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Outlook gets brighter for recent college graduates

By JUDY DAUBENMIER
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich.

New college graduates will find it slightly easier to turn their degrees into paychecks next spring, especially if they have an internship on their resume, a hiring survey released Monday shows.

The survey by Michigan State University projects a 4.7 percent increase in the number of new college graduates who can expect to get jobs, the third straight annual improvement.

"It remains a very competitive job market out there so the graduates by no means will find it easy hunting," said Patrick Scheetz, the survey author. "It is a modest improvement."

Scheetz, director of the College Employment Research Institute at the school, also said the best job prospects are for engineers, computer scientists, business majors, health professionals and science majors.

Starting salaries offered to new college graduates will inch up only about half a percent compared to last year, he said.

Chemical engineers will draw the highest pay — $41,183 — while journalists will be offered the lowest starting salaries — $20,154.

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Another voice of division
How refreshing it was to stumble upon the inaugural issue of Right Reason this month. What the University needs at this point is precisely yet another angry, pompous, divisive tract.

To quote perhaps the most famous (or infamous) victim of this decaying doctrine, "reason will just get you there." Now don't get me wrong. I am in favor of progress, but I am not in favor of provoking writing on this campus. After all, this is a university, and we are supposed to be questioning just that philosophy which football fans will face in a Bowl Game come New Year's Day. There exist many issues on this campus, in this country, and on this planet that deserve to be discussed on the pages of The Observer's Viewpoint section. Truth in reasoning, and truth in multiculturalism, and folk music (of all people) and attacks and snide comments on Protestants, not to mention the University's "diversity." We have little doubt in our minds that this is a campus which is moving closer to division than ever before, and there is little apparent mixing among the races, and little to no tolerance among any for "different" students such as homosexuals.

The fact remains that Notre Dame is a largely white, upper-middle class Catholic community. Much progress has been made towards a more diverse community, but we still have a long way to go in terms of understanding and loving one another. If Notre Dame and members of the Notre Dame community want to justify the current trend of scientific, exclusive rhetoric, as a result of the relatively recent expansion of what was, merely thirty years ago, a lily white all male, Catholic University, then it is their choice. This fact probably goes a long way towards justifying the situation. But let's keep the focus on the supposed element of love and compassion that exists within the Catholic faith. Let the love and acceptance that Christ showed for others be the model for our approach towards those we encounter in our years under the Dome.

After all, who needs hate when you can have love?

Think about it.

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

NEW YORK

Michael Jordan was the top earner among athletes for the fourth consecutive year, increasing his annual income to $43.9 million from $30.01 million. Jordan earned $39 million in salary and $4 million in outside income. Forbes estimated in its Dec. 19 issue. Even some longtime supporters of the Associated Press were angered by Gingrich's statement that he spoke before the three French goals. Senate Majority Leader Bob Duke of Kansas said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that maybe it's best now to keep a lower profile.

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Transportation strike poses threat to French economy

PARIS

Faced with a massive strike that risks shutting down the French economy, the government said Sunday it would use 1,700 private buses so many miles of commuters could get to work. Even the company that runs Paris' tourist shuttle service, "Les Mouches," tour boats said it would provide free shuttle service along the Seine so "harassed Parisians" could get around. The three tour boats each have 1,000 seats. Railroad, public transport, postal and utilities workers have been striking for 10 days to protest the government's austerity measures, and on Sunday their leaders urged private-sector workers to join them the next day. Nevertheless, the conservative government, determined to strike a balance between tight-ening plans, isn't backing down. Speaking in Berlin, President Jacques Chirac defended the plan and urged the French to trust the government. "France is at a crossroads," he said in his first comment on the transport strike.

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Clinton approves first American forces into Bosnia

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

President Clinton authorized a vanguard of 700 American troops to open a risky mission into Bosnia on Monday. The United States, part of a 60,000-troop inter-trainined in logistics and communications.

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press

Bosnia-Herzegovina

The region where 20,000 U.S. GIs will be enforcing peace in Bosnia is also patrolled by small units of the Bosnian army and several groups of Muslim mujahedeen — holy warriors who say they will defend Bosnia against Serb aggression

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON

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U.S. deployment to Bosnia

Cost aspects of the U.S. participation in Bosnia peacekeeping:

- **Troops:** 1,000 troops $500 million
- **20,000 troops in Bosnia** $300 million
- **5,000 troops in other parts of the former Yugoslavia** $1.2 billion

Operation "Deny Flight" (continued operations):
- U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon $600 million
- Blackhawk helicopter $600 million

Support functions (missions outside Bosnia):
- $200 million
- $100 million

Total estimated cost for one-year's military deployment: $2 billion

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‘Holy warriors’ welcome U.S.

By BRYAN BRUMLEY

Bosnia-Herzegovina

The region where 20,000 U.S. GIs will be enforcing peace in Bosnia is also patrolled by several groups of Muslim mujahedeen — holy warriors who came to Bosnia to assist the Muslim-led government.

Some mujahedeen joined special units of the Bosnian army. From their base nestled in the stark hills amid coal slag heaps and strip mines along the Sava, they say they welcome the Americans and hope to receive U.S. training and arms.

But others, more independent units who clashed with British troops earlier this year, are wild cards.

Some mujahedeen in the Bosnian army say they’ve already received clandestine training from former U.S. special forces officers near the small town of Lukavac.

U.S. officials have denied aiding the Bosnian. But one former mujahedeen said he fought alongside two American Muslims, who were acting independently of the U.S. government, on missions behind Serbian lines.

The 9th Muslim Brigade is based at Mesovic, 9 miles west of Tuzla, where the Americans may be headquartered. It is attached to the 2nd Corps of the regular Bosnian army.

A former mujahedeen, Amir Sakić, rejected Western fears that the Bosnian mujahedeen may pose a threat to NATO forces.

"I’m afraid that the American people look at us like some kind of aborigines," Sakić said.

A threat, however, might come from non-Bosnian mujahedeen units, the most militant warriors, said to include Afghan and Sudanese fighters funded in part by Iran.

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Just a typical Friday night: good friends, lots of alcohol... until something goes very wrong:

**CARE Presents:**

"When A Kiss is Not Just A Kiss"

- An interactive play adapted for Notre Dame lifetime
- Performed by Notre Dame and St. Mary’s students
- Monday, December 4, 1995
  - 7:30 pm in the Library Auditorium

* Refreshments Will Be Served! from Brown University
Interim Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs Submitted to Professor Patricia O’Hara, Vice President for Student Affairs

In your March 6, 1995, Open Letter to the Notre Dame community, you announced the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, and you asked that the committee consider the following questions:

1) How can the University, through Student Affairs, sponsor a facilitated setting respectful of Church teaching in which gay and lesbian students can come together as a group to explore common issues and find mutual support?

2) What types of programs should Student Affairs sponsor for rectors, hall staff and other Student Affairs professionals to better equip them to meet the needs of our gay and lesbian students?

3) What additional measures should Student Affairs take to promote an environment free of harassment based on sexual orientation?

As you know, the committee submitted a preliminary report to you on May 1, 1995, a copy of which appeared in the May 3 edition of the Observer, in which we reported on the status of our conversations as of the end of the 1995 spring semester. Our May 1 report contained several recommendations which dealt specifically with part (2) of our mandate. The committee is pleased to note the implementation of several of these recommendations, in particular the inclusion of a workshop on gay and lesbian issues in R.A. Orientation, your words of welcome at Freshman Orientation which made specific reference to gay and lesbian students, and the efforts of several residence hall rectors to welcome and support gay and lesbian students.

Early in our work together this semester, the committee determined that if we were truly to serve the needs of gay and lesbian students on this campus, it was imperative for us to listen to a number of voices within the Notre Dame community. We have spent most of the semester doing just this. We have met six times over the course of this semester. Of those six meetings, four were devoted to listening to approximately 45 people, most of whom are gay or lesbian students on this campus.

The committee has chosen to spend this semester listening, and we will spend the early part of next semester formulating and discussing our final recommendations. The complexity of the issues before us and the committee’s desire to be open to the voices we have heard require that we take the time needed for careful reflection and honest dialogue among committee members. We have asked you to extend the time for the submission of our final report from the original December 6, 1995, date to March 1, 1996, and you have agreed to do so.

While we are not ready to offer our final recommendations, we did want to update you on the work of the committee during this 1995 fall semester. In listening to gay and lesbian students on this campus, both undergraduate and graduate, many expressed feelings of fear, frustration and isolation. The students spoke of the very real terror they experienced at the prospect of revealing their sexual orientation to roommates, friends and family. Several students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide. Others chose to act out in ways that were equally self-destructive. While some have been encouraged by the recent efforts of the University to welcome and support them, most continue to question whether they are truly valued as members of this community.

The gay and lesbian students with whom we spoke talked about how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame. These students have had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University. GLND/SMC has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we listened.

Many gay and lesbian students spoke about their commitment to their faith and their desire to find a way to live as adult Christians. They want the University to provide gay and lesbian students with the resources they need to integrate their sexuality and their faith lives. They expressed their need for gay and lesbian role models who can assist them in this process.

We have also listened to a small group of gay members of the faculty who shared their perspectives on the needs of gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame. The faculty members underscored many of the concerns raised by the students. Some described an atmosphere of fear among gay and lesbian faculty which impacts negatively upon students who are coming to terms with their own sexual identity. They urged that the non-discrimination clause found in University publications be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Representatives from the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay (PFLAG) spoke with the committee from the vantage point of their experience. These representatives highlighted the discrimination and harassment that their gay and lesbian friends and children often face, and the erroneous assumptions so many of us make about homosexuality.

The committee has found these listening sessions with students, faculty and parents invaluable and is grateful to all who shared their insights. Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months. The members of the committee have grown in their awareness of the pain and sense of alienation experienced by gay and lesbian students on this campus. We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have cared for and assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians.

In the weeks ahead, the committee will frame its final recommendations in light of what we have heard and within the context of our mandate. It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will help to make Notre Dame the kind of safe and inclusive environment it should be and enhance the University’s efforts to meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students.

On behalf of the committee, I thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann M. Firth, Chair
December 1, 1995
Childless question tax credit

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

From almost any angle, the Republicans' proposed $500-per-child tax credit looks like a sure crowd pleaser. But there's an undercurrent of discontent.

Although some lawmakers would rather cut the budget deficit, or want lower income eligibility caps, no one has doubted the credit's sheer political popularity.

However, resentment simmers among those left out. They include childless taxpayers, parents of children too old to qualify (those 18 and older) and divorced parents without custody.

"I do not have a chance to claim any exemptions, being single," Emerald Star of Hen- "We want to provide for our children. Unfortunately, we are often prevented from doing so because of our diminished living standard," he said.

Some, such as Joyce Ball of Danville, Ill., agreed with the Republican push to funnel tax relief to parents above the current $2,450 exemption for dependents:

"We want to provide for our children," said Sabo, D-Minn.

"Do not limit the $500 tax credit to just families," wrote Wayne Weiss of Newport, Ore. "Retirees and all other middle-class taxpayers need tax relief as well. Taxation is putting us all in the poor house."

"In fact, she represents the majority of taxpayers. Only 29 million households will get the credit, in effect shifting some of the relative tax burden onto the other 86 million house- holds.

The National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Re- form, headed by former Hous- ing Secretary Jack Kemp, so- licited one-page letters in Money magazine and in other forums.

Most focus on the long-range issue before the commission, whether a flat-rate income tax or a consumption tax should replace the current system. But many writers also comment on this year's legisla- tion, which includes the credit.

Earlier this year, President Clinton propo sed his own per-child credit. So some form of it seems to have the best chance of any tax provision to survive negotiations between the ad- ministration and Congress.

But, whatever the outcome, not everyone will be happy. (Those cast will receive scripts, and soda will be served.)

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Christmas Movie Night
Saturday, December 9, 1995
LaFortune Ballroom

8:00PM A Year without a Santa Claus
9:00PM Frosty the Snowman
9:30PM The Grinch who stole Christmas
10:00PM Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
11:00PM A Christmas Story

Free Christmas cookies, popcorn and soda will be served.

Mary Mallah, a Miami Beach attorney and president of the Association of Separated American Parents, said di- vorced parents without custo- dy deserve the credit as well as "Ozzie-and-Harriet" fami- lies.

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"But others want stricter lim- its," she asked. "A change to allow a deduction for only one or two children would be an incentive to produce less children," wrote Fred Chapman of Virginia Beach, Va.

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WASHINGTON

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Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., also pressed Clinton to produce a plan for balancing the budget in seven years, saying the burden would be on the president's shoulders if the government is forced to shut down for a second time when a temporary spending measure expires on Dec. 15. Dole said Saturday that a repetition of the six-day shut- down in November was "not going to happen." But he con- ditioned that remark in his appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday.

"I'm not an advocate of shut- ting down the government. We did that. We made our state- ment," Dole said. But if Clinton "doesn't come forth with any- thing and make any serious offers, then we have to face up to a shutdown again on the 15th.

"Just as we are cooperating with the president on Bosnia, he needs to cooperate with us on the budget," Dole said.

The longest federal shutdown in history ended on Nov. 19 under an agreement between the White House and Congress that extended spending until Dec. 15 while committing the president to negotiating a seven-year timetable for bal- ancing the budget.

But opening of those ne- gotiations last week produced little but acrimony.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R- N.M., joining Kasich on NBC's "Meet the Press," said the lack of progress resulted from "a huge battle going on in the White House. Actually it's a battle for the soul of the presi- dent — does he really want a balanced budget in seven years?"

Democrats appearing on NBC countered that it was the Republi- cans who cut off the talks on Thursday amid noisy politi- cal posturing. "The administra- tion was there Thursday with a load of materials ready to talk," insisted Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn.

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**Champs**

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The conclusion, it stunned even the players' and the coaches.

"I never saw the shot," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "And then, when I saw everybody react, I thought, 'Oh my God, we won it.'"

A combination of confusion by the Pilots and heads-up thinking by Daws lead to the Irish score. After a Portland penalty gave the Irish a free kick, Pilot goalkeeper Erin Fahey was so preoccupied with setting up a wall of defenders that she was screened by the players from seeing the shot. Daws noticed her confusion and took advantage of it.

"It was a great play on Cindy's part," goalkeeper Jen Renola said. "We needed brains to win this game. We were too tired."

Daws would have never been in position to score if Renola had not made a clutch save on a breakaway shot from the Pilots' Kimberly Engesser (brother of Notre Dame men's team member Brian Engesser) at point-blank range in the first overtime.

"Engesser" was wide open," said Daws. "When she came toward me, two things ran through my mind. I was thinking 'Wow, she is so wide open,' and then I thought that nothing was going to get through my hands."

Fortunately, Engesser did not get a good shot. The freshman forward launched a kick that went directly into the calm arms of Renola.

After that shot, I knew that someone wanted us to win," Renola said. "Someone was on our side."

That level of cool confidence was echoed by some of the Irish faithful as they waited at the airport terminal last night for the team to return. A collective gasp rose from Notre Dame students watching the game on television on campus as Renola made the save, but from that point on, several students believed the Irish were destined to win.

"My heart stopped [when Engesser took that shot]," said senior Monica Pons. "I was watching the game on television in the student union at the time. I was thinking 'Wow, she is so wide open,' and then I thought that nothing was going to get through my hands."

The stage for yesterday's championship contest was set with a 1-0 win over the Tar Heels on Friday. Despite concerns that the Irish would experience a letdown after the semifinal triumph, Petrucelli had the team ready to go.

"Throughout the season, we kept talking about what our goals were, and one of our goals was to win the national championship," Petrucelli said. "We stuck with that goal."

Daws, sporting a perpetual grin as he waited for the team's plane to arrive, agreed.

"Petrucelli was wise enough to keep the team focused after the North Carolina win. He told us that the intensity of the championship matchup was not anticlimactic."

"The players are all looking out of the corner of their eye at the economy," Schetsel said. "There has been so much downscaling and re-engineering going on that many of the opportunities that once existed have disappeared. ... There are many jobs that have been lost in recent years and those probably will not return for many, many years," he said.

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"Throughout the season, we kept talking about what our goals were, and one of our goals was to win the national championship," Petrucelli said. "We stuck with that goal."

Daws, sporting a perpetual grin as he waited for the team's plane to arrive, agreed.

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Associated Press

TEL AVIV

Yigal Amir fed rumors of a wider conspiracy in the assassination when he said that authorities killed a Rabin bodyguard who helped him by creating confusion during the Nov. 4 shooting at a Tel Aviv peace rally.

"Why don't you publicize that they killed one of Rabin's bodyguards? The one who shouted 'The bullets are dummies,' " Amir said, waving his hand dismissively and sitting down.

A government spokesman called Amir's comments "non-sense."

Police investigator Arieh Silberman requested Amir's detention be extended eight days beyond the maximum 30 days without charge. The contents of the document were not revealed.

The judge agreed to extend Amir's detention by four days.

Rabin's assassin suggests bodyguard helped him

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PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"This is the sweetest moment in my life," said Khalil Dakakdeka from the nearby village of Beit Fajjar. "We have waited for this moment for many years," said Bethlehem merchant Nader Hidweh.

As he raised the flag, Brig. Gen. Ziad Antarash, a senior police commander, announced: "Christmas will be under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority, and Arafat will attend the ceremonies." Thirty thousand people are expected to attend Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem's Manger Square, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, for the first Christmas under Palestinian control.

In past years, visitors passed through Israeli metal detectors to reach Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, and Israeli army snipers were posted on rooftops.

Israeli troops are to leave Bethlehem on Dec. 18, but there has been talk of troops retaining control of the Bethlehem main road and military headquarters if a bypass road around the city for Jewish settlers has not been finished.

Earlier Sunday, dozens of Palestinians tried in vain to block bulldozers clearing land for a bypass road around Hebron, 12 miles south of Bethlehem. The road cuts through cultivated olive groves and grape vineyards in Halhoul, a Palestinian village outside of Hebron.

"This is my land, and it is the only thing I have," said Ali Akel, 45. "I understand that this peace is a peace for land, but the Israeli government has both the peace and the land." Soldiers pushed the protestors back and kept them from blocking the bulldozers.

Under the Israel-PLO agreement signed in September, Israel is supposed to be out of six Palestinian cities by the end of the year, and out of Hebron in March.

Israel's Cabinet said Sunday that the redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank will proceed on schedule.

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Give me a 'Z'...

Zahn Hall junior Mike Tobin helps put up the dorm's traditional Christmas decoration, a large 'Z' adorned with red lights.

WEST BANK

Palestinian police enter Bethlehem

By NASSER SHOUKH
Associated Press

BEIT JALI

The first Palestinian police who will take control of Bethlehem from Israeli troops by Christmas raised the Palestinian flag on a hill overlooking the biblical city Sunday.

About 400 people turned out to welcome the 12 officers who opened the Israeli-Palestinian liaison office in this neighboring village. They raised the red, green, black and white Palestinian flag over the office.

Residents clapped and chanted "We will sacrifice soul and blood for Palestine" when the officers marched in, carrying handguns, flags and pictures of...
Communists gaining support

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press

VOLOGRAD

Outside the huge Volgograd Tractor Factory, where half the workers have been laid off, campaign fliers are posted every yard or so — all for Communist Alevtina Aparina. The photograph of the year-old parliament member and regional Communist Party leader is tiny next to the factory’s giant Soviet-era murals of muscled construction workers. But her influence is bigger.

The Communists swept the election for Volgograd’s City Council in October, winning 22 of the 24 seats in this depressed industrial city once known as Stalingrad. Party leaders portray the city as a stronghold in Russia’s heartland.

Actually, the Communists on the city council are having trouble even following through on their plan to change its name to “City Soviet,” the term used in the days when the party held sway over all of the Soviet Union.

And nobody expects the Communists to win the same kind of margin in the national parliamentary elections Dec. 17.

But the local victory does hold clues to the Communists’ strength — and the limitations they may face if they do win more power.

Aparina says the Communist victory in Volgograd resulted from voters’ despair and disgust with free-market and political reforms.

“People vote for Communists because when Communists were in power, this country was to be rechristened with. When Communists were in power, children got the very best. Old people were guaranteed a secure future,” she said, sipping coffee at her desk beneath a bust of Vladimir Lenin.

Nostalgia for the Soviet past is strong among workers, the old and infirm and others unable to find a niche in the new Russia. They blame democracy for the crime and poverty that has hit many Russians, forgetting the problems that brought down the Soviet Union.

The Communist victory in October was also a display of their still unique organizing skills. They essentially won by just showing up. In one district, the victorious Communist candidate was supported by just 7 percent of the eligible voters.

Other parties say they were caught unprepared or were concentrating on more important races — such as the mayoral race, which was won by a non-Communist, and the national elections.

“The return of the Communists is a myth — a bluff,” said Alexander Petrov, the Volgograd representative of Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin’s Our Home Is Russia bloc.

But while most of the 43 competing parties are still looking for their niches and battling voter apathy, the Communists have their troops: mainly poor retirees who are determined to go to the polls. The old political network that reached every Soviet village and factory still breathes.

In factories like Volgograd Tractor, Communist activists are quietly recruiting the party’s political committees banned by President Boris Yeltsin three years ago.

“Since we’re not in power, we’re obligated to be more prepared,” said Aparina.

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"All work and no play..."

No one can deny that college students work hard — often at more than one project in a 24-hour stretch (classes, part-time job, athletics, community service, etc.). And, with exams coming up, that work load increases.

Is it the storm before the calm? After a week of brain-teasing knowledge-cramping, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will have a much-needed break to recover and celebrate any appropriate holy days. The cheers or relief will rise above the harsh, icy winds.

It is that time of year when Christmas decorations and attitudes runneth over. In these northern locales, snow adds to that festive atmosphere. Also in abundance is the spirit of charity — giving from our abundance to those with less, so their holidays will be warm, sheltered, healthy and well-fed.

After all the hard work of this school year's first semester, it might be quite relaxing and restful to nurture one's individual spirit of charity. It can almost be fun, thinking of ways to really help others above and beyond the usual monetary contributions the Salvation Army can or donations to a church.

Why not, once you make the trip home, investi­gate the possibility of "adopting" a family (or some senior citizens) for the season? Go out and take them to church, help decorate it, or even bring back a Christmas tree (if it suits the family's tradition), help decorate it, pro­duce a few gifts for beneath the tree and a whole­some holiday meal. Then, don't just disappear on Dec. 26.

Continue to interact with this family. If part of their difficulty is an unemployed member of the household, use the knowledge gained from your own life experience to assist with a job search, or help that person find a skills training program. If it is just that there are too many bills and too little money (haven't we all been there at some point?), maybe contribute a bag or two of groceries each week, or think about b i n ary (like the atomic bombs) can never be morally justified, for they violate the "moral law" (World Day of Peace Message, 1976).

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Julie Ferraro

Julie Ferraro is secretary of the Freimann Life Science Center.
Dear Editor:
The future graduates in last year's freshman class will receive two documents when they complete their studies—a hard-earned diploma and loan papers with an average debt of $33,600 per student borrower. What exactly does this mean? One big reason is why the Clinton Administration created the direct-lending program. Direct lending, a disciplined college student aid offers issue federal loan funds directly to students. Direct lending eliminates a lot of the red tape from the old, quarantined loan system. Whereas students waited six weeks or more for loan checks under the old system, the typical turnaround in direct lending is three to four days because funds are transmitted electronically. Now in its second year of operation, direct lending is being hailed by more than 1,500 participating colleges and almost two million student borrowers as a big step forward. In Washington, some who oppose direct lending suggest that this type of program works is not necessarily the same as a program that works, that works. Why? In this case, a look at who is for direct lending and who is opposed to it. Who favors direct lending? Bush Administration officials, the American Bankers Association, and a bipartisan majority in the Congress passed it two years ago. It was mandated in the program report that it is working well, as evidenced by the fact that none of them has asked to get out. The roster of schools includes many of the nation’s leading universities, such as Ohio State University, MIT, Rice University, the University of Colorado, and the University of Florida. Students love it. One student told Rolling Stone that it is “the best thing since microwaveable brownies.” There is no more asking about the status of their loan applications. The typical turnaround in direct lending is almost zero. Students can now choose to pay less in their first years after school, when they get most of their income, a big help for those entering low-paying professions. Direct lending also gives a break to the taxpayer by eliminating excessive administrative and paperwork costs. According to a member of the Federal Reserve Board appointed by President Bush, “As long as it is clear that the payoffs are reducing the cost of student loans, direct lending will be cheaper.” So who opposes direct lending? The guardians of the status quo—the banks and various middlemen agencies that earn billions of dollars in profits while assuming virtually no financial risk, because the guaranteed loan system gives them a federal guarantee to replace their money if a borrower defaults. When it gets down to it, it’s as simple as the old adage “Follow the money.” The bankers are threatened by direct lending; their lobbyists have made clear thousands of congress that they expect to be protected. As one student loan official from Bank America recently put it to the American Banker magazine, “Obviously, my goal would be to get rid of direct loans.” Their victory is now in sight, with the help of a well-financed lobby that is clearly ahead of the public interest. One indication: congressional changed federal accounting rules only as they apply to the Federal Student Aid program. This can appear on paper to be cheaper. The leaders of the congressional campaign to kill direct lending must be tricked or shut down or killed outright, thereby forcing almost two million student borrowers back into the old, quarantined loan system. We need to fight to simplify the system for students and families alike.

The congressional campaign to kill direct lending is just one small piece of the enormous budget plan that the White House is expected to vote on in the next few weeks. To this point, the special interests have not had trouble making their voices heard. Their high-powered lobby-From the Catechism of the Catholic Church "through baptism, we are united with Christ and receive a share in his divine nature." This letter is in response to the Nov. 15 edition of Inside Column entitled "A Conflict of Church and Faith." First off, Margie Husemann needs to be commended in her questioning of and exploration of the Church’s teaching on Male-only ordination. For it is through this type of serious dialogue and reflection of the Church’s teaching, that we come to a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of our faith.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church "through baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God through the Holy Spirit given to us. Baptism is incorporated in the Church and made available to those in her mission." Husemann has been led to believe that this sacrament gives women the "right" to pursue ordination. Simply put, the gift of baptism does not grant a person a role in the priesthood and the consecration of the Eucharist. The fact is, we are not dealing with a question of "rights" at all. For no one has the "right" to ordination, male or female. If this were the case, the Church would have no say in who becomes priests. Often candidates are excluded from the priesthood due to health, intelligence or moral living. No, a call to the priesthood comes from the Church out of the will of God and not from the person. This letter also means "the idea that Jesus selected only men for the priesthood is ridiculous. Jesus never ordained any disciple—male or female."

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Irish capture first national championship in history of program

By DAVE TREACY

CHAPEL HILL, NC

No one knew exactly what happened. In the blink of an eye, Cindy Daws made soccer history.

It happened too fast for Portland goalie Erin Fahey, stuck to the wrong side of the goal post, shifting a wall of Pilot players. It even happened too quickly for Daws to be sure the ball was in the goal.

But Daws’ quick restart of a free direct kick finalized a dream for the Notre Dame women’s soccer program.

A long day and a long season culminated in a single moment of victory, a 1-0 triumph in the final game of the 1995 NCAA tournament, to give Notre Dame its first national championship in its eight-year history.

“I didn’t see the goal,” Irish coach Chris Petrucelli said. “At the end of the (second) over­time period, we had a free kick over on the left side that Holly (Manthei) took. She came back into the huddle during the break and said if we get a free kick, let’s try to take it quick, ‘cause the keeper is setting up the wall and we should have a chance to finish it.”

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Irish always had a reason to believe

By JOE VILLINSKI

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

For the women’s soccer team left for Chapel Hill, Michelle McCarthy professed a simple idea. It was an idea rooted in faith.

In her soft, genuine manner, McCarthy thought like that all the Irish women needed to do to win a national championship was believe.

This belief entailed belief in themselves and in each other, no matter what happened. As long as this faith existed, the irrelevant cries of those who stood in their way did not matter.

And in a blink of an eye, on a lazy Sunday afternoon at Fetzer Field, Cindy Daws affirmed McCarthy’s ultimate belief. Always thinking quickly, Daws used the old drop-and-kick to surprise Portland goalie Erin Fahey in sudden death.

At that point, everyone became a believer. Most of the crowd at Fetzer Field could not help but smile after witnessing how much the Irish accomplished in two games.

For the players, however, McCarthy’s goal did not make them believers. It made them champions.

They were winners of their first NCAA national title which the Irish believed they could attain as they closed out the season with eleven wins.

It was the time before those eleven wins that added Notre Dame in reaching this plateau. This period involved a few doubts that went through the players’ minds after two losses and two ties.

The belief that the goal could be fulfilled never left them, though.

“We went through many hard times that I knew it was going to come together,” said a jubilant McCarthy. “We have too many great players and we believe in ourselves too much to let things like that get in our way.”

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“It just feels awesome,” she said elatedly. “I can believe it, but I don’t know if it’s hit me yet.”

Never one to let a person know how she feels on the field, the whole campus should have been there to see her expression off it.

After all, Prime Network can only show so much.

The moments after a championship win like this reveal a glimpse of the human spirit. For it is this spirit that drives everyone in pursuit of a goal, that at times, appears unreachable.

While the goal has been reached and one can feel it, as the Irish can today and for years to come, it is the soft side of this spirit that is a joy to behold.

Afterwards, Daws talked poignantly about the type of spirit present on this year’s national championship squad. Her words reflected a history that can put this win in perspective.

“I think that we’ve really been through a long and hard year,” she remarked. “There’s been a lot of doubts and people who stopped believing. I was one of those people who was on the edge of quitting. At the beginning of the year, I was on the verge of red­shirting.”

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History made with semifinal win over UNC

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Clockwise, from left: Jen Renola (top, left) makes a leaping save on North Carolina. Renola, with her teammates, (above) strike a on Portland. (Above, right) Sophomore Kate Sobrero races for the ball in the first half Sunday. (Below, far right) Irish coach Chris Petrucelli of the North Carolina game. Senior Michelle McCarthy (below, right) in the midfield, baffling UNC and Portland defenders with her ball control. (Below, far left) Sophomore Jennifer Lytle races Portland senior Wynne McIntyre to stop a Tar Heel direct kick. Cindy Daws (below, left) races for position against Portland's Wynne McIntyre. Senior Michelle McCarthy (below, far left) races Portland's Wynne McIntyre. Senior Michelle McCarthy (below, far left) races Portland's Wynne McIntyre.
In the second half of Notre Dame's 1-0 semifinal victory over Portland's 1-0 overtime triumph against Portland All-American Shannon MacMillan during overtime, a shot against Portland, McCarthy was the general defending skills. The Irish defense (below) was the true story. Kate Fisher, Ashley Schaffert and Monica Gerardo form a trio through the Pilot defense. Daws was the difference in the corner of the net in sudden death overtime. Vogel
Irish hang on tight to ride out emotional roller coaster

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MacMillan, Portland's leading scorer, had the weight of the nation on her shoulders, and Kate Sobrero in her face. The Irish defender stymied her at almost every turn, forcing Carolina to know the Irish were not going to be pushed around. Last, but not least, Julie Vrabel's midfield work made it tough for Carolina to do anything at all. "I think we all kind of got comfortable," she added. "I put a lot of mental, physical, and emotional effort into every game."

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During and after the game than Judge Ito was on the bench during the "trial of the century." Petrucelli was right.

Notre Dame had never beaten North Carolina before. In seventeen seasons, the Tar Heels had only lost one other game at Fetzer Field. Losing in the semi-final round was the first time North Carolina had lost in an NCAA tournament. The Irish defense started with the back line protected by other back lined players. They didn't win. And the silence was deafening as the cauldron of cheering fans, the national team, the back line, the band, NCAA tournament officials, and regional reporters had nothing to say as the clock closed out the 1-0 Irish victory.

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Scorsese hits the jackpot with "Casino"

By CHRISTINA FTSAR

Tony goes kamikaze to frame John

By SCOTT BOZIK

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Scorsese's new gangster flick, "Casino."
TORONTO
Alonzo Mourning scored nine points during a 13-point fourth-quarter run Sunday night, the Miami Heat stretched their winning streak to five by beat- ing the Toronto Raptors 112-94.
Mourning, 12-for-12 from the free-throw line, was perfect in a 13-point first half, making all four shots and all five free-throw attempts. He was 3-for-8 in the scoreless in the third quarter but scored 15 points in the fourth quarter as the Heat, the four-quarter game winners.

Miami led 28-23 after one quarter and 54-46 at the half. The Heat was a perfect 13-for-14 from the three-free throw line until Kevin Willis missed the second of two with just under a minute to play in the half.

After the Raptors pulled even at 70 with just under five minutes left in the third quarter, Miami closed out the quarter with a season-high 29 points, made of the next seven Heat points to complete a 15-0 run in the third quarter. But the Heat was still held to a season-low 33 points in the third quarter.

Raptors even at 72 with just three straight shots to pull the Heat back into the second half. But the Heat still trailed again.

Damon Stoudamire, who played just over 44 minutes, became the first Heat player to reach double figures in assists, finishing off 15. He added 13 points.

Ed Pinckney continued his strong rebounding with a team-high 15 rebounds to go along with 12 points.

Trailblazers 93, Magic 82
PORTLAND, Ore.
That big sight of relief whooshing out of the Pacific Northwest is from Randolph Childress.
The rookie from Wake Forest had led his team, and he made the most of it, sinking four of 3-pointers and scoring 17 points Sunday night as the Portland Trail Blazers handed the Orlando Magic their second loss in as many nights, 93-82.

The Blazers had an incredible second half, outscoring Orlando, but still trailed much of the game until they used a 15-0 run to take an 84-71 lead on Clifford Robinson’s 15-footer with 4:46 left.

"I felt great about tonight’s game. I felt great about the minutes I got for coach Carlesimo leaving me in the game,” Childress said. "He just told me I made some mistakes down the stretch. He didn’t say much about it. He just pointed me back on the back and said ‘Keep going.’"

"I really, really felt off of that. I kept going. Honestly, it felt like I was in college again."

Childress, who had averaged 1.9 points in the first seven and shot 27 percent from the field in the first 15 games, said his confidence had eroded as he watched game after game from the bench.

Childress said things got so bad he told P.J. Carlesimo about a week ago.

"I asked him if he had given up on me, and he said, ‘No, it looks like you’ve given up on yourself.’"

The talk motivated Childress to keep at it and wait for more opportunities. He had been able to comfortably get into the flow of a game again, asked to go in for 12 minutes, made eight minutes and made two 3-pointers in the second quarter.

Strickland, who was just 3-for-10 shooting, went to the bench with his fourth foul with 6:43 left in the third quarter. But the Heat then ran 10-0 to take a 72-64 lead.

Anfernee Hardaway scored 15 points but was only 6-for-18 as the Magic shot 38 percent, including 4-23 from 3-point range. Nick Anderson was just 4-for-11.

Trailing 11, Scott was 7-for-15 as the Lakers were 15-for-29 from the field in the last two games.

Van Exel scored 5 five straight points to cut the lead in the second quarter. But the Heat could’t take any.

"Until the last six minutes, we were playing a little tight, and that’s when the Magic didn’t take any," said Portland’s guard Floyd.

Lakers 104, Pacers 96
INGLEWOOD Calif.
Elden Elden closed out the quarter with a 91-91 tie with four straight points in the final 1:16.

The Magic’s 92 points were a season low. The Heat had scored 22 last season, the second of two free-throw attempts with 2:40 to play.

Campbell and Van Exel then took over. Campbell hit two free throws late and Van Exel scored five straight to put the Lakers ahead 100-91 with 37.2 seconds remaining.

Van Exel led six Lakers in double figures with 26 points. Campbell had his second-career game and a career-high six steals.

Campbell finished with 16 points, while Van Exel had 15 in his first start of the sea- son. He was looking for the injury Pepper (Pepper) Ano.

Dale Davis led the Pacers with 21 points. Beginning to sit out most of the second quarter, was held to 18 — below his average.

Duane Ferrell scored Indiana’s first four points of the fourth quarter, the Lakers lead to 82-81 with 8:38 remaining.

Ferrell was called for goal- tender foul against Scott in overtime. The Celtics that kept the Lakers up 84-81.

Indiana took its first lead, 85-84, on Ferrell’s foul shots with 6:23 remaining.

Van Exel had 15 points as the Lakers’ advantage to 86-85, and a jumper, and they never trailed.

The Pacers committed key turnovers down the stretch, in- cluding two 3-second violations in the final 7:39.

Indiana is 0-3 on its four-game West Coast trip, losing three straight for the first time this season.

Indiana has gone 3-2 since just won three times in 22 games in the first quarter of the season for the last time.

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Moments away from the four-game run.

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SWC bids farewell to illustrious past

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

HOUSTON
After 81 years, four national champions, five Heisman Trophy winners and several hundred All-Americans, Southwest Conference football is a memory.

The ending came Saturday with two games, although the end had been in sight for years, lurking before league officials signed the papers.

The league was great during its early days when there was nothing better for a Texas kid than to grow up and play football at a Texas college. There was interest in the one-state league and tarnishing its national image.

But teams began losing games and attendance plummeted, conferences convenient bookends to both end zones and names of the schools in Rice's new league lining the facade between the upper and lower decks.

Houston, the league's youngest member, also spent Saturday looking ahead more than behind as people entering the stadium near the Cougars alumni booth were handed a flyer entitled "What Is Conference USA?" to explain the splinter that split the SWC.

Instead, of history showing the SWC couldn't even get the fittest team to do than grow up and play football at a Texas college.

The SWC couldn't even get the fittest team to do that, a 10-0 record over two Saturdays against two future Division I-A programs on the plan that Rice alum Sam Rutigliano came up with.

The Bears knocked Rice out of character for one night as Mitchell was mastered, the entire stadium got up and steamed the ball around.

There was the "Last SWC Touchdown," featuring at one notable representative from all current league teams or at least A&M and one more from Arkansas, a final half-hour show by the Rice band and a postgame "Turning Out The Lights" ceremony during which the scoreboard went blank, the entire stadium got black and a fireworks show was set to music.

Then it was all over.

But it was good while it lasted.

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SPORTS

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich.

These are the games NFL junkies live for.

The Chicago Bears against the Detroit Lions. Erik Kramer against Scott Mitchell. Barry Sanders against the world. Make or break time for a berth in the playoffs. It doesn't get much better than this.

The Bears (7-5) snapped a three-game losing streak last week with a 27-24 victory over the New York Giants. The Lions (6-6) kept one of their patented late-seasons rolls alive with a 44-38 shootout win over Minnesota, extending their winning streak to three games.

"If we win the rest of our games, we've got to be in," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said. "No question about that." Maybe. Maybe not. In a race that light, a 10-6 record might not be good enough. Stranger things have happened.

The Lions are just at this time of year, anyone who has a chance to win six or seven wins at this point of the season, it all turns into one-game seasons, and that's where our team is right now," Chicago coach Mike Ditka said.

For the Lions to keep win outlook's game, they will need Scott Mitchell to continue the play that has produced the No. 3 record in the NFL. The Lions have rolled up 4,580 yards and 35 touchdowns. Mitchell has passed for 3,100 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Kramer has thrown 26 touchdowns passes, two short of Aukerman's single-season club record of 28 in 1943. "Kramer is very confident now in what he's doing," Wanstedt said. "I don't think you can measure what that confidence means.

Sanders needs 96 rushing yards to become the 10th NFL player in history to rush for 10,000 yards. This will be the 100th regular-season start for Sanders, who ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns two weeks ago when the Lions defeated the Bears 24-17 in Chicago.

"You've got guns performing at a higher level than I think they ever have in the past, and obviously the quarterback is doing a very good job and Barry Sanders is Barry Sanders," Wanstedt said.

In Detroit's traditional Thanksgiving Day game. Minnesota frequently stacked eight defenders at the line of scrimmage. The idea was to stop Sanders. But the plan fell through when Mitchell burned the Vikings secondary for a club-record 410 yards and four touchdowns.

Brett Perriman, Brett Favre, Johnnie Morton all had 100 receiving yards in that game as Mitchell was masterful spreading the ball around.

"I think Minnesota found out, that if you let him throw for 300 yards, they don't have the answer on you," Wanstedt said. "That's the scary thing.

"I think we've got to smart and mix it up as far as how we try to slow them down a little bit. You're not going to stop them. You just hope you get them to punt a couple of times.

Neither team plays defense very well.

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Pete Sampras magnificent as U.S. reclaim Davis Cup against Russia

By DAVE CARPENTER
Associated Press

Pete Sampras was Peter the Great against Russia, leading the U.S. team to the Davis Cup title by defeating Yevgeny Kafelnikov on Sunday for his third victory of the weekend.

Sampras, urgently needing a quick victory because of an ever-tightening hamstring, downsed Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), ending the match emphatically with an ace down the middle, and giving the Americans their first Davis Cup title since 1992.

The victory gave the U.S. team an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five final. Andrei Chesnokov closed the Americans their first Davis Cup emphatically with an ace down quick victory because of an title by defeating Yevgeny the U.S. team to the Davis Cup 6(7-4), ending the match downed Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 a third victory of the weekend.

Kafelnikov on Sunday for his Great against Russia, leading a year of disappointment for the Courier in a match played only as a formality and shortened a third set as his cheering U.S. team in straight sets Saturday.

The third set turned out to be critical, however. Stretching his sore hamstring gingerly during one stretch of the second, I think I would have had the energy to keep on playing. Sampras said. But how effective I would have been, I don’t know.

Trailing 3-1, Kafelnikov began taking winners from the baseline and coming to the net more often, gaining confidence as he broke Sampras’ serve to tie the set 3-3.

The two exchanged service breaks and headed into a tiebreaker, where Sampras’ serve-and-volley strength prevailed as he won three points to go up 5-2. On his second match point, he drilled an ace down the middle and thrust his hands into the air, then was embraced by his teammates.

Sampras admitted that the match didn’t compare with winning Wimbledon or the U.S. Open, which he did this year. But it was particularly poignant to win it in a year when his long-time coach, Tim Gullikson, was battling cancer and Gullikson’s twin brother, Tom, captained the Americans to the title.

“I’m extremely happy for the team and for Tom,” Sampras said. “I thought about Tom, and about Tim, during the match. It’s been an emotional year.”

Kafelnikov, meanwhile, got a 5-stroke victory over Zimbabweland’s Nick Price in the Million Dollar Challenge golf tournament Sunday.

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Germany’s two-time winner, Bernhard Langer, and Scotland’s Ian Tom, benefited from the break in their pool for the America birdie.

But Price birdied the next two holes for a one-stroke lead. He maintained the lead when both players parred the fourth hole and birdied the fifth.

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Pavin flawless

By PATRICK MCDOWELL
Associated Press

SUN CITY
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American Tom Lehman carded a 66 for 287 and was out of contention during the opening nine. Langer wound up third at 283, after a 71, while Terrance shot a 72 for 284.

“I feel — can I say it — I feel like a million dollars — before taxes,” Pavin said jokingly.

The winning paycheck increased Pavin’s earnings for the year to $2,773,000.

He played steadily over the four days on a tough course that befuddled the 12-player field. The tucked-in pins and menacing roughs forced Pavin to shoot high onto the greens, an approach he usually finds uncomfortable.

“I didn’t make any mistakes,” Pavin said. “That’s the only way to beat a guy like Nick, to beat a field like this. You just have to play solid and wait for mistakes.”

Pavin went ahead on the first hole Sunday on the par-72, 7,597-yard Gary Player Country Club course, his second and third shots of the par-4 hole stopping a foot from the pin for an easy birdie.

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Down-and-out Redskins shock Cowboys

By DENNE FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas-Nov-Turner did it again to the Dallas Cowboys. With a brilliant gameplan centered around Heath Shuler and Terry Allen, Washington used Turner's knowledge of his former employers to stun the Cowboys 24-17 on Sunday and sweep the two-game series for the first time since 1987.

Allen scored two touchdowns and Shuler passed for another as the Redskins (4-9) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Cowboys' loss to their former offensive coordinator prevented Dallas (10-3) from clinching a playoff spot.

The Redskins beat Dallas 27-23 in the fifth game of the season when Allen scored twice and gained 123 yards. In the third quarter, Shuler drove the Redskins 83 yards for a touchdown that put his team ahead 14-10. Shuler hit tight end JamieAsher with a 20-yard pass on the drive. Allen ran 13 yards and Shuler found Henry Ellard with a 10-yard TD pass.

The Redskins made it 21-10 after Stanley Richard intercepted a pass by Troy Aikman and returned it 24 yards to the Dallas 27. Shuler hit Asher with a 12-yard pass to the 1 and Allen scored on the next play. Dallas got to the Redskins 12 with 5:37 to play but Richard caused Emmitt Smith to fumble. Smith picked up the ball at the goal but officials ruled he was out-of-bounds and the Redskins were given a touchback.

Eddie Murray, a former Cowboy, kicked a 47-yard field goal with 3:10 to go to up the lead to 24-10.

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 3-yard touchdown pass with 1:48 left but an onside kick failed and Washington ran out the clock.

Allen got 98 yards on 25 carries this time and Shuler completed 11 of 24 passes for 154 yards. The Cowboys led the Redskins, 17-point underdogs, 10-7 at halftime thanks to a 37-yard field goal by Chris Boniol as time ran out.

Dallas had to punt the first four times it had the ball before putting together a 69-yard scoring drive helped along by a 21-yard pass interference penalty against Darrell Green on Irvin.

The penalty put Dallas on the Redskins 7 and, after an incomplete pass, Smith scored a touchdown, his 22nd of the season.

The Redskins retaliated with a 63-yard drive with Allen scoring from 2 yards out. Allen got the ball after a 20-yard Shuler to Brian Mitchell shovel pass got the drive going.

Smith rushed 21 times for 91 yards and Irvin caught 10 passes for 101 yards. Irvin set an NFL record with his 11th 100-yard receiving game.

Panthers 13, Colts 10

CLEMSON, S.C. — It's getting so the Carolina Panthers can count on big performances from their defense. Sunday, they got something they didn't anticipate—an assist from Indianapolis defensive back Derwin Gray.

Gray's face-mask penalty set up a 36-yard field goal by John Kasay with eight seconds left, giving Carolina a 13-10 victory over the Colts and adding another chapter in the Panthers' stunning first-year run.

Carolina (6-7) has doubled the record for victories by an expansion team. The 1961 Minnesota Vikings won three games, as did the 1966 Atlanta Falcons and the 1967 New Orleans Saints.

"If people want to continue to act surprised by us, then let them," said linebacker Darion Conely, who led the Panthers with three sacks. "At some point, they're going to learn that our defense isn't ranked seventh in the NFL for nothing.

The Colts played almost the entire second half without Jim Harbaugh, the NFL's top-rated passer. Harbaugh was sacked six times before leaving in the third quarter with what was originally diagnosed as a sprained right knee. He was scheduled for further tests Monday.

His replacement, Paul Justin, also struggled, allowing the Panthers to win their fourth consecutive home game. Indianapolis (7-6) had a hard time all day with the Carolina defense, which recorded seven sacks, one better than the Panthers' previous high this season.

"We have the capability of going out and having some real big games," said linebacker Tim Mills, the NFC defensive player of the month for November, who began December with eight tackles Sunday. "This defense, there's no limit to what we can do."

Carolina, which came in allowing an average of 307 yards per game, held the Colts to 200—a little below 118 their norm.

When it was all along there were going to be peaks and valleys, and the play today was certainly a valley," Colts coach Ted Marchibroda said. "We couldn't run the football, couldn't throw the football, and you're not going to win too many games that way.

The winning score was set up by a 17-yard punt return by Eric Guildford, putting the ball at the Indianapolis 43 with two minutes remaining.

Kerry Collins' pass to Guildford on a third-and-five from the 38 fell incomplete, but Gray was called for a personal foul for grabbing Guildford's face mask as the pass zipped by the two players.

"I guess my hand touched his face mask and the ref felt that was the appropriate call to make," Gray said. "It's really unfortunate, but I guess that's just the way it goes, and you've got to move on."

The penalty, with 1:09 left, also put the ball at the six. Yes, for plays later, Kasay connected on a line drive that was about 10 feet over the cross bar.

Harbaugh, who took numerous hard hits in the pocket, came up limping after he was leveled from behind by Conner early in the third quarter. He was taken out by Justin, who had thrown just 19 passes this season.

The Panthers also turned over the ball twice inside the Indianapolis 40. Guildford pulled up on a reverse and threw into double coverage in the Colts' end zone late in the second quarter, a pass that was intercepted by Ray Buchanan.

And, Panthers' tight end Matthew Campbell fumbled the ball away on the 19 to linebacker Shane Grant in the third quarter.

Carolina struggled early before scoring twice in the final 4:15 of the second quarter to force a 10-10 full-time tie. Indianapolis, which one week earlier had built a 24-0 lead on its first four possessions against Miami, had another fast start against Carolina.

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Without a loss, including ten straight. He won the
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While Kinder is still enrolled
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the football team is uncertain.
Kinder and fellow running
back Robert Farmer were involved in a disciplinary
case last year, when they were
accused with assault by a
female Notre Dame student.
The two were cleared of
charges.

Kinder may stay home for bowl

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

Notre Dame tailback Randy
Kinder's
did not go into detail about the
problem.

"I can't tell you anything about that," he said. "I don't
know enough about it. Any
comment would have to come
from the university." Kinder missed the 1995
Fiesta Bowl because of a knee
injury, but returned for spring
practice. He has been a major
factor this year.

"Execution is the name of the
game," he said. "Hopefully it will help us in the
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at the university, his status on
the football team is uncertain.
Kinder and fellow running
back Robert Farmer were involved in a disciplinary
case last year, when they were
accused with assault by a
female Notre Dame student.
The two were cleared of
charges.
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Outside hitter Jenny Birkner and freshman Lindsey Treadwell go up for Irish win.

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Senior Jaime Ling tallied an assist in the Irish victory over the Ferris State Bulldogs. The Lakers exploded for five unanswered goals in the fifth period, and the Irish, despite fighting hard from start to finish, were never able to recover. Dhadphale added a late goal to give the Irish a 3-2 advantage.

Patrick Roy suspended

MONTREAL

Patrick Roy, the star Montreal goalie who argued with the team's coach and president after an 11-1 rout, was suspended indefinitely Sunday by the Canadiens and placed on the trading block.

Roy had an angry exchange with coach Mario Tremblay and club president Ronald Corey when he was lifted from the plane to Palo Alto and hoped that a good scouting report will help them prepare.

"In practice, we will gear a lot of what we do to getting our players familiar with their players, Brown said. "And continuing to do what we did well and decrease the number of errors."

"There is no question that our confidence is a little higher now than it was earlier in the year," said Lorenz. "We're making the plays now that we weren't making in the earlier part of the season."

Irish seniors have been instrumental in the quick turnaround over the last three weeks of the season, and they stepped up once again at FSU. With 14:13 to go in the third period, senior right wing Brett Bruininks received a pass from senior center Jaime Ling and found the back of the net to give the Irish a 1-2 advantage.

"After the Bulldogs tied the game, Dhadphale was determined to make sure the Irish did not leave town without their fourth victory of the season," Lorenz said.

"The team is starting to finally come together like we knew we could," said sophomore goaltender Matt Eislund who continues to frustrate opponents inside the net. "The defense has been strong for the past few games, and when we get four goals, we know we can win."

No. 7 ranked Lake Superior State, still seething from being upset last weekend at the hands of the Irish, refused to let the same fate meet them twice in two weekends. After falling behind 1-0 when Bruliniks scored for the fifth time in five games, the Lake State roared back furiously in front of their home crowd at the Taffy Abel Arena.

The Lakers exploded for five unanswered goals in the fifth period, and the Irish, despite fighting hard from start to finish, were never able to recover. Dhadphale added a late goal to give the Irish victory over the Ferris State Bulldogs.

"We played well enough to win on Saturday, but it just didn't happen," said Lorenz. "They pretty much dominated the second period, but we held our own with them in the first and third. We know that we can play with them."

It's beginning to look like the Irish can play with anybody.

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Irish drop first conference game at Rutgers

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

They did almost everything right. The problem was, for Notre Dame in the Big East, almost everything will translate into an almost win.

That's exactly what happened Saturday afternoon, as the Irish experienced first hand the perils of the road, losing their Big East debut 86-80 in overtime at Rutgers.

Before the season began, Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod stressed a number of fundamentals that would directly correspond to Notre Dame's success in its new surroundings. Rebounding, front-court point production, and taking care of the ball were the imperatives.

Two out of three isn't bad, but it wasn't enough. Notre Dame outrebounded the Scarlet Knights 44-33 and got a combined 29 points from forward Pat Garrity and center Matt Gotsch.

25 Irish turnovers, however, contributed to Notre Dame's demise, allowing Rutgers to post its first-ever conference win.

"We are glad to be part of a historic event, and glad it turned out this way," said Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel.

In the first half, that historical milestone looked to be heading Notre Dame's way. Behind 52% shooting, the Irish rushed out to a 17 point lead before going into the half up 13.

The second half proved a different story, as the Scarlet Knights caught fire from three-point land, dropping in their first four baskets of the half from behind the arc to put themselves back in the game.

"Today was a special moment for Notre Dame basketball," stated MacLeod. "But we just didn't come out in the second half with the juice we had in the first."

Part of that juice was sitting on the bench, as foul trouble plagued the Irish throughout the contest. Due to a death in the family, center Marcus Young did not make the trip, leaving MacLeod the services of only Garrity, Gotsch, and freshman Phil Hickey in the post.

All three endured foul trouble throughout, and Gotsch exited only 17 seconds into overtime. An unlikely three-pointer by the 6-11 Gotsch with twelve seconds left ensured the extra period, but a 7-0 Scarlet Knight run in overtime sealed the outcome.

Freshman Geoff Billet scored 25 to lead the Scarlet Knights, while senior Ryan Hoover paced the Irish with 20, but finished only 4-15 from three point land.

Notre Dame gets its next opportunity to make history with a Big East win on Wednesday night, when it hosts Top-10 ranked Connecticut at the Joyce Center at 8:00 p.m.
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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay centered and you will accomplish more. Family members are usually supportive. A partner may be confused about your intentions. Lighten up and speak things out. You need to sound positive about your work.

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Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Domestic issues will be avoided. Self-control and patience will help you resolve petty differences before they become serious. Trying to rip into the Juices can be ruinous to your budget. Do not overlook.
Notre Dame set to face Florida State in Orange Bowl

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Writer

The speculation can finally stop. The armchair quarterbacks around the country can finally put their tarot cards back in their closet and stop reading their horoscopes. People can actually compare their attempts at mind-reading with the actual results.

In short, the Bowl Alliance made public Sunday the matchups for the nation's top three bowls. Notre Dame will meet Florida State in the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1996. It will be the final Orange Bowl to be played in the stadium of the same name. The 1997 Orange Bowl will stay in Miami, Fla., but will be moved to Joe Robbie Stadium. It will be Notre Dame's first appearance since 1991, when the Irish fell to Colorado 10-9 after a "Rocket" Ismail punt return for a touchdown was called back because of a clipping penalty.

"We've been to the Orange Bowl, but we haven't been back there for about five years, so we're excited to have that opportunity," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "We don't have anybody on that team presently so I can find out where we're going," he joked Sunday. "I can honestly say I didn't have any idea of who we'd play. Last night I felt we'd be playing the University of Texas. This morning I told our stuff I really felt we'd play Florida State."

With the first and second selections, the Fiesta Bowl chose No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Florida to play January 2 for the national championship. The Irish were chosen third and the Seminoles fifth by the Orange Bowl, while the Sugar Bowl took Texas with their fourth pick and Virginia Tech with the final selection.

But who the Irish play pales in comparison to the actual event of playing in a bowl. "It's just great to be going," offensive guard Ryan Leahy said. "Choosing an opponent is like asking, 'What kind of car do you want?'

The prospects of playing Florida State is a nice one in Holtz's eyes. "I enjoy (Seminole coach) Bobby Bowden's companionship, and we're looking forward to playing down there," he said. "We're playing Florida State at a neutral site in Florida. We see any land in Florida Seminole territory."

Notre Dame defeated Florida State 31-24 to replace them as

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Irish claim spot in "Sweet Sixteen" with close victory

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

The motivation was there. The intensity was there. The lead was there, but Iowa State just couldn't capitalize.

The Notre Dame volleyball team was just too much for the Cyclones to handle.

The fifteenth-ranked Irish were forced to fight back from a 1-4 deficit in game two, after annihilating the Cyclones 15-3 in the first game, to win the game 16-14. The Irish held the lead for the rest of the match, however, the Cyclones never lost hope. Iowa State forced the Irish to fight through fifteen sideouts at game point, until they finally capped off the third game and the match at 15-10.

"We had our opportunity to finish the game, in game two, but we didn't capitalize," Cyclone head coach Jackie Nunez said. "I think that if we had won the second game, it would have set an entirely different tone for the match."

Despite some ball-handling and serving errors, the Irish, whose record now stands at 27-6, played consistently and confidently, an essential factor as they now head to the Pac-10 Regional next week in California.

"Iowa State came out very emotional and played very well," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "We had a bit of a mental let-down in the second game, but picked right back and held them."

"I am pleased with how the team responded after game two."

With the exception of the let-down in game two, the Irish dominated the match from the first serve of the match, an over-powering jump serve from sophomore Angie Harris. Harris had another banner day for the Irish, leading the victory with 19 kills and 19 digs. She also continues to make her newly-broken career service ace record unattainable for future Irish players as she compiled four aces in the match against the Cyclones.

"Angie had a phenomenal game," Brown said. "Hitting, serving, defense -- she led us all the way."

Right behind Harris was classmate Jaimie Lee who had 16 kills and freshman middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell who had 8 kills. Treadwell continues to progress as an offensive force for the Irish in her first season of collegiate volleyball and has contributed many key kills and blocks for the team.

Treadwell was definitely a key contributor in Saturday's match and attributes the victory to a winning attitude.

"We never thought that we were going to lose the match," Treadwell said. "You can never think you're going to lose because if you do, you're done."

"Done" is where Iowa State now stands. The Cyclones finished off their historical season at 22-12 with their first trip to the NCAA tournament considered a success.

Senior Kirstin Hugdahl, whose nickname "Terminator" adequately describes her match-high 21 kills, cites this year as a career year.

"We've taken that next step," Hugdahl said. "We've set the foundation for the program to proceed to the next level."

As they will proceed to the next level, they will play Oral Roberts University in Friday night in the Sweet Sixteen round.

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Irish garner confidence throughout weekend

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

No one can question the improvement.

It can no longer be deemed a fluke.

In what is becoming the norm rather than the exception, the Notre Dame hockey team continued to show signs of improvement this weekend, defeating Ferris State 4-3 on Friday before falling 5-3 to Lake Superior State on Saturday in a hard fought, well contested battle.

"We played well both nights, as the results are finally starting to fall in our favor," said junior center Terry Lorpezak. "When we play the way we are capable of playing, it's tough to beat us."

When the Irish visited Ewigleben Ice Arena on Friday evening, the Bulldogs thought they would see the same struggling Irish squad they had finished ahead of last season in the CCHA. Little did they know, this Notre Dame team has a renewed sense of confidence.

With 15:57 remaining in the opening period, the Irish showed the Bulldogs just how much they've improved.

Senior defenseman received an outlet pass from junior right wing Tim Harberts and powered the puck past FSU goalie Jeff Blashill for a 1-0 lead.

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