pitcher, to the Milwaukee Brewers for Dan Puma, pitcher. Waived Ken McKenna, on a one-year contract. Signed Ken Colman, pitcher, on a one-year contract and Danny Cox, pitcher, on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES: Signed Brian Fiebert, pitcher, to a minor league contract. Signed Dave Schumacher, first baseman, to a four-year, $1.5 million contract. Announced that Mike LaCoss, catcher, has accepted another option offer.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS: Traded Keith More, pitcher, and Mike Maroon, pitcher, to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Matt Kassek, Mike Jackson, and Dave Sullivan, pitcher. Traded Brian McClelland, catcher, and an undisclosed amount of cash, to the Philadelphia Phillies, catcher, for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

NEW YORK METS: Traded Kevin McReynolds, catcher, and Greg LeRoux, pitcher, to the California Angels, catcher, for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

CINCINNATI REDS: Traded Randy Myers, pitcher, to the Padres for Dave Mabrecн, pitcher, Stuey Roush, pitcher, and Mike Guess, infielder.

CLEVELAND INDIANS: Traded Will Clark, pitcher, and 23 others, including, to the Houston Astros for Kenny Carson, catcher, and Dave Roberts, pitcher. Designated Greg Jones, catcher, for assignment.

COLORADO ROCKIES: Signed Ryan Turner, pitcher, for assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS: Signed Kirk Service, infielder, Julian Yan, first baseman, and Dave Butcher, pitcher, to minor league contracts.

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THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR SKILLS WITH US DURING 1991!
The Royals traded Bret Saberhagen away from Kansas City late Wednesday night for Kevin McReynolds, Gregg Jefferies and Keith Miller in the biggest deal of the winter meetings.

Saberhagen, 27, grew up in the Royals organization and won the Cy Young in 1985 with a 20-6 record and in 1989 with a 23-6 mark. He led the Royals to a World Series victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in ’85 at the age of 21.

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Mets general manager Al Harazin felt a little uneasy about the deal while the teams put it together and Royals GM Herk Robinson realized dealing away the two-time Cy Young winner might not be a popular decision. Saberhagen is a little uneasy about it, too.

"It's going to be a hard time trying to adjust to a new league and a new city," said Saberhagen, 110-78 lifetime and 13-8 last season with a 3.08 ERA.

"We really liked it here in Kansas City. Saberhagen, 27, grew up in the Royals organization and won the Cy Young in 1985 with a 20-6 record and in 1989 with a 23-6 mark. He led the Royals to a World Series victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in ’85 at the age of 21.

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Women

against the Wolverines (1-3), who took over for Michelle Hill (17.5 ppg, 8.5 rpg) in the starting lineup two games ago. Beaupre has led the Wolverines in rebounds since becoming a starter, averaging 10.5 rebounds per game against Toledo and Bowling Green.

The other likely Michigan starters are seniors Char Duran and freshmen Carrie Stewar.***

A game-by-game look at the rest of Notre Dame's opponents over break:

LOYOLA (MD)—The 3-4 Greyhounds are off until they play the Irish on December 21st. They are led by freshman Patty Stoffey (14.9 ppg, 8.9 rpg) and senior Mia Vendruscoli (13.0 ppg). Its three wins have come against Maryland-Baltimore County, Saint Francis and Cornell.

TEMPLE—The Owls (0-4) were blown out by Detroit Mercy last week by 22, and are averaging only 52 points per game so far this season. Temple's leading scorer, Chantel Atkins (10.5 ppg, 6.5 rpg), is the only player in double figures.

SYRACUSE—The Irish will be in northwestern New York on New Year's Eve to face the 4-3 Orange women. A pair of guards, Erin Kenneally (14.3 ppg) and Angel Lewis (13.0 ppg), picked up the scoring slack until 6-foot-5 junior Holly Oslander, a second-team All-Big East member last year, returned from an injury. Notre Dame knocked off Syracuse 71-66 last season at the Joyce ACG to spark a 15-game win streak.

LASALLE—The Irish start a five-game homestand against the 5-0 Explorers, who have been defeating opponents by an average of 18 points per game this season. Junior Jennifer Cole (22.0 ppg), a second-team All-MAAC player last year, is the main cog in the LaSalle attack.

XAVIER—Notre Dame begins Midwestern Collegiate Conference action against the 3-2 Musketeers. Xavier is vastly improved with the addition of two transfers this season. 6-foot guard Carol Madsen, who joins the Musketeers from Purdue, leads the team in scoring and assists, while 6-foot-3 center Janet Haneberg, who came from Long Beach State, is second on the team in rebounds.

DAYTON—The Flyers (1-4) return all five starters from last year's 16-13 squad that was the only MCI team to defeat Notre Dame 5-foot-8 guard Natalie Hill and 6-foot-2 forward Julie Arnold are the only Dayton players in double figures, as the Flyers have shot only 38 percent from the field all year.

TENNESSEE—The defending national champions roll into South Bend the Sunday before classes resume. The current number-one team in the country lost All-American Daedra Charles to graduation, but the Volunters (3-0) are still loaded. Four players average in double figures for Tennessee, led by All-American candidate Denia Head, who along with Peggy Evans, scored 14 points apiece last year in an 88-71 victory over the Irish in Knoxville.
is there, and we can’t do any­thing about it," MacLeod com­mented. "What we can do is get as much out of these games as we can. This is a long road trip, and it is a great chance for us to pull together as a team."

One thing MacLeod would like to see in these games is his team playing fundamentally sound basketball, no longer making the mistakes that have plagued the Irish throughout the early season.

"I want to start executing our plays and playing our de­fense the way it is supposed to be played," he added.

Notre Dame will have to do these things to be successful in the first game of the trip on January 2 against Rick Pitino’s Kentucky Wildcats. Their 4-1 record includes a 76-74 win over Indiana at the Hoosier Dome.

"Against Kentucky, we’d pre­fer to have a low-scoring game. We are going to have to look for

Jamil Mashburn

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ever coached," Pitino com­mented. This is quite a compliment, considering Pitino has coached a Final Four team at Prov­idence and Patrick Ewing and Charles Oakley while leading the New York Knicks to an At­lantic Division championship in 1988-89.

Following the contest in the Blue Grass State, Notre Dame heads west to face the Harold Miner-led USC Trojans on Jan­uary 6. Miner, a 6-foot-5 junior swingman, was a preseason All­American selected by Street & Smith and Basketball Weekly, and he scored 35 points in last season’s 103-95 Trojan win over the Irish.

The Irish will then travel back across the country to face LaSalle on January 9. Once again this season the Explorers have a high-scoring guard and a talented starting five, but not much more. Randy Woods steps to the forefront to replace Doug Overson as the Explorers’ "go­to guy" and 6-foot-6 Jack Hurd provides them with some inside punch.

"The key to this game will be to stop Woods," MacLeod said. "We are going to use more people and use our good condi­tioning to take advantage of their lack of depth."

Following the game in Philadelphia, the Irish will travel up the New Jersey Turn­pike to face North Carolina on January 11 at Madison Square

Garden, where MacLeod coached the Knights for the ma­jority of last season.

"I am looking forward to go­ing back," MacLeod said. "I en­joyed New York and have a lot of fond memories there."

MacLeod could add an upset of the Tar Heels to that group, but to do so the Irish will have to play a perfect game. Carolina returns 10 lettermen from last year’s Final Four team, including the lone senior on the club—Hubert Davis, who averaged 13.3 ppg in 1990-91.

"This is a great team. They are what you would expect from a North Carolina club," MacLeod commented. "They are deep, strong, talented and play good offense and defense."

The trip concludes on Jan­uary 13 in West Virginia. The Mountaineers return three starters from last season’s 17­14 team, which lost in the sec­ond round of the NIT. Their fast-paced offense is led by ju­nior guard Tracy Shelton, who averaged 17.8 ppg as a sopho­more.

Overall, this road trip will have the potential to make or break the Notre Dame’s season. A couple of upset wins could spark the Irish and instill them with the confidence to compete with the nation’s best; however, five more losses would leave them at 1-9 and playing for nothing more than respectabil­ity.
New rankings for women's tennis
By RICH SZABO
Sports Writer

The fall season was one of highs and a few "what ifs" for the Notre Dame women's tennis team, but when it was over, the team was back where it wanted to be, in rankings.

Largely ignored and grossly underrated, the team was left out of the preseason poll, but a string of successful tournaments and a strong showing against one of the nation's better teams, Tennessee, brought the Irish back into the spotlight, finishing the season ranked 25th.

Individually, junior Melissa Harris was rewarded for her outstanding play this fall with a meteoric rise in the singles poll. Harris, who started the season 31st in the country, won the Irish Invitational and the Rolex Regional tournaments, and her efforts carried her into the lofty realm of the top 10, at number seven.

"I'm kind of shocked," said Harris. "And I think it's great. As a team I thought we would be in the top-20. People know that we are better than 25th, and it gives us something to shoot for."

When dual match competition begins for the Irish, they will once again face a brutal schedule against some top teams including Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and South Carolina. A strong performance against an invitation to the NCAA team tournament. Said Irish coach Jay Louderback, "I'm excited for the spring. All the girls are ready to play. We have a very tough schedule, but I'm looking forward to it. It should be a good spring."
And then Al realized his problems were much bigger than just a smashed truck.
Irish basketball teams prepare for holiday games

Men's trip no holiday with ranked opponents

By MIKE SCRUDATO
Sports Writer

A break in the schedule could not have come at a better time for the Notre Dame men's basketball team. Unfortunately, the opponents do not get any easier.

After struggling through the first five games of the season, the 1-4 Irish now takes three weeks off to try to regroup before heading out on the road for five games over Christmas break, including contests against fifth-ranked North Carolina at Madison Square Garden and at ninth-ranked Kentucky.

"The break is good for us," said Irish coach John MacLeod. "We have a lot of things to work on, and we have plenty of time to practice them."

The two things which MacLeod is most disappointed with are the amount of turnovers and the ineffectiveness of the newly-instated man-to-man defense.

Thus far the Irish have committed 20 or more turnovers in three of their five games, including 23 in their 78-54 loss on Wednesday night at Boston College. One factor could be Notre Dame's attempt to pick up the tempo of its offense this season.

"When we run, we take the risk of turning the ball over," MacLeod added. "However, if we can be a good fast break team and still not have a lot of turnovers."

MacLeod feels that the team's turnover problem is a result of a lack of execution.

"We are throwing the ball to areas it won't go; our outlet passes have been too long; we are not running our plays properly and guys are going to the wrong spot. Some of these things have been caused by the opposition's defensive pressure, but a lot of it we're doing to ourselves."

MacLeod is also concerned about the Irish's defense which has given up 74.6 points per game this season. Despite the fact that this is Notre Dame's first year in the man-to-man, he expected the Irish to be a better time for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

Irish women's basketball teams prepare for holiday games

Women face Michigan tonight; Vols over break

By RENE FERRAN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team concludes a three-game road trip tonight in Ann Arbor, Mich., as the Irish (1-4) take on Michigan at 7:30 p.m.

After tonight's game, Notre Dame will have the week off before hosting the-Lyola Greyhounds next Saturday in the first of seven games it will play over Christmas break.

The Irish head into tonight's game off a tough 90-86 overtime loss to 24th-ranked Georgia last Sunday, a game in which they fought back from a 30-point first-half deficit. Coach Muffet McGraw points to that comeback as evidence that her young team may finally be turning the corner.

"We're starting to come around," said McGraw. "The offense is starting to gel. We've found seven or eight people that we know we can count on, and they're developing good chemistry."

"I'm impressed with this team's heart, it's desire. We came back in every game this year, and it just shows the pride this team has, what it's capable of."

However, Notre Dame has been the cause of many of its own problems this season. Until the Georgia game, the Irish had not shot 50 percent all year, and are averaging 28 turnovers through their first five games.

"We've been working on making the smart play, the sure pass (in practice)," explained McGraw. "Our number one goal is to cut down on our turnovers. It would help our defense, because we've been giving up too many easy baskets."

One player who has begun to emerge for Notre Dame is freshman Letitia Bowen, who missed the first three games with a thigh bruise. She has averaged six points and seven rebounds since returning to the lineup against Purdue, and providing the Irish with another force underneath the boards.

"She's so aggressive going to the boards," said McGraw. "It's something we definitely needed."

And it will be something they will need tonight.
Top: An early snowball fight (circa 1900) takes place on the road to Saint Mary’s. Unlike campus snowball fights of today, priests are even involved.

Bottom: The campus volunteer fire department, shown here in 1899, battled many of the over 30 blazes between 1842 and 1920.

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After the Great Fire of 1879, Sorin said the new Main Building should be crowded with a dome bearing a statue of the Virgin Mary. The new dome, however, should be gilded.

"If all men fail me, there is one treasure that is always full, that of our most holy lady. When this school should grow a bit more, I shall raise her aloft so that without asking, all men shall know why we have succeeded here. To that lovely lady, raised high on a dome, a golden dome, men may look and find the answer."

Despite opposition, Sorin’s wishes came true. In 1888, the Golden Dome became a reality when the statue of Mary was hoisted on top of the Main Building.

In 1888, Notre Dame distinguished itself as the first Catholic college to offer private living quarters. On New Year’s Day in 1889, students first called Sorin Hall home.

Another Sorin dream, to have a replica of
Fresh off their American League championship of the previous year, the seemingly indomitable Chicago White Sox rode to the South Bend in the spring of 1902 for a series of six exhibition games with the Fighting Irish baseball team. White Sox owner, Charles (the Old Roman) Comiskey, had heard that the Notre Dame squad played pretty fair ball, so he reasoned a match with the Notre Dames would provide his professionals with a challenge at a reasonable price. Comiskey was known for his frugality—a trait that would later earn underpaid players to revolt in the infamous Black Sox scandal of 1919.

Comiskey and his manager, future Hall of Famer Clark Griffith, had a roster filled with prominent-winning pitchers which included the likes of star first baseman Frank Isbell, highly-regarded pitcher Bob Fischer, and outing artist Sid Metes. Griffith, still the young 20-game winner Red Patterson, who himself had led the American League in pitching in 1901 with a record of 24-7, had announced that he would surely pitch against the college if he was in town. And, as the professional White Sox soon learned, that reverence was well earned.

In addition to team captain Bob Lynch, who in the absence of a head coach also served as chief mentor for the squad, the starting line up for Notre Dame included three other stars who would eventually become major leaguers—Phil (Peaches) O'Neill, Ed Ruchardt and Frank Shaynessy.

Though the Fighting Irish, then popularly known as the "Catholic Champs," would not succeed in garnering a victory in the fabled series, they came close. They threw a mighty scare into the feisty White Sox, earning a 12-inning tie on a three-gaters by a total of only six runs, and only getting solidly licked in two games when the depth of the professionals made the difference.

The 12-inning standoff was accomplished in the opening game of the series. Notre Dame took the lead in the 10th inning when the "home team" White Sox scored the tying run in the bottom half of the frame, and when two additional innings failed to break the deadlock, the contest was called on account of darkness with the score knotted at 8-8.

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An otter is born
In 1888, Sorin Hall offers students private rooms

By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

While today it may seem a little run down compared to dorms on the "Med Quad," Sorin Hall was considered luxurious in 1888. And compared to the communal-style dormitories of previous years, it was.

Until the late 1880s most Notre Dame students slept in barrack-style dormitories and studied in communal study halls. Some lucky seniors, though, were able to reside in private rooms in the Administration Building.

Sorin was designed as both a solution to the overcrowding of other University facilities and as a departure from what Father John Zahm and others thought was a strange under-graduate lifestyle.

The new residence hall, composed entirely of private rooms, was largely the result of Zahm and University President Father Thomas Walsh's efforts. Though many faculty members and parents thought the ideal immoral, Walsh commissioned Edbrooks and Burnham of Chicago to submit plans for a "College Hall." Notre Dame became the first Catholic college in America to offer private living quarters.

On May 27, 1888, Father Edward Sorin blessed the cornerstone as part of the student celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

The Collegiate and Law students had moved into Sorin Hall on New Year's Day, according to a Jan. 12, 1889, edition of The Scholastic.

The chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas was blessed by the Rev. Father General and Fathers Morrissey and Fitte on Jan. 11. The building itself was dedicated afterwards.

The hall originally contained sixty private rooms that were "large enough to encourage study, and at the same time small enough to discourage visiting." The dormitory, according to written accounts, contained all of the modern conveniences. A 1897 addition expanded Sorin to its present size.

On the first floor was the chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas and the law department's lecture rooms, reading rooms and library.

The basement, mostly a trunk room, also contained smoking and reading rooms in 1889.

According to The Scholastic, the new living quarters were supposed to help students get better results in individual and class work.

English professor Maurice Francis Egan saw the abandonment of residential requirements as essential to Notre Dame's development as an undergraduate college.

He did not, however, want any rules lessened. "The rules of order and cleanliness are not more stringent or more scrupulously enforced at West Point than in Sorin Hall."

In fact no visiting in the rooms was allowed, lights went out at a fixed hour, and noise, liquor and women guests were strictly prohibited. "...The discipline, though firm, is far from being severe, and is for the promotion of the welfare of the students," according to a Scholastic article.

Despite the strict regulations, the hall was limited to upper-classmen, and admission was reserved for those with high academic standing.

Its erection is an important symbol of the growth occurring at Notre Dame at the turn of the century. The dorm symbolizes the eventual change from a preparatory institution to a renowned university.

Editor's Note:
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The next section in this series will appear in the Jan. 31 edition of The Observer. This section will focus on student life at Notre Dame during the period 1910-1935.

Kelley Tuthill served as the editor of this section, while Lisa Eaton handled design and layout. All photos are courtesy of University of Notre Dame Archives.
Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame...

Notre Dame loses to Michigan in first gridiron showdown

By KELLEY TUTHILL
Editor-in-Chief

Who could have known what they had started when a group of young men from the University of Michigan traveled to South Bend to play the University of Notre Dame in a game of football.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1887, the humble beginnings of the Fighting Irish football team took place. The Irish lost 8-0.

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—Local Items column, The Scholastic, Nov. 26, 1887

At the time, the event did not seem very significant. A group of Michigan students arrived on the Michigan Central Railroad on Wednesday morning and were received by a committee of Notre Dame students.

After touring the campus, the Michigan team donned their white uniforms and took the damp, muddy field.

"At first, to render our players more familiar with the game, the teams were chosen irrespective of college," it was reported. Then the game was played.

Due to time constraints, the teams only played one-half of one inning in which "...the Ann Arbor boys gave a fine exhibition of skillful playing."

The Scholastic writer said the game started a football boom and expressed the hope that more contests would continue in the coming years. In addition, "Captain Duffy, of the Ann Arbor team, seemed to think we have material for an excellent football team."

The Notre Dame Marching Band was there at that first home game in 1887 and has yet to miss a home game.

Performing first in 1846, it is one of the oldest university bands in continual existence in the America.

After the game, the players had dinner and University President Father Thomas Walsh thanked the boys from Michigan for coming and "assured them of the cordial reception that would always await them at Notre Dame."

It wasn't until five months after the first game until Notre Dame scored its first touchdown—by fullback Harry Jewett in a rematch against the Wolverines the following April. A little over a year later, in 1888, the Irish finally had a victory—a 20-0 win over the Harvard School of Chicago.

Ironically, the team didn't even have a coach until 1894 when James Morison was named to the position.

What was started that day was a 104-year tradition that now boasts eight national championships and seven Heisman trophy winners.

The transition in the program came in 1913 when quarterback Gus Dorais became Notre Dame's initial first-team All-American—an honor gained by throwing passes to end Knute Rockne. Then in 1924, the University won its first national championship through the efforts of the Four Horsemen and Rockne.

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Top center: The first football team poses for a photo in 1887. They lost their first match to Michigan, 8-0. Above: The Notre Dame University Band, shown in a 1890-91 photo, was there at the first home game. Organized in 1846, they've played at every home game since.

The Fighting Irish was officially adopted by then-University President Matthew Walsh in 1927, no one really seems to know how Notre Dame got the athletic nickname.

One legend has it that the moniker was born during the first season of football. With Notre Dame leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime of a game in Evanston, Ill., the Wildcat fans began to chant, "Kill the Fighting Irish, kill the Fighting Irish," as the second half opened.

Another tale suggests the nickname originated during halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan game in 1909. With his team trailing, one ND player yelled to his teammates—those who happened to have names like Dolan, Kelly, Glynn, Duffy and Ryan—"What's the matter with you guys? You're all Irish and you're not fighting worth a lick. " Notre Dame won that game and the press, after overhearing the remark, reported the game as a victory for the "Fighting Irish."

Most, though, believe the term was coined by the press as a characterization of Notre Dame athletic teams, their never-say-die fighting spirit and their Irish qualities of grit, determination and tenacity. Therefore, the term probably began as an abusive expression directed toward athletes from the small, Catholic private institution.

Today, however, the nickname and the team itself are sources of pride for the University. And while this year's Irish suffered a defeat at the hands of Michigan like their predecessors did 104 years ago, many would agree they certainly have the "material for an excellent football team" like that other team did so long ago.
A sort of homecoming

By ROLANDO DE AGUIAR
Sports Writer

Over the last few years, the state of Florida has gained a reputation as a semitropical shopping mall for star football players.

Eighteen of the first 100 players selected in last June’s NFL draft attended either high school, college or both in Florida, and three of the top five schools in the current AP poll (Florida, Florida State and Miami) are in the Sunshine State.

When Notre Dame meets fourth-ranked Florida in the Sugar Bowl January 1, the game will mark a homecoming of sorts for the Floridians on the Irish squad.

The Irish football team is a team rich with Florida connections. Notre Dame boasts ten players from Florida, including six in the talent-rich sophomore class and senior starters Derek Brown and Gene McGuire.

Assistant coaches Gary Darnell and David Arnsparger coached at Florida, while Skip Holtz served as a graduate assistant at Florida State. Coach Lou Holtz lives near Orlando during the off-season.

When you’re from Florida, I don’t think it’s the fact that you’re playing against Florida players," said Holtz. "The difference is, the players have got to live with this game. And that’s what everyone is going to talk about when they go home."

Most of the Floridians on the Irish roster were recruited by the Gators before current head coach Steve Spurrier came to Gainesville.

Cornerback Tom Carter was leaning toward Florida early in high school before Florida ran into the NCAA infractions committee, earning two years’ probation.

"The day after coach Spurrier was hired, he called and talked to me about Florida," said Carter. "But I had to tell him that I had committed to Notre Dame."

I got sick of people telling me to go to UF, and I said, ‘Watch this.’"

Like Brown, Kevin McDougall long thought that he would be at Florida, and resisted parental pressure to attend school in Gainesville.

"I grew up on Florida football," said McDougall. "But in the end, I decided that I needed to get away from home and see new places. My mother really wanted me to stay close to home. But I told her I needed to get away."

"You can’t tell me otherwise. But the farther I go from home, the more I would be for­get­ten."

However, Notre Dame’s Floridians have ended up as vital cogs in the Irish wheel. Brown, Carter, outside linebacker Greg Davis and McGuire all start for Holtz while several others, including Johnson and McDougall, have been available in times of need this season.

McDougall, one of the backup quarterbacks for the Irish, traveled to games in Gainesville, said McDougall. "I grew up on Florida football. I would go with him to the games in Gainesville," said Brown. "He would get four tickets from the football team, and I would sit with him at the games."

Dixon, a second-team All-American center for the Gators—he traveled with his team­mates from Merritt Island at the Sugar Bowl. The Merritt Island Mustangs lost only three games during Brown’s final two years.

"I am really looking forward to hanging out with those guys," said Brown. "I haven’t seen some of them in a few years."

Clint "Cosmic" Johnson also
Notre Dame, 3rd-ranked Gators set to wrestle in USF&G Sugar Bowl

By RICH SABO
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1973, '81 championships decided in New Orleans

By ANTHONY KING
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The Irish have been to the Sugar Bowl on two occasions, both of which matched them up against number one ranked teams.

In 1973, third-ranked Notre Dame journeyed to New Orleans to face the Crimson Tide of Alabama. Bear Bryant brought the Tide in with a 1-0-0 record, while the Irish came in with a 10-0 record.

What was touted to be the game of the century lived up to all its expectations, as Notre Dame came out on top of a 24-23 thriller.

The Irish defense was the key for the first 15 minutes, as they completely shut down the Tide offense. The Alabama offense did not gain a single yard in the first stanza.

Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements engineered a 64-yard drive for the first Irish score, connecting on three passes to Pete Demmerle for gains of 19, 26, and 14 yards. Fullback Wayne Bullock's six-yard touchdown run completed the drive, but a bad snap on the extra point kept the lead at 6-0.

The Alabama offense got on track in the second period, however. Tide running back Randy Billingsly took it in from six yards out to put Alabama on top 7-6.

The Irish struck back immediately, using their special teams squad to regain the lead. Al Hunter returned a kickoff 93 yards for Notre Dame—a Sugar Bowl record. After a two-point conversion, the Irish advantage swelled to 14-7.

The Crimson Tide hit a field goal shortly before half to make the halftime score 14-10.

Alabama received the second half kickoff and drove 93 yards for the score. Wilbur Jackson cashed it in from five yards out to give the Tide a 17-14 lead.

An Alabama fumble set Notre Dame's next score. Linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered the fumble in mid-air and ran it down to the Tide 12 yard line. Eric Penick scammed 12 yards on the next play to give the Irish the lead once again, 21-17.

After three Irish turnovers within 90 seconds, Alabama finally capitalized, thanks to a little trickery. Crimson Tide backup quarterback Richard Todd handed the ball off to Mike Stock. Stock then threw the ball to an open Todd, who raced down the sidelines for a 25 yard score.

The Tide went for two, but failed, leaving a thin two point lead, 23-21.

Clements then led the Irish on what proved to be the game winning drive. Notre Dame made it to the Alabama three, but were forced to settle for a field goal and a slim one point lead, 24-23.

With three minutes to go, the Tide was forced to punt. Bama punter Greg Gannt boomed his kick 69 yards. Gannt was roughed during the punt, but Bear Bryant decided to decline the penalty instead of going on fourth and five.

Clements came through in the clutch, however, delivering a pass to tight end Robin Weber to secure the Irish victory, and a national championship.

In the '81 Sugar Bowl, Notre Dame faced a number one ranked Georgia team that featured star running back Herschel Walker. The Irish came in 9-1-1, and ranked seventh.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, thanks to a 50-yard field goal by Harry Oliver. The Bulldogs evened the score on a Rex Robinson 46-yard field goal.

No one could have expected the disaster that struck on the next play, however. Irish return men Jim Stone and Ty Barber went deep for the kickoff, and Stone called for Barber to take it.

Yet Barber did not hear Stone, and the ball bounced free. Georgia's Bob Kelly pounced on the ball at the one yard line. Walker and the Dog offense took over from there, putting the Bulldogs up for good.

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By JOHN O'BRIEN

A collective cheer erupted when Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students found out that the Irish were going to the Sugar Bowl. Even though our team won't be playing for the national championship this year, fans travelling to the game still have one reason to get excited: New Orleans.

After spending the last two New Year's Days in the sun and sand of Miami, bowl travelers will finally have the chance to cruise the ultimate party city. New Orleans offers an exciting mixture of Spanish, French and American culture, a bayou atmosphere and, best of all, Creole cooking.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association, the Notre Dame Clubs of New Orleans and Southern Louisiana and Anthony Travel have planned numerous events to keep travelers busy while they're in New Orleans. Starting on Friday, Dec. 27, a hospitality center and "Notre Dame Bookstore-South" will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Hilton Riverside and Towers Hotel, 1 Poydras St. Most activities will be staying at the Hilton or at the Inter-Continental, just blocks away at 444 St. Charles Ave.

Unlike the Orange Bowl, most of the activity will be confined to a several-block area. Both hotels are just blocks away from the two places travelers will want to see: the Superdome, where the big game itself will be played on Jan. 1, and the famed French Quarter, home of Mardi Gras and Bourbon Street.

The French Quarter is world famous for its architecture, but most travelers will be more interested in the shopping, dining and nightlife the area offers. Some of the city's finest antique shops are located on Royal Street, but the entire Quarter offers everything a shopper could want.

Odds are most students will instead be heading for Bourbon Street, which features all-night jazz clubs, burlesque venues, night club shows and music. Travelers (young and old) looking for a place to dance and party until the wee hours will want to explore this area.

And when it comes to food, the French Quarter is world famous. Salty oysters on the half shell, charcoal grilled Redfish,
I grilled Redfish, salty oysters on wild looking for a battle for little political boundaries. There are huge apartment complexes and local slumlords, fashion plates, and those with stringy dyed-black hair who claim the absolute virtue of progressive music. There are students and faculty and staff. There are just seniors who think they know it all and seniors perished of how little they understand.

Like I said, it’s just a college town. On campus, people wear shorts through the entire fall semester. The climate, so cursed in September when humidity makes walking feel like wading, now is a comfort. The evenings are chilly, the days comfortable. It will get Florida-cool soon, but nothing like the rigors of the northeast. Being a college town. Gainesville has its share of museums. There is the recently-opened Barn, which features major touring shows. There is also the University Gallery, a shop for abstraction that journalists often cannot understand. The art majors do, however, and they know more about that stuff than me.

There are often concerts with local bands and sometimes big names like Gainesville-native Tom Petty. And sometimes, when the weather is just right, they show movies in the lawn of the student union. It’s a nice touch for a college town. Like most college towns, Gainesville has a stupid name—no good seafood restaurants and is, at its heart, a small rural village.

But it’s dominated by the University. Little goes on in Gainesville that isn’t at least tangentially connected with the 31,000 students at the University of Florida. It’s an oasis of learning amid the rural roads of North Florida—surrounded by towns with names like McIntosh, Waldo and Starke. Like most such combinations, sometimes it’s an uneasy mix. But for the most part, Gainesville and UF peacefully co-exist. There are some conflicts, and you can see a strange mix of envy and contempt as Gainesville residents not attached to UF pass those who are. UF? Well, that can be a little different. Somehow the school manages to blend a raucous attitude with a serious commitment to learning. It is a very difficult university—it is hard to enter and even harder to stay in. Several of its colleagues—construction, medicine and others—are highly regarded around the country. It gets very tough here sometimes, often with a snark around under so much stress that when the release comes, they need to explode.

They often do. They call it Sugar Bowl week.

When football season begins, the city dresses itself in the orange and blue rapture that is Southeastern Conference football. They take it as seriously, I guess, as anywhere else in the country.

During the third quarter, win, lose or tie, the crowd breaks into its hymn—“We are the Boys of Old Florida.” The crowd swells in contradictory movements and its devotion to UF is reaffirmed.

But football is not the only event in Gainesville. Nature has disciples as well.

There is a dock on the outskirts of town that cuts into a lake called Wauburg. During the week, it is alone as students and the population deal with the matters of school and the business of being alive. They leave it for the eagles, alligators and snakes the make the wilderness their home.

On Saturday though, it fills with students in bathing suits simultaneously working on their studies and their suntans. It, too, is a part of Gainesville’s identity. But its soul is The Wall. Although it fringes the campus of the University of Florida, it is about a mile from the heart of campus. It snuggles against one of Gainesville’s busiest streets and faces several apartment complexes.

Although it was once white, it has been covered with generations of spray paint, spelling out blue or mauve or lavender testimonials ("My Life did not begin until forever"), and the pleasures of purging 21. The messages rarely stay long, they are quickly replaced by new testimonials or social statements ("Pikes, Sigma Chi, Dee Gee, Tri Dels, etc. RULES") and new messages to the population. It constantly changes, just like the always flowing university.

It reflects the attitude, if not the psyche of the city. And in its center, with four hand painted roses surrounding them, are the crudely painted words of the Florida State students slain in August 1990. Like most towns of substance, Gainesville does not forget its past. Maybe it’s not just a college town after all.
Gator secondary that has picked opposing quarterbacks off 14 times. They also have 10 sacks, with Will White and Lawrence Hatch leading the squad with four each.

The Gators have only given up nine touchdowns through the air all season.

On the other hand, the Gators' offense is extremely potent, having scored an average of 32.8 points per contest under the leadership of quarterback Danny Wuerffel. Wuerffel has set a school record for touchdowns in a season, with 32, and has also set a new school record for passing yards in a season, with 3,000 yards. Wuerffel has completed 60 percent of his passes and has averaged 361 yards per game.

The Irish defense, on the other hand, has given up 23.1 points per game and has only scored a touchdown on the Gators once this season.

However, what the Irish offense will be facing in the Gators is the best defense in the country. Florida yields only 13.8 points a game, and has one of the best run defenses around, granting only slightly over 100 yards a game.

It will be a formidable task for the Irish offensive line—led by guards Mirko Jurkovic and Tim Donovan, and tackles Will Hennes, Johnathan Smith and Remy Spieker—to control the line of scrimmage and give the Irish backs any holes to run through.

The Gators defense is led by linebacker Rod Godfrey, who leads the team with 102 tackles, and has over half a season's worth of special teams tackles. The Gators also have one of the best special teams units in the country, with two kick returners—cornerback Rod Smith and linebacker Pete Berich—able to score a touchdown.

The Irish return game was based on the solid showing of tailback Will White and Lawrence Hatch, who have combined for 30 yards a game and have scored three touchdowns.

The Irish secondary can expect to be tested often, but they have been successful in stopping the Gators' passing game, having held Wuerffel to an average of 175 yards per game and 2.3 yards per attempt.

While the Irish defense may be facing a tough task, they have been successful in stopping the Gators' running game, having held them to an average of 3.9 yards per carry.

The Irish special teams unit is also one of the best in the country, with two punt returners—quarterback Rod Smith and wide receiver Terry Herrick—able to score touchdowns.

The Gators have scored just one touchdown on special teams this season, but have been successful in blocking kicks, having blocked three field goals.

In summary, the Irish defense will be facing a tough task against the Gators, but they have been successful in stopping the Gators' passing game and have a strong special teams unit.

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has former teammates playing for the Gators. Florida backup kicker specialist Ryan Buland attended Lake Brantley High School with Johnson. Johnson played option quarterback in high school, but will be returning kicking duties for the Irish on New Year's Day.

If something should happen to Gator placekicker Arden Czyzewski, Buland could very well kick off to Johnson.

"That would be weird, kicking off to him," said Ru­

land. "Especially after he just ran one back (93-yards for a touchdown against Hawaii)."

Johnson expressed similar sentiments.

"It would be strange receiving kicks from Buland and playing against him," said Johnson. "After knowing him and playing with him in high school."

Tom Carter, meanwhile, re­

cently spoke to high school teammate Norm Bolduc, a wide receiver for the Gators.

"There was the usual brag­
ging back and forth. It was

fun," he said. "It's a big thing, seeing players that you played with in high school and that are from your city.

"Last year against Miami was the same type of thing. It was the most exciting game of the year for me."

Graduate assistant David Arnsperger has particularly in­

triguing connections to Florida. Arnsperger's father, Bill Arnsperger, is the athletic di­

rector at the University of Florida, and the young Arnsperger spent two years as a graduate assistant in Gainesville.

"The thing I was most re­sponsible for when I was there was the scout team offense," said Arnsperger. "I worked with (quarterback) Shane Matthews and Tre' Everett, a wide receiver. From my time there, I have seen the team's personnel and how the players play and react."

Despite his connections to the Gators, however, Arnsperger prefers to view the Sugar Bowl as just another tough date on the Irish schedule.

"Playing Florida is like any

other game," he said. "What makes it a special game that it's a bowl game, and another opportunity to play a quality opponent."

The Gators' lineup, mean­

while, is chock full of in-state talent. Though the school re­

cruits nationally, the team is heavily composed of Floridians.

Some say the sandy soil of Florida makes their young'­

sters leg stronger. Others point to the temperate weather, which begins in early February, allowing extra practice for high-school teams. But what­

ever the causes, Florida has re­

cently produced blue-chip play­

ers at a rate higher than any other state.

Carter offers a simple expla­

nation of the reasons for Floridians' successes in foot­

ball.

"We play football all year round," said Carter. "If you don't play football, people ask why. Every­

one is always outside playing."

As long as this tradition con­
tinues, the entire nation should stand to benefit from Floridian replacing the defensive line. Just when the defense was starting to believe in itself, it had to cope with the personnel loss of Bryant Young and Eric Jones to the cut blocks of Air Force.

Against teams like Tennessee and Penn State, it showed. But those injuries weren't Darnell's fault.

Only people on the team or inside the football offices know what kind of politics go on in Gainesville. But from this per­
spective, Darnell hasn't truly had a chance to prove himself.

Hopefully, these questions won't impact the performance of the team in the Sugar Bowl. Clearly, they will not be an op­portunity to focus on a very good Florida team.

But next year will be here sooner than we all think, with a chance to wipe the slate clean and start anew. Here's to hop­
ing that the second year will be less eventful than this season.

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Looking for daylight

Sophomore flanker Lake Dawson, pictured here against Hawaii, heads upfield with one of his season's 24 catches. Dawson will be a key target for Irish quarterback Rick Mirer in the Sugar Bowl showdown with Florida.

Four-year success story: Baker thrives as walk-on

By DAVE McMAHON
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Spending time in the shadows of a collegiate football program that is constantly in the limelight has its advantages.

For Jeff Baker, four years of enduring his status as a Notre Dame football walk-on recently paid off.

Liberally.

At the Notre Dame football banquet, Baker was named the recipient of the Hesburgh/Joyce Scholarship to a player who shows excellence both in the classroom and on the field.

The field that Baker performed on, however, was not inside Notre Dame Stadium. Most of Baker's playing time came on the practice fields.

The 13 walk-ons on this season's squad prepared Notre Dame's first team offense and defense for the upcoming opponent.

As scout team members, walk-ons mimic the opposing team's offense and defense. Baker, a split-end, watched the first game (Michigan's Mike Gillette missed a field goal in final seconds for an Irish win) of his freshman year from the stands, but has dressed for every home game since then.

Regardless of what position they play in practice as the "opponent," the walk-ons are caught unaware if they make it into the game because they are unfamiliar with Notre Dame's plays.

"It's kind of a weird situation," said Baker. "We play our best in practice to try to improve the team, but then if we make it into the game we really don't know our own plays too well.

Worse things have happened.

"The walk-ons used to dress in the ACC and walk over to the stadium," said Baker. "It was kind of humiliating listening to what people would say about us as we walked over. Then we approached coach Holtz about the situation and since a few games ago we've been dressing with the team." Baker said Holtz wasn't aware of the situation.

"He really didn't know that we weren't dressing at the stadium," said Baker. "He didn't see a reason why we shouldn't be dressing with the team since we're as much a part of the team as anyone.

While the obscurity of walk-ons lessens only when friends or roommates cheer for Holtz to put in their favorite non-scholarship player, Baker admits that the scholarship players are the most supportive players on the team.

"They understand our situation as walk-ons," said Baker, who sports a 3.42 GPA as a chemical engineering major. "We're out there for the fun of it and they're playing on scholarships and wondering why we do it. They really sympathize with us."

Questions remain for bowl-bound Irish

While Notre Dame gets ready to head to New Orleans to play in the USF&G Sugar Bowl, several questions remain for the Irish.

Unfortunately, not all of those questions are of the on-the-field variety.

One of the biggest concerns the Irish face is the status of junior quarterback Rick Mirer. Various media reports, including the ever-so-reliable NFL Today, who last year practically guaranteed that Lou Holtz would leave for the Minnesota Vikings, have reported that Mirer is going to leave for the big money and bright lights of the NFL.

Campus rumors about Mirer are no less frequent.

Probably no one but Rick Mirer knows what Rick Mirer will do after this season ends, and no one but Mirer can or should make that decision for him. With that in mind, there are a few issues that need to be addressed.

In the past few years, a number of signal-callers have left school early for the NFL.

Anybody remember Andre Ware or Todd Marinovich?

Both of these guys are buried on their team's respective depth charts. Ware has such talents as Erik Kramer starting ahead of him, while Marinovich hasn't seen a snap except from the sidelines.

Miler's talents aren't in question. Anyone who saw him launch bullets 50 yards across his body and touch passes down the sidelines realizes that he has a pro-caliber arm.

Neither are his leadership qualities to be doubted. Remember the comeback drives he orchestrated against Michigan and USC last year?

But quarterbacks aren't like running backs or wide receivers, who rely primarily on instinct to do their job. Give a running back a hole to run through, and natural talent takes over from there.

Quarterbacks have to read defenses at the line of scrimmage and audible. Once pass plays, they need to recognize complex systems and keep track of several receivers at the same time.

That takes a lot of time and a lot of practice.

While sitting in school next year as the starting quarterback and taking almost all of the snaps in practice, not to mention playing against some of the top teams in the country, will give him more of a chance to learn than as the second-string quarterback for a pro team.

With an increase in experience and an opportunity to pad his stats, Mirer would certainly earn more money right away than he would by leaving this year.

Other considerations exist, of course.

Ready for action

The Observer/Sean Farnan

Demetrius Du Bose (31) and the notre Dame defense prepare for another charge by the Pitt offense. The task facing Du Bose in the Sugar Bowl: Stop Florida.