Stock junkies find bargains on regional exchanges

By MELANIE LAFLIN
Assistant News Editor

All those thinking about buying stocks on one of the national Stock Exchanges should consider consulting with one of the experts, Notre Dame's assistant professor of finance, Robert Battalio. Battalio and two colleagues at Indiana University recently surprised investors nationwide with their study examining programs in Boston and on the Cincinnati regional exchange.

Stock prices in the regional exchanges were found to offer competitive rates when compared to those found in the New York Stock Exchange, according to Battalio.

Two pilot programs on the Cincinnati and Boston Stock Exchanges are successfully attracting small stock purchase orders and are associated with a decline in the cost of trading securities at quoted prices, according to Battalio.

The Preferential Pilot Program in Cincinnati and the Competing Specialist Initiative in Boston, both designed to expand the opportunities available to retail brokerage houses to act as both brokers and dealers, have increased competition from firms to compete with New York Stock Exchange specialists to execute orders in NYSE-listed securities.

In an 18-month study of 140 NYSE-listed securities, Battalio, Jason Greene and Robert Jennings found that the NYSE's share of small trades on average fell by more than 13 percent when an NYSE-listed security became available through one of the two pilot programs.

"We were shocked," said Battalio. They had expected to find inferior prices on the regionals but discovered just the opposite. Not only were prices better, but trading volume was moving toward the regionals.

This was not news to many people working at the Boston exchange. Some concede Boston does not do as well with large orders as the regionals but are happy with its role in providing a smaller retail business.

The handling of orders through regional exchanges has come under scrutiny in the recent months. The Securities and Exchange Commission has demanded that brokerage houses do a better job of getting the

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Notre Dame plays host to Asian American groups

By KELLY FITZPATRICK
News Writer

In an attempt to bring more prominence to the Asian American community, 27 midwestern universities sent representatives to the "Making Waves and Meeting Challenges--It Begins With You" conference which took place for the first time at Notre Dame this past weekend.

The conference for the Midwest Asian Student Union (MAASU), hosted by the Asian American Association, consisted of workshops and the fourth annual MAASU Leadership Retreat.

As the largest MAASU leadership conference in the four years since its conception, this year's event required a great deal of planning and collaboration among the groups involved.

"If just goes to show that there is a support system here at Notre Dame, that there are people who care," said Michelle Dayongcay, co-president of Notre Dame's Asian American Association (AAA).

The workshops, which started on Saturday, were divided into tracks - Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and a group in which only one representative from each school was invited to participate. Every representative attended four workshops, lasting either one and a half hours or forty-five minutes, throughout the day.

Workshops were geared toward specific categories of issues from which representatives could construct their own learning package. Several of the workshops were intended especially for Asian American students dealing with campus and community issues, and Asian American awareness and activism. However, other workshops were more general, dealing with event programming, networking, leadership and organizational skills, and team-building and representation. There were also Round Table workshops in which representatives engaged in open discussion on issues.

According to Dayongcay, many students were barely able to contain their euphoria.

"All I can say is, 'Yes!'" House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said, bursting two douches full of soda and a six-pack of beer.

"Tomorrow the government will go back to work and now the debate will begin in earnest," President Clinton said, appearing in the White House press room shortly after the deal was announced.

Both sides declared victory. Republicans because the deal reflected their seven-year timetable and Clinton because it spoke of protecting programs he considers important.

Under the agreement, nearly 800,000 federal workers will return to work immediately, although government funding will expire again Dec. 15, the deadline for the temporary funding accord.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said, "I hope in the next three or four weeks we will produce a balanced budget with the president on board."

In the four-week spending bill, the White House and Republican leaders agreed the balanced budget legislation would "protect future generations, secure Medicare solvency, reform welfare, provide adequate funding for Medicaid, education, agriculture, national defense, veterans and the environment."
Six million Americans taking heart drug without benefit

**High blood pressure drugs**

Calcium blockers, which in millions Americans take to combat high blood pressure, have been shown to prevent heart disease, strokes or death, leading many doctors to question how blood pressure drugs work.

**Diabetes**

**How they work:** They act on the kidney to increase the flow of fluids to the body.

**Side-effects:** Can cause major potassium loss, which can result in weakness, lethargy, heart problems.

**What experts say:** The only blood pressure drug proven to reduce heart disease and death.

**Source:** American Heart Association, *The Pill Book*

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**Diana against divorce from Charles**

She doesn’t want a divorce, values her royal role and desperately wants her children to be happy. And she under­stands her husband’s decision to confess his infidelity to millions of TV viewers. It’s a resigned, reasonable, reg­al Prince Diana who has much to say in today’s surprise tell-all interview with the BBC. The Sunday Telegraph reported, pub­lishing what it said were quotes gleaned from unnamed “close friends,” that Diana happened to be in the new­spaper’s account of the encounter as “total speculation.”

“Only eight people have seen the program, none of them has talked about it and no one has been given any indication of what is in it,” a BBC statement said. In the interview, to be broadcast in Britain on Monday night, Diana conceded that her marriage to Prince Charles is over, but asked if she wants a divorce, she reportedly replied No. There are two children involved here, Prince William and Prince Harry, who is 10-years-old.

Perot claims he holds swing vote

WASHINGTON

Ross Perot said Sunday his new independent party has the power to elect a new president, either on its own or by helping to sway the vote to either the Democratic or Republican nominee. The Texas billionaire, speaking on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” defended to say whether he will be the Reform Party nominee in the 1996 presidential poll. “This is not about me,” he said. “We wouldn’t need me if we weren’t needed.” The Reform Party has collected enough signatures to earn a place on the presidential ballots in California and Ohio, and is now campaigning to qualify in Maine and other states. Perot said that if either party nominates “a George Washington the second,” that candidate would win the endorsement of his backers.

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**Baby cut from mother’s womb alive**

A newborn boy was alive and healthy Sunday after being cut from the womb of her mother during an attack that killed her and two other children. A prosecutor said authorities believed the killings were planned, and that there appeared to be no relationship to drugs or devil worship. One person was in custody in a kidnapping charge, but no one was charged with the killings. Inves­tigators refused to say where or how the baby was found, or whether it was transported. The baby, named Elijah by relatives, was found early Friday, when Evans, 28, and 10-year-old daughter, Samantha, were found murdered in her apartment in this Chicago suburb, au­thorities said. Police searching for Evans’ 8-year-old son, Joshua found his body about 12 hours later.

**Mayor apologizes for naked pose**

SAN FRANCISCO

Mayor Frank Jordan, trailing in his re-election bid, is apologizing for posing naked in his shower with two radio disc jockeys. "In this particular instance, some peo­ple felt I had let them down, that I had let the city down," said Jordan, who faces former state Assembly Speaker Willie Brown in a Dec. 12 runoff. "And I said, "I was never my intent to offend anyone." The above-th­e-fold photos were published in local newspapers in late October revealed Jordan standing pale and naked next to similarly attired DJs Mark Thompson and Brian Phillips. The mayor was accompanied by a photographer who had knocked on Jordan’s door and dared him to do it. Jordan said the story revealed nothing more than a sense of humor. "I just wanted to show that we are also a fun-loving city and that we all need some humor in our lives," he said. Jordan said he did not know if his re-election hopes "But I’m sure it didn’t help," he said.
Pacific leaders move closer to free-trade pact

Gore stands in for Clinton

By MARCUS ELIASON

OSAKA, Japan

Pacific Rim leaders took another step Sunday toward building a free-trade zone buoyed by China's promise to slash tariffs and to ease foreign access to its fast-growing market starting next year.

Their enthusiasm apparently undimmed by President Clinton's absence over the U.S. budget crisis, leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit offered "down payments" on the pledge made last year to liberalize trade over the next quarter-century.

The pledges ranged from diversifying industries and lowering tariffs to trimming the red tape that bedevils regional trade. The 18 APEC nations are the source of 50 percent of world trade and growing. They include the world's two biggest trading economies, the United States and Japan, and China, one of its fastest-growing.

Leaders in Osaka said they understood why Clinton couldn't make it, but it was impossible to erase the fundamental message his cancellation left: an American president, preoccupied with troubles at home, was unable to attend a business in Asia.

His stand-in, Vice President Al Gore, insisted this was not true. "Our future lies in Asia," he said, and promised that Clinton would visit Japan soon.

Japan had been counting on Clinton to defuse bad feelings over the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl for which three U.S. servicemen are being tried — an incident that has prompted some Japanese to demand Washington withdraw its 47,000 troops here.

The U.S. commander of forces in the Pacific, Richard C. Macke, exacerbated the tensions Friday by suggesting the men should have paid for sex instead of committing rape. Macke resigned the same day.

The APEC economic blueprint, adopted at last year's summit, calls for free trade by 2010 for the richest member countries, and 2020 for the poorer ones.

But as an economically diverse region, APEC is deeply split on the pace and scope of free trade, with China and Malaysia leading the argument that developing countries cannot march in step with industrialized ones.

Thus, while the free-trade camp led by the United States sees 2010 and 2020 as a binding deadline for reaching zero-tariff rates, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad says each country must choose its own pace.

"We're not held down to this date and we certainly do not believe that it means we have to abolish tariffs altogether by 2020," Mahathir told reporters.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin said developing nations "need more time since they face greater pressures, risks and difficulties."

But it was Jiang who appeared to put flesh on the APEC dream by announcing that China will, "effective from 1996, drastically reduce its overall tariff level by a margin of no less than 30 percent."

He did not elaborate. But China's vast exports generate large trade deficits with the United States and others, and any tariff cut would make it easier for foreigners to sell products in China.

South Korean President Kim Young-sam pledged that his country would open more than 200 types of business to foreign investment in the next five years. He promised to simplify customs clearance for exports and imports.

Pacific Rim leaders also hinted at the possibility that their countries could be moving, albeit slowly, toward some kind of a regional security pact.
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best price for small investors, and in response one major firm recently stopped automatically pursuing small-investor orders in NYSE-listed stocks to regional exchanges. The SEC has said that in order for the pilot programs in Boston and Cincinnati to be permanently extended, it must be proved that the programs improve market quality," Battalio said. "Every statistic we examined indicated that market quality from a trader's perspective has been improved. The prices at which orders are executed were often better than quoted prices, and the quoted prices are getting better."

The study was conducted from January 1994 to June 1995 and was executed the month immediately preceding and the month immediately following NYSE-listed securities becoming available in each pilot program. The Boston Globe contributed to this report.

Ski trip turns fatal for students

By THIERRY BOINET
Associated Press

GRENOBLE, France

American student Brent VanHala hiked out of the snow seeking help after a blizzard stranded him and six of his friends on a mountain during an Alpine ski trip.

"It was after 1 left that they died," VanHala, 21, said Sunday from his hotel in Tignes in a telephone interview.

The next morning at dawn, VanHala, of North Canton, Ohio, spotted the ski lift line in the distance and tugged down the slope for help. An Alpine rescue squad rushed to the mountain by helicopter.

"The seven were juniors at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, studying in Luxembourg. They went to the ski slope in Tignes, near the Italian border, for a weekend trip, but got lost and spent a terrifying night stranded in the storm. The group was ill-equipped for the trip up the 8,000-foot Grande-Motte mountain, wearing jeans and sweaters instead of ski suits, the ski slope manager said.

"It was a wrong turn by us. There was no fault on the part of the operators," VanHala said. He refused to comment any further.

The four injured were recovering in three French hospitals Sunday.

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We hope that we made a difference that is out there," said James Adaniya, who began campus organizations.

"We learned how difficult it is to put something like this together, but I'm glad that we took the risk," Notre Dame, the club, and we are better for it," said Du Yongao, who began preparations this past summer for the conference.

The banquet and keynote for the occasion took place at The Great Wall restaurant, and entertainment was provided by "Here and Now," a student acting group that tours campuses across the United States. The group was brought here through the efforts of several campus organizations.

"We hope that we made a positive impact and that we helped to dispel a lot of the stereotypes and misconceptions that are out there," said James Adaniya, also co-president of the AAA.

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Epidemics hit Latin America, threat to U.S. low

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia September: In a remote Colombian peninsula, thousands of Indians fall ill. As family members watch helplessly, some of the victims become delirious, go into convulsions and die.

October: Hundreds of people, stricken with fever and body aches, crowd a village clinic in Nicaragua. Autopsies on those who succumb discover their lungs are filled with blood.

Specialists scrambled in recent weeks to deal with these outbreaks of rare diseases. But while they are dangerous and alarming, epidemics of more common diseases like cholera and dengue fever have quietly spread through Latin America and are claiming thousands of lives each year.

Health experts say minor outbreaks of diseases imported from Latin America can be expected in the United States. But they say there is little risk of epidemics because the United States has adequate insecticide spraying and proper sanitary systems.

The problem in Latin America is the lack of financial resources to pay for the medicines, insecticides and other steps needed to cure diseases or control the conditions that help spread them.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Latin American nations tried to eradicate the mosquito that carries dengue. Insecticide spraying pushed the mosquito, Aedes aegypti, back to a few pockets in the jungle and almost wiped it out. But the effort was dropped because of high costs.

This past week the Pan American Health Organization announced that Aedes aegypti has regained the territory it formerly occupied. It said dengue is raging in Latin America, sickening 200,000 people and killing 76 this year alone.

"In the past couple of decades we let down our guard," said David Heymann, director of the World Health Organization's new Epidemic Strike Force.

An international conference to be held in Brazil on Nov. 30 is aimed at renewing the mosquito-eradication efforts.

Doctors are also busy fighting new diseases.

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Poland

Former Communist edges Walesa in runoff election

By ANDRZEJ STYLIANSKI

WARSZAWA

A polished former Commu­
nist, Aleksander Kwasniewski, defeated fading Solidarity hero Lech Walesa by a slim margin in a presidential runoff Sunday, according to projections from the state polling agency.

Kwasniewski won 51.4 per­
cent of the vote to 48.6 percent for the incumbent, according to unofficial ballot results com­
piled by state television's OSOB agency from 1.150 of 22,472

precincts.

The projections had a 1 per­
cent margin of error, and the race was so close neither can­
didate acknowledged victory or defeat.

The election was a symbolic

duel between Poland's two

major postwar forces. Walesa

keyed his campaign to fears of a

Communist resurgence while

Kwasniewski insisted he could

be trusted to transcend his party's totalitarian past.

Kwasniewski, 41, had already

left his headquarters when the

official results were

announced, triggering a joyful frenzy

among youthful campaign

workers. They danced,

screamed and sang "May He

Live 100 Years."

The 52-year-old Walesa

neither appeared at his cam­
paign headquarters, where

supporters fell silent hearing the news and slowly

began filing out.

Walesa, the former Solidarity

leader, had steadfastly lost sup­
port during his five-year term.

He looked dour as he thanked

the state polling agency.

"It is one of the worst things

I've seen in my life," Carter

said. "I hope those who are

responsible will be brought to

justice, or else it could happen

again."

Carter's visit lays the ground­

work for Nov. 27 talks in Cairo

with leaders of Uganda, Rwanda,

Burundi and Zaire. Leaders of

the region's refugees, Presidents of Uganda, Rwanda,

Burundi and Zaire asked the

former president to mediate the

talks. Carter said he wanted his tour to

remind the world of the geno­
cide in which more than 500,000

Rwandans, mostly minority Tutsis and moderate

Hutus, were slain by Hutu-led govern­

ment troops and militias.

"I think it is important that I

visit here and bring attention to

what happened, because the

international community forgets

too easily," he said.

Carter met separately with

President Pasteur Bizimungu

and Vice President Paul

Kagamea, and also talked with

Western diplomats and aid

workers.

On Saturday, Carter met

Uganda's President Yoweri

Museveni. He will continue to

Burundi on Monday and Goma,

Zaire, on Tuesday.

The genocide began soon after

the April 6, 1994 plane crash in

Kigali in which then-President

Juvenal Habyarimana and the

president of neighboring

Burundi died.

No Need To Look

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Emphasis on research dilutes Catholic character

"To perform its teaching and research functions effectively, the Catholic university must have a true autonomy and academic freedom in the face of authority of any kind preterrenal to the academic community itself." Notre Dame had been owned by the Congregation of Holy Cross from 1842 to 1967. In that year, Notre Dame, like most major Catholic universities, acted on Land O'Lakes mandate by transforming governance of the University to a predominantly lay Board of Trustees, thus severing its juridical link with the Church.

Notre Dame sought to reconcile its adherence to the Land O'Lakes mandate that "institutional autonomy" from the Church is one of the "essential conditions of life and growth, and indeed of survival, for Catholic universities." This is so because the seminary and other Catholic universities. "The reputations of American universities," said Malloy in 1992, "are driven by the research and graduate programs, not by the undergraduate schools." The Observer, Feb. 12, 1992, p. 7. One consequence of this pursuit of a reputation as a Great Research University is the de-emphasis of Catholic character of the University tends to become secondary concern.

2. The Dilution of the Catholic Character of Notre Dame

The overemphasis on research is itself a cause of the dilution of Notre Dame's Catholic character. As David Lutz put it, "emphasizing research causes Catholicism (as well as teaching) to be de-emphasized. This is true, not because there is any problem with doing excellent Catholic research, but because it is more difficult to publish such research in prestigious journals and with elite university presses than to publish the kind of scholarly respectability secured by secular universities." The Observer, Feb. 17, 1993. Unfortunately, in the pursuit of Research Greatness, the Catholic character of the University tends to become a secondary concern. As Provost O'Meara stated in 1993, "I personally am confident that Notre Dame will be a university first of all, and secondly a Catholic university, for a long time to come." Interview, WNDU-TV, Oct. 5, 1992.

The definitive analysis in this area remains that of Father James Burtchaell, C.S.C., in the April and May, 1991, issues of First Things magazine, Burtchaell was the process by which originally Protestant universities like Yale, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and others have become secular, and the process by which Catholic universities are following suit. He sees the critical element as the severance of the authoritative, juridical link between the university and the church.

Burtchaell's essay, which is perhaps the most important article written in the last three decades on Catholic higher education, will be discussed in detail in a later column. For now, it is worth noting that the severance of the formal connection with the Church is a cause not only of the erosion of Catholic character but also of Notre Dame's sterile fixation on Research.

Professor Charles Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Monday.
Standing up for principle can often ruin a dream

Lessons from a disappointed ND alumnus

My question to the senior class is, "Would you like to have President Clinton as your commencement speaker in May, 1996?"

I believe that reasonable people could disagree on the affiliation or political philosophy, minority rights and affirmative action. I would want to say that the senior class of the United States addressed their commencement ceremonies. He was the Provost's Office. It seems that certain staff in the Provost's office will not return my phone calls. After our initial conversation. In Washington, a polite "We'll take it from here" would have sufficed.

I suspected that certain elements with which I have no affiliation and who are dead serious on this issue would resist the invitation. Despite Clinton's diplomatic efforts, some people, he is pro-choice, advocates equal opportunities for gays, and does not share the same political philosophy of most of Notre Dame's board of trustees. Maybe they feel that just about as important as the matter, if it is not too late. His office has my numbers. If not, I am in the Washington, D.C. area.

Notre Dame seniors, like college graduates everywhere, will soon learn that every organization evolves to a point where its top administrators become rigidly like-minded. The "Good Ole Boy Club" label can be placed to a certain president on the university's national ballot. Corporations are run by those whose primary goal is profit. Legislatures are controlled by parties representing certain philosophies. Even universities have trustees and administration staffed with persons who strive toward a common goal. In Notre Dame's case, the goal is perceived to be one of following the Catholic Church with providing a quality education. The degree of rigidity that an organization requires to determine whether or not the "club" status is applied.

I would not apply the "Good Ole Boy Club" label to Notre Dame just yet, even as I begin to experience what some of my fellow Notre Dame alumni have bitterly described to me. It seems to me that the further we go from our graduation day, the more we drift away from the university. One of my classmates felt so strongly that he wrote a blistering letter to the Society who rejected his membership. He denounced what he considered the university's gluttony and waste for grants. He realized that costs continually rise, but he vehemently opposes the policy of providing a public parking space to those who contribute $3,000 or more per year to the university. My latest experience is one of disappointment rather than anger. This is my fifth year of writing for The Observer. Long ago I came to the conclusion that by expressing my "liberal" views in this forum, I would end any chance of being nominated for an award or for being the editor of the alumni association's national board. Last week I received my letter informing me that the national alumni association board passed me by for consideration on the 12th national ballot. It's the third time since I was the Washington, D.C. alumni club president nine years ago. The first time I was rejected, I figured I had my days behind, other, older alumni. Three years later, when our district seat was open, our area nominee (and current director) was an outstanding choice for his national participation in several projects. Nobody could compete with his accomplishments, and of course he was elected. So I had hoped that this third try would be the charm. After all, I reached the age where I wouldn't start a food fight in a Notre Dame dining facility, so I could not possibly embarrass the board.

"So seniors beware. During your college years you may be one of the students at Notre Dame who fit nicely into the prevailing social classification. But following graduation, as the years roll through one football season after another, you will become more independent. Choosing your independence over a dream is difficult, yet the right decision to make. Whether you become bitter like my classmate or just disappointed like I am, I wish you all the luck in the world in having your phone calls returned."

The importance of appearances

The apartment door is standing open, and from the kitchen Sarah calls, "Just put your coat in the closet and come on in. You know," she says, "I can't read or write until she was forty years old."

"What are the things she taught me very early to set the table. The forks and knives had to be exactly the same. Before she didn't have that kind of background. My mother couldn't read or write until she was forty years old, she had never gone to school."

"But to my mother, appearances were important. If you're going to have linen, have the best. It's better to have one beautiful double damask cloth than two cheaper ones. You don't need two."

"You never just put food on the table, even if it was for the immediate family. Even mother grandmothers. You sit in the kitchen and whatever you had, eggs, oatmeal. It had to be served nicely, and we couldn't serve soup if soup had splashed over the rim. You'd have to take a cloth and clean it. Eat was just for survival, when they made a kugel, they'd melt a lot of fat in the bottom of the pan. Until it was just sizzling. Then they'd dump the ingredients in. What happens is the heat causes a crust to form on the bottom that's even more delicious. Now, that bakes for forty-five minutes."

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"Carol Bradley"
The Irish running backs ran for 410 yards, both Handy Kinder and Autry Denson for over 100 yards, taking pressure off Thomas Krug.

Runaway Autry Denson

A spectacular 32-yard TD run highlighted another stellar effort from the freshman. He had 109 yards on 16 carries.

"People talked about this being an eight million dollar game. But it was not about money. It was about pride."
- Defensive coordinator Bob Davie

Ground assualt propels Irish past Air Force and into a major bowl

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Fresno State's passing game against Air Force Saturday. A win would have meant a ticket to an $8 million Alliance bowl. A loss may have sent the Irish home for the holidays, since a lesser bowl would not exactly meet Notre Dame standards.

With that in mind, the Irish wasted no time in going for the jugular, scoring on their first four possessions en route to a 44-14 thrashing of Air Force.

The win, which came before a record crowd of 54,482 at Falcon Stadium, moves Notre Dame (9-2) up to 7th in the Associated Press poll, making them the highest-ranked two-loss team in the country.

"This is definitely a great way to go out," senior captain Ryan Leahy said.
Krug's confidence yields competence

By TIM SHERMAN
Associate Sports Editor

But what was more important than the number of running plays was, in fact, ten straight times, the Irish went to the ground.

Krug was 8-for-13 passing for 96 yards. He

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be played, trying to figure out Notre Dame's opponent is still more speculative.

"I haven't thought about who we may play," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "The only team I want to be with on New Year's is Notre Dame. I'm really happy for this team. The guys have really hung around in there."

Notre Dame made sure Air Force didn't step in, and they didn't get out of the way. It looked as if, whether Holtz wanted to play him or not, Jarious Jackson would get his chance. "It was high drama," K.

and formless in comparison to the Irish. It's a good feeling."

"I told the team at half-time that if we were down by 20, I wouldn't think we were out of the game," Holtz said. "But on the whole, he had a complete evening."

The concern was short-lived though.
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Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "Their offensive line has been a thorn in our side all season, and we didn't even have our best guy in game play.

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The Irish defense controlled the potent Falcon offense, allowing only one scoring chance in the first half—a field goal attempt by the Falcons' Randy Roberts.

The missed field goal really took some starch out of our football team," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said.

Krug finished the game 8-for-13 for 96 yards, one int), but they were good enough. "Lou used the abilities and talents of his team (read, quarterback) well," DeBerry said.

In particular, the Irish coaching staff had Krug right where he needed to be.

Maybe Irish coaches and fans now do too.

Krug didn't do it all by himself, but the other players on his team were good enough. "Krug was suddenly alone in the backfield very well," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "Plus, they have a stable of runners."

The Irish have finally found a reliable kicker in Scott Cengia.

The concern was short-lived though.

"We just played straight ahead Irish football. Straight ahead, literally. All the backs wanted to do was look for a hole opened up by the offensive line. "It was such a physical mismatch," DeBerry said. "Their offensive line has dominated a lot of teams they've played against a potentially disastrous situation when quarterback Tom Krug took a hit to the chest and did not get up right away. It looked as if, whether Holtz wanted to play him or not. Jarious Jackson would get his chance."

"I knew Tom would get up," line-baackey Lyman Colmbs said. "We hit him a thousand times in practice."

"But we knew we had the one interception he threw," Roberts said. "But on the whole, he had a complete game."
By TIM SHERMAN

Associate Sports Editor

Adjustments, attacking attitude ground Falcons

Wishbone-wise Irish opt to shut down Morgan's options

By T im Sherman

Front Page/IRISH EXTRA

In addition, Fisher DelBelly's squad boosted Beau Morgan, a quarterback who had shone in games like Texas and Air Force, with the under

- they had a valuable experience against the dangerous offense.
- Their technique worked to perfection, as a suddenly-stagnated Falcon offense was only able to garner 69 yards in the first half and was kept off the scoreboard.
- "We made some adjustments at half-time of the Navy game that worked rather well," Holtz said.
- Basically just went with a lot of the same defense has them confused in the first half.
- Specifically, the Irish did not let the Falcons do their usual flatter, they forced the issue, taking the offensive while on defense.
- "We wanted to attack more in the first half," DeBerry said.
- "It was an enjoyable, butt-whoopin game, but it was a pleasant surprise."
Ron Powlus offers his well-wishes to Notre Dame's new starting quarterback, Thomas Krug.

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Top: Falcon quarterback Beau Morgan gets tripped up by Notre Dame linebacker Bert Berry.

Bottom: An Air Force cadet prepares his falcon for takeoff during the halftime show.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, COL.

It's a done deal. With a 9-2 record and a top ten ranking, Notre Dame has an $8 million bowl in its future. But just to make it official, the Irish players had a vote following Saturday's 44-14 victory over Air Force.

"Our players voted to accept a bid," coach Lou Holtz said, "even with the stipulations."

Those stipulations, basically, are that the team will go where it is told, based on a bowl's offer and the university's acceptance.

And don't count out the Fiesta Bowl on the list of New Year's possibilities.

"A lot depends on the Florida-Florida State game," Nokia Sugar Bowl executive Jerry Romig said. "If Florida State wins, the Fiesta Bowl may not be sitting on a one versus two game."

Second-ranked Ohio State may suffer the same fate as Penn State did last season—go undefeated and miss out on the glory because of the voters.

"They'd be a very attractive option for the Fiesta Bowl," Romig said.

Of course, if Florida wins, the point is moot. The Irish would probably head to the Orange Bowl and face Miami, assuming the Hurricanes can knock off Syracuse next week.

Bowl Blunders?: For the second straight season, a national championship will probably not be decided on the field. Second-ranked Ohio State may suffer the same fate as Penn State did last season—go undefeated and miss out on the glory because of the voters. Should a playoff system be instituted?

"Give the Bowl Alliance a chance," Romig said. "I hear the Rose Bowl may join. If that happens, we can't miss. Of course, that's what we thought this year."

Off the Clock: Notre Dame's defense was truly dominating Saturday night, but the main reason was not any major scheme change.

"It's all a matter of timing," defensive coordinator Bob Davie said. "With the open date, we were ready to play."

Before the Irish faced Army, they had to play Texas, Ohio State and Washington. They then hosted USC and Boston College before taking on Navy. Both the academies had off-weeks before playing Notre Dame.

Tenacity in Writing: Air Force cadets and fans showed their excitement for the game by displaying many signs around Falcon Stadium.

However, these signs were not of the typical nature. Several sheets were covered with mutilated leprechauns. Countless signs depicted Falcons talons ripping little Irish people apart. Some even had missiles blowing them up.
Daddy: Last Friday marked the triumphant return of James Bond to the big screen. Due to the fact that the event is long overdue and eagerly anticipated as the inevitable release of Disney's sequel, I felt the need to bring in some outside talent in order to provide the comprehensive coverage of the event that Not Dame news presents. Please allow me to introduce my lovely assistant for this endeavor, Mr. Dominic DeVito. Jules, an Accent Film Critics music critic, is here to provide a perspective on "Goldeneye" to accompany mine.

Jules: Bond has long since consumed the last of his narrative ideas. With the advent of "Goldeneye", he has now officially worn out his welcome.

When I was a youth of about 8-14 years, I had a special private world that I would retreat to in times of trial and tribulation. This creative haven was one dominated by the actions and imagery produced by author Ian Fleming, through the medium of his most spectacular character, James Bond. I am forced to admit that I anticipated as the inevitable release of 'Goldeneye' he has now officially worn out his welcome. With this thought I bid you goodnight, and onde the spotlight to my good friend Jules.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Daddy for allowing me to participate in this exercise in criticism.

HAPPY DAYS/Our Lives Update

Jack or Peter? or Jack? or...?

By CHRISTINA FTICSAR and ERIN KELSEY

Jack or Peter? or Jack? or...?

Hey Days' fans! Don't miss this Tuesday when Peter and Jennifer are set to get married. Who will love enough to walk out with Jack? If Katie and Eric from the Notes Dame Track Team have anything to do with it, it'll be Jack.

The biggest news this week was the birth of Sami and Lucas's (oops, we mean Jennifer's) son, William Reed. As she was being wheeled to the operating room to be put on antibiotics. (Prediction: Baby will need blood, Austin's won't match, Lucas's will. Sami and Lucas will get hold of tests, and no one will know for months that Lucas is the real father.)

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Another interesting facet of the film is the visual innuendo. This facet of the Bond dialogue is utilized at an all-time high rate in "Goldeneye." Not only does Bond get 2 1/2 women in this film, but he finds it necessary to talk about it all the time. Yes, subtle ribaldry is back. Thirdly, the amazing cinematography was quite impressive. There's nothing remotely flammable in close proximity to the favorite British agent.

I didn't like much else about the movie. Okay, the females (with the obvi­ous exception of the new and unim­proved M) were rather appealing to the visual portion of my being, and did a fair job of acting, but there was little room for character development, not that one expects to see female leads in Bond flicks to have any character. And, like Daddy said, the effects pretty much dis­prove the laws of physics. Pretty lame for something that's not a cartoon.

In conclusion, I'd just like to say that I feel cheated. The movie is long, some­what boring in many parts, and there are only so many Yugos that can get crushed by a tank before it's just not funny anymore. Therefore, I recom­mend that you save your cash for now, and just wait until it's out on video. Or go read a good book instead.
Elkington and Calcavecchia victorious in weekend birdiefest

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - Steve Elkington and Mark Calcavecchia, 13-under par 59 in a scramble format Sunday to win the $1.1 million Star Player title and shooting 13-under par 64 to catch shot over Lee Janzen and Chip Beck, who had a final-round 57.

"We could have birdied every hole on Friday," said Elkington. "We were never in trouble but knew we had to make a lot of birdies to win." Calcavecchia and Elkington, who finished at 34-under par 194 total in the 54-hole event, start their careers with eight consecutive birdies. It was Elkington's second Shark Shootout title and Calcavecchia's first. Each won $15,000.

"I hit a lot of good irons but Steve hit one of his iron's greatest today," Calcavecchia said. "You get into grooves like that and you know you got a good chance of hitting good shots. It was exciting and great to win here for the first time." Janzen and Beck birdied the last eight holes to win $65,000 each.

"We played better than most and should have finished 10th hole," Janzen said. "I had a lot of fun and these different formats force you to attack the golf course from the first hole. It really helps you become an aggressive player." The three-day event, now in its seventh year, uses a different golf course from the first hole.

The teams of Hale Irwin and Bruce Lietzke and Tom Kite and Jay Haas tied for ninth at $2,000 while Fuzzy Zoeller and Arnold Palmer were at 192 after a 59.

Curtis Strange and Mark O'Meara finished ninth with a closing 58 for 164, while Fuzzy Zoeller and John Daly, despite a final-round 60, were another three strokes back in last.

The Shark Shootout, sponsored by Frank Wilkinson, was played over the 7,025-yard Sherwood Country Club.

By WENDY LANE

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Patrick Ewing returned for a poor shooting night by hitting a tie-breaking basket with 30.5 seconds left as the New York Knicks squeaked by the Vancouver Grizzlies, 98-93, Sunday night at Madison Square Garden.

After Ewing's shot gave New York a 95-93 lead, Greg Thompson drove to the basket, missed a layup and was called out-of-bounds. But he was granted his own rebound. He argued the call, resulting in a technical foul.

Charles Oakley's foul shot at the foul line for the Grizzlies' win over the Knicks, won them the second round, 108-105, to go against the Grizzlies. Dave Johnson led the Grizzlies with 25, and Anthony Mason had 20 on 10-for-12 shooting.

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Irish

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bitters Jaimie Lee and Angie Harris. Harris continues to lead the Irish record book, as he is second in the game against Pittsburgh, she served her 12th career service ace to surpass Alicia Turner's record in All-time career service ace set at 21 in 1992. Harris also broke her own record of ace serves in a game, with 8 against Texas, earlier this season.

Harris led the Irish in both matches, tallying 10 kills and 2 blocks in the 10 kills in the victory over Villanova and 18 kills against Pittsburg. His leading performance gained Harris the title of Big East MVP. This weekend was not the first time that Harris' name has shown up in the history books. Harris' continued from page 16

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Indeed, the Irish are now in great position for post-season play. With the tournament drawing taking place next Sunday, the Irish will most likely receive a first-round bye, but if the bye does not go their way, they will at least play host to their first NCAA match.

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Don Majkowski was once a star in the NFL. The "Majik Man" had his own TV show, "Man," was a celebrity when he played in Green Bay. Majkowski made the most of a straight since owner William Clay Ford issued an ultimatum that had anything to do with our roles a lot better.

In addition to taking advantage of their opportunities, the Irish also demonstrated the defense that has progressively solidified over the season. This defense will be even more important as the Irish continue deeper into the tournament. "Any time they got in our end, we stuffed them," Petrucelli said. "We've had as many opportunities and chances and we didn't finish."

The Irish capitalized on their chances, putting away five of their twelve shots.

"Early in the game we finished very well," Petrucelli noted. "We had a couple of chances that we put away and it changed the whole momentum of the game."

"I think we're close to being settled in a lineup," Petrucelli said. "We're starting to know our roles a lot better."
Junior Kaityna Galther and one of five Irish players that Sports Writer again against Sopron of Hungary. In which they finished 2-0, overtime. This ends a preseason tour in which they finished 2-0, so I have to be happy with that.

Despite this offensive display, two glaring things the home team must work on stuck out in this game: defense and turnovers. The Irish surrendered 83 points, a fact that worries coach McGraw. "Our defense concerns me now. We have to be able to defend the dribbler better right now. We have to be able to defend the dribbler better right now. We have to be able to defend the dribbler better right now."

Although the Irish opened up a 15-point lead within the last 10 minutes of the half following a McMillen three-pointer, the Hoosiers went on a 14-6 spurt to cut the halftime score to 38-31.

The second half featured more runs by each team. Notre Dame broke out of the gates early and opened up the lead to 64-44 with 10:43 left to play in regulation when McMillen hit yet another three-pointer. Said coach McGraw, "I'm very happy with the performance of Sheila McMillen. Although she's only a freshman, she played like a veteran by committing only one turnover."

With a strong comeback effort in the last minute of regulation, the Irish forced the game into overtime. First, Poirier put two free throws, making it 76-73. Morgan came back down the court and hit a long-range jumper, cutting the deficit to two points. In overtime, the Irish went on a 13-4 run, that gave Notre Dame the lead for good.

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Adhering to a game plan is crucial to a team’s performance. Once a squad succumbs to its opponent’s style of play, they’re as good as dead. Just ask Wisconsin.

The Badgers attempted to create an offense off of Notre Dame mistakes. They were determined to keep Cindy Daws from scoring, and tried to deny possession to Notre Dame instead of maintaining it themselves. Granted, in order to effectively compete, you must know the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition. But as soon as the Badgers became more focused on shutting down Notre Dame than playing their own game, they put their NCAA tournament future into the wrong hands.

“We were never placed in any bad situations because we handled everything early,” said sweeper Ashley Schnarr. “The weren’t dribbling at us, and we were able to push them back to their penalty box. We were just more effective than they were.”

Notre Dame took advantage of Wisconsin by refusing to make mistakes and involving all of their players instead of focusing on their strengths. The Irish did not stray from their strategy of passing and tight defense, and put pressure on the Badger backfield through solid dribbling and timely looks.

Possession was the name of the game once again, as Notre Dame was able to maintain control for most of the contest, virtually nullifying the lull force of the Badger attack. Without the ball, the Wisconsin offense couldn’t begin, and the few opportunities that were presented became all the more precious.

“We’re a team where we need to put in a goal against Notre Dame. If we can’t make the most of our chances, we lose any advantages we might have. Notre Dame is too good a team to not get on early if we expect to win,” said Badger coach Dean Duerst.

Another key component of the victory was taking advantage of scoring opportunities. Notre Dame managed only 12 shots on goal for the game, but connected on five of their attempts, the decisive percentage due to concentration on converting scoring chances in practice. Shannon Rea epitomized the effective Irish attack, sending the ball home on three of out four shots.

“Early in the game, we finished very well. We had some chances that we put away that changed the whole complexion of the game,” said Irish coach Chris Petrucci. “For the first 20 minutes of play, things were pretty even. But everything changed once we started to score goals.”

Wisconsin had a rough day offensively, augmented by the stellar defensive display the Irish put forth all over the field. Wisconsin’s only chances came early on, and their inability to cash in on opportunities took them out of the game.

“I think that we had just as many scoring chances as Notre Dame did,” said Duerst. “The difference was that they could convert and we didn’t put anything away. Their defense played well enough that we needed to take advantage of our opportunities when they came, and we couldn’t do it.”

“The whole team has to play defense, and that starts with the forward line,” said Irish forward Amy Van Laecke. “Putting pressure on the ball at all times is very important to our game. It’s something that we’ve really improved as the season has progressed.”

The Irish game plan must remain constant and effective for the rest of the NCAA tournament. If they hope to eliminate next week’s opponent, Connecticut, they must once again concentrate on their own strengths and weaknesses rather than on those of the Huskies. If they play their own game, they’re difficult to defeat. Just ask Wisconsin.

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Grbac looks to prove himself against

By STEVEN WINE

As an encore to part one of "The Beatles Anthology," ABC-TV proudly presents Elvis Grbac.

But he'll have to share the prime-time spotlight Monday night with Dan Marino. And perhaps Steve Young.

Grbac likely will make his fifth consecutive start as Young's replacement when the San Francisco 49ers face Marino and the Miami Dolphins. But Young, sidelined by a sore throwing shoulder, has recovered rapidly from arthroscopic surgery last Monday and may be available off the bench.

"Miami better he prepared for him, basically," 49ers coach George Seifert said.

The quarterback drama also includes Hall of Famer Frank Tarkenton. Marino needs three touchdowns passes to break Tarkenton's NFL record of 342.

But Marino acknowledges that the game overshadowed his pursuit of Tarkenton's most significant record.
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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Be prepared. An office or personal problem will eventually work itself out.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Take calculated risks and plunge into new areas can bring you good luck this week. A creative arrangement provides the financial backing to launch a pet project. A romantic goal moves within easy reach.

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Badgering Wisconsin

Notre Dame advances in NCAAs with 5-0 shutout

By JOE VILLINSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's first two goals against Wisconsin on Sunday originated in the corner.

The following three came from the Boxx.

True to her name, Shannon Boxx spent most of her time yesterday around the box as the freshman recorded her first collegiate hat trick in Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over the Badgers in the NCAA regional semifinals.

The Irish are now expected to host Big East rival Connecticut next Sunday for the opportunity to advance to the national semifinals in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The Huskies moved on Sunday with a 3-0 win over Massachusetts.

Irish freshman Shannon Boxx scored a hat trick in the 5-0 win over Wisconsin.

Irish overwhelm opposition to win Big East

Notre Dame dominated the Big East in its inaugural season by finishing undefeated claimed the regular season crown, but with the victory over Pitt and a 15-3, 15-9, 15-12 victory over Villanova in the semi-finals on Saturday, they were officially named the 1995 Big East Champions.

In addition to the team success, the Irish received many individual accolades from the their new conference. Junior co-captain Jenny Birkner was named Big East Player of the Year, while Brown received Big East Co-Coach of the Year recognition along with Villanova head coach Ron Twomey.

"Jenny Birkner is just a great all-around player," Brown said of the 5-11 outside hitter.

"She is not as overpowering as some of the other players, but she is such a great player on both sides of the net."

Joining Birkner on the first team are sophomore outside hitter Angie Hori and senior middle blocker Debbie Brown.

But the 26-6 Irish team has definitely recovered. In fact, Sunday's championship match of the Big East tournament was a perfect example of Irish resilience as they bounced back from a flirty Pittsburgh first-game performance to win the match 5-15, 15-7, 15-1, 15-4 and set Notre Dame's name in stone as the best team in the Big East.

"I was really pleased with how the team bounced back and dominated Pitt after the first game," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Pitt came out very emotional in the first game, but I just told the team to be patient."

"I know if we were patient, everything would fall together."

With its 13-0 conference record, the Irish already started the season 20-0 and finished the season 29-1.

Joining the Irish in the new conference are Pitt, St. John's, Boston College, Louisville, and Connecticut.

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Irish freshman Shannon Boxx scored a hat trick in the 5-0 win over Wisconsin.

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