Ad Hoc Committee reports on progress

Group attempts to meet needs of gays and lesbians

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

The University of Notre Dame took another step in its months long process of trying to decide the question of how to better meet the needs of its gay and lesbian students Monday.
The Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs made public its interim report to Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia O’Hara in a full-page ad in The Observer.

“We wanted people to have some insight into what we’ve been doing this semester,” said Committee Chairperson Ann Firth, who also serves as O’Hara’s assistant.

The document, authored by Firth and submitted to O’Hara on Dec. 1, outlines the experiences and impressions the group formed and had since issuing a preliminary report May 1.

“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,” Firth wrote.

The group held six meetings this fall, and four were devoted to listening to the concerns of gay and lesbian students, for the purpose of hearing numerous voices from within the Notre Dame community.

Firth noted that these meetings provided probing insights into the lives of gays and lesbians at Notre Dame, finding that there often existed a “real terror” in their lives.

“Some students reported feeling such a sense of isolation that they contemplated suicide,” the report reads.

The committee also heard testimony about how gays and lesbians attempt to balance their sexuality and their faith.

(Gays and lesbians) want the University to provide the resources they need to integrate their sexuality and their faith lives.

The committee report also noted gay and lesbian student concerns about “how very difficult it is to be gay at Notre Dame.”

These students have often had to look to each other for support and assistance, feeling that their needs are largely ignored by the University.

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“If she can’t speak, she can’t cry rape.”

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Women’s Resource Center responds to sexist e-mail

By MEGAN McGRAITH
News Writer

The Notre Dame Women’s Resource Center is sponsoring a petition addressed to administrators at Cornell University to respond to an e-mail chain letter circulated by four Cornell students.

The list, entitled “Top 75 Reasons Why Women (bitches) Shouldn’t Have Freedom of Speech,” has been circulated to several members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community via e-mail.

The list is of a strongly misogynist nature, containing such reasons as “Of course, if she can’t speak, she can’t say no” and “If it hurts, I don’t wanna hear it.”

Women’s Resource President Erin Traban said, “As a student organization that promotes gender equality, we feel it is our responsibility to report the event to Notre Dame students and respond to such hateful, violent acts.”

WRC officer Chrissy Kenas received the list just before Thanksgiving break and brought it to the Center. For Traban and the other WRC members, the list drew comparisons to last year’s Hall Notes scandal at Notre Dame.

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Co-ed dorm debate continues

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However, the CLC has not, as of yet, chosen a vehicle for representation to the Board. The draft of the preliminary resolution included a clause that "urges Patricia O’Hara, the vice president of Student Affairs, to present the option for co-residentiality for upperclassmen in one or more of the new facilities to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for consideration as an item of action."

Because parliamentary procedures regarding CLC matters and the Board of Trustees have not been fully investigated, the Board is postponing a decision on both the content of the vehicle for the final resolution on co-residentiality until next semester.

At the meeting yesterday, some members of the CLC suggested that Jonathan Patrick, student body president, serve as the voice of both the student body and the CLC, present the resolution to the Board of Trustees.

The CLC also suggested the possibility of having a few members of the Council accompany Patrick in his presentation of the resolution.

In other CLC news, the subcommittee for advising systems at Notre Dame has been researching the effectiveness of departmental advisors in the Colleges of Architecture, Engineering, Business, Arts and Letters, and Science.

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Fighting the seasonal sorrows

Seasonal depression is being fought by wearing more sunless and less every day, or so it seems. Rain, wind, and snow are attacking us harder and harder, as we are piling on more and more warm clothing to combat these elements. We have the sniffles, a cough, and a fever. We have less and less mobility as we spend more and more in the season of giving. We have less and less free time as final rush up on us like rabid wolves. However, all of this calamitous uproar climax now so that we can relax for Christmas. While we wait for the red and the green, we have to deal with the blues, so here is my suggestion: Return to your childhood.

When we were kids, we didn't care much about work, but lives were full of all the good things in life. Stress was really just what we saw tiring our parents, what was making our older siblings even more abusive, and what made the rift between Mark and Mindy all the more hilarious. I say that we should all reject stress. Return to childhood. I don't mean that we should grab our thumbs, crawl into our closets and rock in the fetal position (although I do seem appropriate every now and then). Take less dramatic steps. Here are three of my suggestions. Keep them in mind this next week and a half.

1. Take advantage of study days to sleep. When we were young, we went to bed by eight and got up at nine the next morning. In addition to this gross amount of sleep, we also got to take at least one nap during the day. While we really don't need that much sleep now, naps are a true necessity. Not all of the sleep can be considered complete down time; simply putting a book under your pillow will not give you the relief that study time.


3. A teddy bear or favorite blanket in your backpack with your books, hike over to the library, and find a cozy spot to cuddle up with your Bluebird. By sitting on the floor, you are imitating how we used to sit as children. Perhaps you like "The Lorax" or maybe "Cat in the Hat." No matter which you like, the wockets, the Grinch, and all that. Perhaps none are that funny; no real interest to you. Perhaps you need to learn more, need to hear it from a Who. If you understand what I say and you know what I mean, then I'll see you tomorrow at PS three-fifteen.

My point is this: Slow down and allow yourself to get in touch with your outer child. For half an hour, listen to Avin the Chim Chim Cheree Big Bird instead of Eddie Vedder or David Gilmour, read Grimm or Silverstein instead of Shakespeare or Yeats, skip or erase a puzzle instead of jogging or lifting weights. Embrace a little bit of time the way we used to when you were little; it will make the week that little bit easier.

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Dread disease is nearly eradicated

A disease caused by contaminated drinking water has been virtually wiped out after crippling millions over the centuries in Africa and South Asia, a State Department gathering was told Monday. Former President Jimmy Carter's remarks Tuesday, September 26, 1988, were identified.

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The pilot tried to abort the landing but hit some trees and plunged into the water, said the survivor, who was not identified.

The pilot was pulled from the wreckage alive, but died later. Survivors included at least two of the five crew members — a co-pilot and flight attend-

Gunman claims woman gave him AIDS

A man who claimed a woman had given him AIDS burst into her home with a pistol and shot five people, including two, before shooting himself to death, police said.

Loyd Miller, 22, was found dead in a front-yard of house, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, police said. He had been at the home earlier Monday looking for the 24-year-old woman he said infect-

Student tries to hijack school bus

A 13-year-old boy was arrested Monday after he boarded a school bus with a semiautomatic pistol and or-

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University to increase funds for scholarship aid

The University of Notre Dame will increase expendable funds for student scholarship aid by $5 million over the next four academic years, according to Father E. William Beauchamp, executive vice president of the University.

A projected 425 undergraduate students will be recipients of the new scholarship money over the four-year period. Scholarship awards will be made to first-year students in each of the four entering classes beginning in the fall of 1996.

In accordance with each University policy, awards will be based on students' academic and personal qualities as well as demonstrated financial need. The awards will carry over from year to year with adjustments for increased University costs and any changes in students' need.

"All too often, students whose first choice is Notre Dame and whom we would like to have on campus are going elsewhere because they've been offered better financial aid packages," Beauchamp said. "This new infusion of funds is an investment in the future of the University—to help us bring to Notre Dame the students who will help fashion our future.

The sources of the $5 million in new expendable money will include proceeds from bowl appearances by the football team, revenues from the University's television contract with NBC and income from its product licensing program. These same sources already have generated more than $30 million in increased financial aid endowment in the past three years alone.

Under the new plan, $5 million that would have gone into financial aid endowment instead would be made immediately available for scholarship aid.

"Our commitment to endowment as the soundest, surest source of financial aid for the long term is undiminished, and that will continue to be our primary fund-raising goal," Beauchamp said. "At the same time, however, the officers of the University feel that an immediate infusion of funds will give new impetus to our efforts—and will help bring to Notre Dame outstanding students who otherwise would be lost to us."

Beauchamp pointed out that generating $5 million in additional financial aid endowment would require an immediate increase in endowment of approximately $100 million.

Increasing financial aid has been Notre Dame's foremost fund-raising priority for more than a decade, and concerted efforts since 1990 have doubled the University's endowment to $400 million.

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The Observer regrets the error in last Wednesday's edition incorrectly identifying the group Campus Ministry for Rape Elimination (CARE). Last Friday's article on compassion for university presidents incorrectly designated the destination of Father Maloney's University income. It should have read the Congregation of the Holy Cross, not Holy Cross Abbey.

Yesterday's article on the Saint Mary's College Student Senate incorrectly stated the date of the Keynote Speaker's address. The date is Tuesday, February 6. The Observer regrets the errors.

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Questions, please call: Nicole at 634-1318
**GM President to seize control for chairman**

By MIKE MCKESSON

Associated Press

DETOUR

Three years after a boardroom coup gave leadership of General Motors Corp. to an outsider, the chairman said Monday that the recovery is well on its way and it's time to return GM around the voting of its chairman, Jack Smith, who has been chief executive of the world's largest automaker since 1992.

"Now, some three years later, it's clear that GM's management under Jack Smith's leadership has turned GM around," former chairman of Proctor & Gamble, CEO, said in the news release announcing the changes.

The 1992 rebellion was triggered by billions of dollars in losses from losses from European and North American operations. Chairman and CEO Robert Smale was forced out. Smale became the first GM chairman since the 1950s who was not a GM executive, and Smale was charged with turning the company around.

The company earned record profits of $4 billion last year, including $690 million from North American operations.

Smith will continue as president and chief executive. The company also said Harry Pearce, a GM vice president, will become chairman and firm Smith as the second company executive on the 13-member board.

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bers and those running the elections.

The two votes in question are those of Angie Kaufman and Jody Jennings. Kaufman is a Resident Advisor (RA) from VanDersarl claims that these two votes are not entitled to a vote. Sullivan claims that she was required to vote. Sarah "receives a copy of the minutes at BOG meetings or in the RHA mailbox from the RHA executive vice president, will become vice chairman and firm Smith as the second company executive on the 13-member board.

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wrote. "GLND/SMC (Gays and Lesbians at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College has been the primary source of support for most of the students to whom we have listened." GLND/SMC is the unofficial student group which emerged from the meeting in the University Counseling Center, precipitated months of on-campus protest and focused national media attention on the school's policy.

Firth's report indicated that the amendments had a profound effect on all members of the committee. "Each of us has been deeply moved by what we have heard over these past months," she wrote.

"We have been inspired by the ways in which gay and lesbian students have assisted each other, and we have been impressed by the earnestness and faithfulness with which many seek to live out their lives as Christians," Firth continued.

"The report came to a close by offering a glimpse of the future. "It is our hope that the recommendations of this committee will help 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," Firth wrote.

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Heat rises in French rail strike

By EDUARDO CUE

Associated Press

PARIS

A strike by public workers intensified today with major unions urging the private sector to join the walkout and Prime Minister Alain Juppé calling an emergency meeting of his government.

The 11-day strike has idled French trains, buses and subways, unnerved millions of commuters and hobbed a already weak economy.

There was no immediate indication of what would be discussed at the Cabinet meeting tonight. Until now, the government has held firm to its plan to overhaul the social security system and slash the $64 billion deficit.

However, some in the government have suggested President Jacques Chirac might dissolve the National Assembly and call early legislative elections to break the impasse.

Unions scheduled demonstrations in Paris and Bordeaux to maintain pressure on the government in the most serious labor dispute in nearly a decade. Two unions flayed reject wage freezes for all 5 million public employees and cuts in their benefits. A third major union has accepted some of the proposed revisions in health and retirement rules.

Transport, utility, postal and other public workers remained off the job. The strike has shut down 57 of France's 137 post offices.

Financial markets today reflected concern that the strike could spread to the private sector. By late afternoon, the CAC 40 Index of most actively traded stocks was down 2.5 percent.

"France is at a crossroads," Chirac said. "This is the path, the path of reforms that have been put off for far too long. Union leaders also talked tough, demanding that the government's plan be withdrawn as a condition to opening nego-

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Sign-ups and information sheets are available at the Library and Badin Hall Campus Ministry offices. Any undergraduate student may sign up anytime during the second half of the semester. The initial commitment is for the Rally Day (January 20, 1996) and six meetings throughout the spring semester.

Questions? Call Darrell Paulsen or Kate Barrett at Campus Ministry: 631-5242
First American troops arrive in Bosnia

By MARK PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press

SARAJEVO

Two American sergeants became the first U.S. troops in Bosnia today when they arrived to help lay the groundwork for a 60,000-strong NATO mission to enforce the Balkan peace.

The officers flew into Sarajevo on a camouflaged British C-130 Hercules transport plane carrying about two dozen NATO troops, including British, French and Belgian officers.

A second plane to Sarajevo brought a seven-member British logistics team, and a third flight carrying troops was expected later today in Croatia, 56 British communications experts arrived in the port city of Split.

A third of the NATO force will be Americans — the first U.S. ground troops sent to Bosnia in more than 3 1/2 years of war.

"We'll be setting up the head­quarters for the bigger force to come down," said Sgt. Matthew Chipman of Beardstown, Ill., who arrived today with Sgt. Todd Eichmann, of Kansas City, Mo.

Chipman said the time frame for the rest of the troops' arrival was undetermined.

Everybody is hoping as soon as possible," said Chipman. He said he and Eichmann left their base in Augsburg, Germany, so quickly he didn't have a chance to say goodbye to his parents.

A British soldier who flew into Sarajevo as part of the logistics team said that serving with the NATO force would be better than his previous job as a U.N. peacekeeper in Split because he is now authorized to use force.

"It's the same job," Sgt. Eric Johnson said. "But it's easier this way."

The soldiers who arrived today are the first of 2,600 as­signed to lay the groundwork for whole force. In all, some 60,000 NATO troops — a third from the United States — will take part in the mission.

President Clinton gave the official go-ahead Sunday for the first small groups of U.S. sol­diers to leave, but their travel plans were not clear. Some Americans were expected to arrive early this week in Ka­posvar, Hungary, to set up a transit point.

The 56 soldiers who came to Croatia today as part of Britain's 7th Signal Regiment will start dealing with communications, logistics and supplies. Some will head for Sarajevo and Tuzla, and others will stay at Split, a key transit point for Bosnia.

A convoy of 15 to 20 trucks was set to leave a NATO base in Naples, Italy, on Tuesday for Zagreb, Croatia, carrying equipment for the operation's headquarters, said NATO spokesman Franco Veltri.

Clinton, speaking Sunday in Madrid at the end of a five­day European trip, brushed aside a defiant statement by the Bosnian Serb military leader, Gen. Radko Mladic.

On Saturday, Mladic dem­anded a reconsideration of the peace accord's transfer of control over Serb areas around Sarajevo to a new Muslim-Croat federation.

Speaking to his troops, Mladic said Serbs will never permit themselves to be ruled by "butchers" — his description of the Muslims and Croats they have fought for more than 3 1/2 years.

Clinton was unyielding. "No, I don't think the treaty is in trou­ble, and no, I don't think the treaty has to be renegotiated," he said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, speaking on ABC TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," also emphasized that the accord brokered in Dayton, Ohio, "will not be changed, it will not be modified" to meet Bosnian Serb objections about the future of Sarajevo.

He said NATO forces do not expect organized resistance from the Serbs.

President Slubodan Milosevic of Serbia "understands he has a responsibility to get them un­der control and we expect him to carry out that responsibil­ity," Christopher said.

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Security Beat

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6:30 a.m. A South Bend resident was cited for speeding on his Bldg. 4:43 p.m. A University employee was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an injury.

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1:58 a.m. A air-off campus student was cited for disorderly conduct on Bldg. 4:46 p.m. A Piazza East resi­dent was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of an injury.

9:07 p.m. A student from the University was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.

9:26 p.m. A visitor was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fight.

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U.S. marine testifies in rape trial
Serviceman claims forced confession
By PETER LANDERS

Associated Press

An American serviceman accused of raping a 12-year-old girl testified Monday that U.S. investigators dragged him out of bed before dawn and forced him to confess.

The testimony in a Japanese court by Marine Pfc. Rodrico Harp, 21, followed charges by family members that the three servicemen accused of raping the Japanese girl were treated unfairly by the U.S. military, possibly because they are black.

The crime has galvanized local opposition to U.S. bases in Japan. American officials say they treat them similarly to service members in other countries.

Outside Okinawa's Naha District Court, where the three servicemen are on trial, someone posted a note to the Americans: "If you have a piece of pride, get out."

Inside, Harp, wearing a lumberjack shirt and slippers, admitted he helped plot the Sept. 4 abduction and rape of the schoolgirl in a rented car. But he said investigators from the U.S. Navy wouldn't listen to his full story.

"When I told them that I did get into the back seat with the little girl but didn't rape her, they were forcing me to say that I did rape her," Harp, of Griffin, Ga., told the court in a clear voice.

Harp also said the U.S. investigators rounded him up from bed between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Sept. 4, just a few hours after his arrest, to answer questions.

Harp's lawyer, Mitsunobu Matsunaga, said the testimony was critical to convincing the three-judge panel deciding the case that Harp's "confession" was not trusted.

The other two defendants — Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, of Woodville, Texas, and Marine Pfc. Kendrick Ledet, 20, of Waycross, Ga. — are to testify at hearings later this month.

Gill had admitted to the most serious charge, rape causing injury, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Ledet, like Harp, admits involvement but denies the rape.

Lawyer Matsunaga also sought to lessen Harp's sentence by calling him a trusted man who is good with children.

When she said she still loved him, the defendant put his head down and appeared to be crying.

Mrs. Harp also apologized to the victim and her parents.

According to the charges, the three forced the girl into a rented car after she stepped out of a school building where she had bought a school notebook. She drove her to a remote sugar cane field, raped her and dumped her from the car.

Okinawans have set up a case as an example of their suffering from the heavy U.S. military presence. Their protests have shaken the U.S.-Japan military alliance at a time when it is already under review because of the end of the Cold War.

The families of the three defendants, who accused the U.S. military of failing to inform them about developments in the case, have hired a lawyer, Eric Ross, to observe the trial.

Several American civil rights activists were present Monday as well.

Ross said the families are trying to raise $5,000 each to compensate the victim — a voluntary step that often results in the defendant being granted a lighter sentence after being portrayed as a victim of war.

Because Japanese courts convict defendants more than 99 percent of the time, Ross said, they have to consider the odds.

The trial is to resume Dec. 19 with a verdict, originally expected this month, is now likely to come in January.

The trial has moved slowly because questions to the witnesses and their answers to the court must be translated in English and Japanese.

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Labs plea no contest to homicide charges
By JAMES CARLSON

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

A medical laboratory that misread Pap smears of two women who later died of cervical cancer pleaded no contest Monday to reckless homicide.

As part of a plea agreement between Chem-Bio Corp. and prosecutors, Judge David Hansher did not immediately enter a guilty verdict against the company, which will be allowed to appeal parts of the case.

Terms of the agreement were announced the day the case was set to go to trial.

Sentencing for Chem-Bio, of suburban Oak Creek, on the two charges was scheduled Feb. 22.

Chem-Bio faced a possible fine of $20,000 if convicted of homicide by reckless conduct in the death of Dolores Geary and second-degree reckless homicide in the death of Karin Kilim.

The husbands of both victims were in the courtroom Tuesday.

"I'm sure that (Karlin) would have been disappointed," said Peter Smith. "No one's being held accountable."
I have never started any of my columns with “Dear tight-ass authoritarian conservative, we must...”. Needless to say, I am growing a tad tired of being addressed by my detractors as a “liberal porko comie”, or some such variant. I have therefore resolved to answer as many questions about myself as possible in this last Column of the semester, without resorting to sarcasm or gratuitous profanity.

What I could do is sling some more mud at the “right mud with mud” method of discourse Republicans like to use in the place of constructive debate. Unfortunately, as enjoyable as this may be, it doesn’t promote intelligent discussion. I have honestly tried to be as open and as factual personally bear to be, albeit with a few minor lapses due to my anxiousness to turn a cute phrase. However, it has not slipped my notice that the more I have insisted that people impose their morals upon a large section of the American populace, Lincoln only issued the Emancipation Proclamation because the North was losing the war and hoped that the freed slaves would vote for the Union Army. As far as my “advantages” as a white man are concerned, let me give a brief family history. My parents were the first ever in the entire history of their families even to go to college, let alone graduate. In every single census containing my family, my ancestors’ occupations are listed “laborer.” The prevailing attitude of the WASP hierarchy of the mid-19th century was that Irish Catholic immigrants were “uneducable,” an attitude which this century has been conventionally applied to Blacks, Hispanics, or any other minority group which has gradually risen to prominence in American society. Throughout my family’s history, they have offered virtually no opportunities to better themselves up until the era of the Great Society, an era whose dramatic social programs are being systematically destroyed by Newt Gingrich’s “Republican Revolution.”

I am trying to dispel the upper-middle class myth that the wealthy are educat- class myth that the wealthy are educated and the poor are stupid. Despite the fact that my family has literally no money, not even enough to go on summer vacations or even buy a car built after 1988, despite the fact that I went to a crappy public high school, despite the fact that I still have no money and am forced to work at a mall and sell well-to-do parents presents for their 2.2 children so I can afford to eat on a regu- lar basis, despite the fact that I currently owe a faceless corporation over $20,000 and will most likely be in debt for the rest of my life, I am still here. I am here among the monetarily privileged because of my parents’ encouragement, because of my friends’ support, and because of my determination. And I am not the only one at Notre Dame who has taken this route.

If you want to argue with me, fine. You want to debate moral philosophy or history or current world affairs, fine. But don’t try to publicly humiliate me or intimidate me, because like most child- ish endeavors, it won’t work. And don’t even try to turn a war of words into a futile exercise—emotionally-loaded phrases, because you will lose. You think you can bandy a few disparaging, insubstantial jibes, or mock an entire degree program and its candidates, or brandish a liberal facade to disguise a snide, intolerant, unicameral mind, or in general be smug, arrogant, condescending, self- righteous, and vicious and expect to get away with it.

Let me make a deal with all the blockheads out there. You refrain from calling me an ignorant socialist and pretend to be open-minded, and I’ll stop calling you fascist conservatives and pretend I care. If there’s anything hidden in your own little sexist, racist, homophobic, neo-nazi world, it is definitely not me.

And before I get accused of being per- 

onally ironic or sarcastic, I assure you all that regardless of what you may have been led to believe, everyone who sends me an intelligent, conversational e-mail message will receive an intelligent, conversational response. I do not respond to verbal threats, dog­

mative garbage, or personal insults. If anything, all you will do is give me an amused chuckle as I click the mouse button on the trash icon.

One short thought on the American Christmas season: I find it almost embarrassing that Americans have per­

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To the Right

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter, "Right Reason" contradicts its own terms," Nov. 28, D. Macisaac), I submit the following.

It is wholly erroneous to state that one cannot be both a faithful Catholic in good standing with the Church and, at the same time, a modern political and economic conservative (Phrases like the "New Right," Macisaac, are merely liberal fear propaganda). The fact is, that D. Macisaac was assuredly and regrettable unawake (as it were). It is true that a leap of faith is required of the sort that a Canadian Elk on ice - and applies that to today's conservative politicians - evil ideologues whose economic views are decidedly anti-Catholic.

What exactly was Pope Pius XI referring to in his encyclical "Rerum Novarum?" (What is exactly "free market economics"? The term is attributed to a British economist/philosopher named Malteus, Maltheus held that all markets - product, commodity, labor etc. - should be completely self-directing. Accordingly, only when community restrictions impede such relations, do "free" markets best serve society at large. Even though such a policy may bring about serious economic hardship - severe food shortages for half a continent etc. - the market in the end would be self-correcting and result in the highest level of productivity and most equitable distribution of wealth.

Macisaac, who spent twenty-five percent of their public rivals pro­duce the most aberrant and most immoral consequences. He has been witness to the effects of bounded materialistic Capitalism - which threatens to subjugate the moral orality, spoke out against it. In the quote Macisaac grace­fully, "Right Reason" for example, believes in the right of a child to have his/her own life. Pope John Paul II has com­mented that without respect for life, justice cannot exist in human society. This represents the most paramount of any issue facing our nation today. The "New Right" is also opposed to anything which threatens the integrity of the nuclear family. This includes opposition to laws permitting/codifying/codifying/same-sex relationships, adoptions by homo­sexual couples, and the exploitation of women and children. (We have been witnessing the effects of an explosion of broken families for the last thirty years. Suicide, for example, today, is one of America's lead­ing killers of children.) The "New Right" also recognizes a need to re-order society on the basis of traditional cultural gooby-gook steeped in relativism- and incorporating such ridiculous notions as "diversity" in the classroom. This is a completely erroneous claim, there political major party today- Conservatives are the "New Right." The "New Right" on the other hand, is firmly "free market economics." System. On the contrary, a truly free market economics would be completely foreign to our American way of life.

NICHOLAS VAKKER Freshman Off-Campus

How to regain ND's Home Field advantage

Dear Editor:

This is certainly the key, but unlike the "old days" (pre 1990) the student body isn't enough by itself. To explain:

In the old days, the student body was everything. The students, the student body. The stadium was a tough place to visit pretty much on their own. The rest of the crowd never was that great (though granted they are much worse now). It will be next to impossible to bring the student body back to the old level of 7,000 totally crazed hormonally over­dosed young men who all feel closely bonded with the team (because they live with them in the same dorms and go to the same classes), because the demog­raphics, the way life is the world and the sex of people are totally different. There's way more "hot" SAT scores, lots more women — see below).

The trick is to get a few of the fans for the team that will still exist among the student body, who act as a catalyst to raise the level of the rest of the crowd to previ­ously unheard of heights. (Here the instance is that the original job of the student body can as well be filled by the student body of the world. This is the most clever way to focus crowd participation as well as to involve the many women who are already there.)

Reference crowd dynamic

Working a big crowd is an art (look at any Notre Dame football game, and you can see what I mean). Someone needs to be in charge with good communication to all the big fans who can help (PA announcing, band, cheer­leaders). That person needs to have a feel for the "game were here" mentality, to make overwhelming noise to stun the opposing team and to direct their blows. They need to know how to hear their own plays in the brawls, the whole song at 90 seconds, when to drown out visitors' bands, when to let them have 20 sec­onds of glory as well as crowd dynam­ically. They must know when to start a student for them to do this, at least without a "faculty advisor:" of some kind for continuity.

The cheerleaders appear to have out­lived their maximum utility as presently constituted. This is not to say that they are useless, but they need new ideas, like that of a Canadian Elk on ice - and that's what Macisaac means when he says "free market economics." As it is used - in only the very loosest of terms - in modern political rhetoric. Not one country in the world today has a free market. All markets are controlled - product, com­modity, labor etc. - by government. The Church's position against any economic system which leads to the church of another free market. All markets are controlled - product, com­modity, labor etc. - by government. The Church's position against any economic system which leads to the church of another free market. All markets are controlled - product, com­modity, labor etc. - by government. The Church's position against any economic system which leads to the church of another free market. All markets are controlled - product, com­modity, labor etc. - by government.

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To the Right Reason." Right Reason may be both politically conservative and, at the same time, in complete harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Furthermore, not only are there no moral encum­brances associated with being a political and economic conservative, there are no "crucial team consensuses about the Church which the so-called "New Right" strongly support. Then "New Right," for example, believes in the right of a child to have his/her own life. Pope John Paul II has com­mented that without respect for life, justice cannot exist in human society. This represents the most paramount of any issue facing our nation today. The "New Right" is also opposed to anything which threatens the integrity of the nuclear family. This includes opposition to laws permitting/codifying/same-sex relationships, adoptions by homo­sexual couples, and the exploitation of women and children. (We have been witness­ing the effects of an explosion of broken families for the last thirty years. Suicide, for example, today, is one of America's lead­ing killers of children.) The "New Right" also recognizes a need to re-order society on the basis of traditional cultural gooby-gook steeped in relativism- and incorporating such ridiculous notions as "diversity" in the classroom. This is a completely erroneous claim, there political major party today- Conservatives are the "New Right." The "New Right" on the other hand, is firmly "free market economics." System. On the contrary, a truly free market economics would be completely foreign to our American way of life.

KATHY EATON

ESTEBAN GALINDO

Creative Writing modern

Dear Editor:

As graduate Creative Writing students we feel it necessary to respond to John Day's "November 24th attack on our program." While Apple may be a member of the "New Right," the term "New Right" as it is used today does not alter reflect the sentiments of the rest of the writers.

We must first appreciate the impor­tance of persons. Columnists who reg­ularly appear are frequently a group of them or in order to do so without in­volve lives from the very public and some­times controversial views they express. Perhaps this is true in Apple's case, and he intends his "bratty" and "temper­tantrum" prone persons to invite his reading audience to action or reaction, as the case may be.

But, basically, we are dismayed by Day's essay which is not about the Creative Writing program and its students. After all, he attended the University of Notre Dame with the express purpose of the existence of the program. Yet, he laments the "world of graduate-level Creative Writing" a "sheltered one." Furthermore, can someone exposed to our program solely through the bulletin that appears below Matthew Apple's name be acquainted enough with the academic and the cultural background and interests of the graduate writing students to be sure he doesn't dare attempt to use his "years of ex­pertise with us" as a platform for the kinds of "temper­tantrum" which is an essay whose title itself says so much about what it is going to be about.

What Apple's critical assessment of Apple's journalistic pursuits, we caution him not to adopt the same "lack of toler­ance" he finds so disturbing in Apple. In order to foster Day's commitment to grow­ing a program and the literary culture in society and the work force, we invite him to deepen his acquaintance with the creative and In the name of the student body (the students collect ed in a giant swing through the campus. Bring back the pre-rally bonfires and the mini-rallies. Sure, the students and the administration don't want a "noise" "control" and the insurance people will shudder at the tought of a sprained ankle. But there is enough space in the ACC, terrific place, but let's make the most of it to do all this safety.

Let's get back to the point. We have a role in how it's all orchestrated. It should be fun for everybody, and some­thing everyone can appreciate. Use the rally as a tutorial for the new fans on cheering.

Interaction with other sports:

This may be a way to help enhance enthusiasm for the football team. Try working out ways to support women's teams with more enthusiasm, and the mini-rallies. Sure, the students and the administration don't want a "noise" "control" and the insurance people will shudder at the tought of a sprained ankle. But there is enough space in the ACC, terrific place, but let's make the most of it to do all this safety.

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Dear Editor:

We have grown comfortable with the SEC, the FDA, and lit­terally thousands of consumer protection agencies (and so forth) all working to prevent such atrocities. Furthermore, Bill Clinton, a bastion of the liberal left (though his administration has practiced far more of a breakdown of the nuclear family for the last thirty years. Suicide, for example, today, is one of American's lead­ing killers of children.) The "New Right" also recognizes a need to re-order society on the basis of traditional cultural gooby-gook steeped in relativism- and incorporating such ridiculous notions as "diversity" in the classroom. This is a completely erroneous claim, there political major party today- Conservatives are the "New Right." The "New Right" on the other hand, is firmly "free market economics." System. On the contrary, a truly free market economics would be completely foreign to our American way of life.

COLONEL PETER HERY

LILLIAN PFALKE
Even if those you love have been especially naughty this year, be nice and give them something extra special this holiday season. Since our dads are tired of ties, our moms’ closets couldn’t handle another sweater and by this time in the semester most of us are poor and lethargic, here are some sure-to-please gift ideas to take the trauma out of holiday shopping. Accent Staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Good Luck finding a parking space.

By Ashleigh Claus Thompson, Assistant Accent Editor

**For Either Parent or a Random Adult**
- Fondue set ($60, Williams Sonoma)
- A candle car or electric garage
- Spillbuster Coffee Cup ($27, Sharpay Image)
- Sleep No More Gloves ($11.99, Sears)
- Anything you’ve made (a drawing, poem or popsicle stick creation)
- Rolling Stone Images of Rock and Roll ($5.99, Barnes and Noble)
- Clothes or music of your choosing in an effort to make them hip

**That Significant Other**
- Massage oil
- A mix tape of all your favorite tunes
- Anything but flowers or chocolates
- Tasteful undergarments (under $35, Victoria’s Secret or Structure)
- Cologne or perfume that you like
- Gift certificate for body piercing: you pick the place, they enjoy the pain
- Something you can both enjoy (all prices, Pleasureland Museum, 114 W Mishawaka Avenue)
- Concert tickets
- Happy Massager ($11 for large, $10 small, with a free Santa hat during holiday time)
- An illustrated time-line of your relationship

**Friends and Siblings**
- A picture in a frame
- Movie that repeatedly borrows from you
- Mother/Grandmother’s engagement case ($25 and up)
- Voucher for long-distance calling
- Simulated CD of songs you sang
- Mr. Coffee ($30, local drug store)
- Handmade sandalwood Buddha prayer necklace
- Wimpy the Fast Food Telephone Book ($8, Disney Store)
- Timex Quartz Watch ($20, K-Mart)
- Frank 1234 Tackle Box ($24.96, The Sports Authority)
- Business Card Holder ($20, Bentley’s Luggage)
- Plano 1234 Tackle Box
- Bake sale item
- Business Card Holder
- Shave kit
- The Clapper
- Autographed memorabilia from their favorite sports hero
- (check your local phone book under collectibles)

**Holiday Do’s**
- Do wrap your gifts attractively
- Do buy thoughtfully
- Do try to find unusual or one of a kind items
- Do give gift certificates
- Do give something (i.e.: book or CD) you already know is good
- Do get into the spirit and listen to Christmas carols
- Do dress up: Holiday attire is more fancy than the rest of the year
- Do drive around and look at lights
- Do remember this is a difficult time of year for many people
- Do bring a gift to any holiday function you attend, never going to a home in December empty-handed. Some acceptable wines for any palate:
  - La Boure Roi Beaujolais
  - Duna Hungarian Chardonnay 1993
  - Bouchard Pere & Fils Beaujolais Nouveau (all under $9, Walgreen Liquors)
- Do go all out (try for something a little more creative than dinner and a movie)
- Concert tickets
- Happy Massager
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**Holiday Don’t**
- Do not shop at the new Accent Scene (and other empty stores this holiday season)
- Do not buy new clothes for others (check your local phone book under collectibles)
- Do not let your door on carollers
- Do not say you don’t know the right size
- Do not let your door on carollers
- Do not let anyone take your door to make it look bigger
- Do not give pets without first making sure the person wants that kind of responsibility
- Do not stay at the last minute to buy
- Do not mail breakable holiday items
- Do not shop at the ND Ramme’s Bookstore

**Holiday Wrap Up**

**Moms**
- A day at the spa ($50, check locally at the spa nearest you)
- A silk scarf
- A body dancing introductory course
- A really good hair cut ($25-55, check locally for a privately-owned, licensed salon)
- Chantel Vamp Lipstick ($19.50, nail polish $15)
- Personalized makeup case
- Elizabethan Queen Barbie ($32.99, Toys R Us)

**Dads**
- Piano 1234 Tackle Box ($24.96, The Sports Authority)
- Business Card Holder ($20, Bentley’s Luggage)
- Shave kit
- The Clapper
- Autographed memorabilia from their favorite sports hero
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*Certain members of Accent Staff would like to congratulate the 1995 Women’s Soccer Team (and especially their roommates who they haven’t seen all semester) on a fabulous season. Go IRISH!*
Bellas take seventh in Notre Dame Invitational

By LAUREN KELLEHER
Sports Writer and KELLY BLUM
Sports Story Editor

In a race against tough teams including Notre Dame, Niagara, Kansas, Pittsburgh, Michigan State, and Buffalo, the Saint Mary’s Swimming and Diving team held their own with a seventh place finish in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend.

As a whole, the team made a good effort with a few wins against the strong teams. The competition kicked off on Wednesday, with a personal best time from Katie Rose in the 200 IM. Other stellar performances were achieved by Sara Gillen Smith, Shannon Kelleher, Jen Mitchell who each swam the second time.

They were determined to give Niagara University a challenge, which they successfully did.

On Friday, the Belles showed their desire to improve. Freshman Tara Thomas broke a time of 1:04.82, broke the team record in the 100 backstroke, while Allyssa Cameally placed 17th in the 100 yard butterfly. The race was finished with a season best by the 800 freestyle relay team, composed of Smith, Mitchell, Kelleher, and Rose placed fifth.

The second day of competition saw the Belles maintain their lead over Niagara, with commendable performances from several team members.

Sara Gillen Smith, who placed 11th in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 17:57, and qualified for the NCAAs. The team was 18:09, which ended up being a good sign for the team. Shannon Kelleher had two 15th place finishes in the 1650 free and the 200 free. Mary Ruschmeier placed 20th in the 200 IM and Jill Cooper qualified for the finals in both times for the first time in her career.

The performances helped the Belles to hold on to a 7th place finish in the Invitational.

“It was nice to be able to compete against each other,” said Katie Rose. “We were really impressed by the accomplishments. We may not have been able to pose serious competition for each team, but we did the best we could.”

On Saturday morning, the team prepared for their final day of the Invitational. Each improved their personal best time from the previous day.

“Katie Rose did particularly well,” said Smith. “She’s been really good at the 200 IM all season long.”

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Saint Mary’s competed in the Notre Dame Invitational against several Division I squads. They defeated Niagara to place seventh.

Watch for the Orange Bowl pullout in Wednesday’s Observer.
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A pre-season No. 2 ranking in the Big East 6 coupled with an impressive win against conference foe Rutgers gives the Irish reason to be confident.

Notre Dame, however, suffered its first two losses of the season this weekend at the Kona Women's Basketball Classic in Hawaii. Penn State defeated the Irish 86-77, and Texas A & M narrowly beat Notre Dame in overtime by a score of 88-84.

Notre Dame's only win, an 80-67 victory, came against the Washington Huskies. Considering that both losses were at the hands of nationally ranked squads, Coach McGraw was pleased with her team's performance. "This early in the season, I'm really happy with the way we are playing." Notre Dame's most feared rival in the Big East will be defending national champion Connecticut. The Huskies possess some of the best talent in the country, including the Big East's pre-season player of the year Jennifer Rizzotti and pre-season rookie of the year Tammy Arnold.

Along with Connecticut and Notre Dame, the Big East 6 consists of Villanova, Boston College, St. John's, and West Virginia.

The other conference division, Big East 7, is led by pre-season favorite Seton Hall. Last season, the Pirates earned their second straight NCAA tournament appearance and spent ten weeks in the Associated Press Top 25.

Joining Seton Hall in the Big East 7 are Providence, Miami, Rutgers (which begins its inaugural Big East season along with Notre Dame), Pittsburgh, Georgetown, and Syracuse.

Notre Dame's entrance into the Big East has not only affected its own players and coaches, its presence is being noticed by teams throughout the conference.

"Notre Dame definitely impacts the Big East, and it makes the Observer • SPORTS

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Big East

this a stronger conference all the way down the line," commented Sam Henderson, assistant sports information director at Miami.

Junior co-captain Beth Morgan is anxious to prove that Notre Dame can compete with the top teams in the Big East. She played brilliantly this weekend against some of the top players in the country, including a career-high 34 point performance in the overtime loss to Texas A & M.

I'm really excited about playing in the Big East, because of the quality of the teams," commented Morgan. "Both of our losses this weekend we could have won, which is frustrating, but we know we can play with the good teams." The Big East has plenty of good teams. Notre Dame's goal is to establish itself as one of the best.

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Turnovers force All-Star draw

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Some may say pop-tarts, but the story of the women’s interhall all-star game was turnovers.

Even after 60 minutes and a potential tie-breaker, neither the Blue or Gold division was able to enjoy the sweet taste of victory as costly miscues at critical times resulted in a 6-6 tie Sunday at the Loftus Center.

"It was a great opportunity, and we had a lot of fun, but we wish we could have settled it," said Blue running back Wendy Mores.

The Gold squad, determined to avenge last year’s 21-14 loss, stepped up in the second half, "The two defenses really stepped up in the second half," said Blue tailback Trish Sorensen. "It was important that we got the touchdown at the end of the first because it was tough to move the football in the second half."

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Indeed, interhall football fans got their fill of turnovers.

Blue linebacker Shelly Dillenburger stepped in front of a Laurie pass and returned it to the Gold 20-yard-line with 1:07 remaining in the first half. Four plays later, Blue quarterback Julie Byrd connected with tailback Wendy Mores for a 12-yard touchdown.

Defense was the story of the second half as neither the Blue or Gold squad was able to maintain any kind of consistency on the offensive end.

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Gold Division narrowly prevails in All-Star battle

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The men's interhall all-star game this past Sunday at Loftus was a classic gridiron battle in the trenches. Defenses bent, but didn't break. The offenses created big plays to open the scoring. In the end, the Gold All-Stars edged the Blue by an 8-6 final score.

The tone for the day was set on the first drive of the game. The Gold offense picked off several first downs. However, the Blue defense stood tall and forced a change of possession. This type of trend would last throughout the day.

The first big play of the day occurred when Planner's Scott Lupo was picked off by Gold's David Meffe out of St. Eds. The interception gave the Gold offense an opportunity of which they took full advantage.

From the Blue thirty Gold's running tandem of Matt Bundick (Zahn) and Dayne Nelson (Fisher) drove to the fifteen. Then Nelson scampered into the endzone for the score. Sorin quarterback Chris Bryant hit Todd Kucar, Carroll's big tight end, for the conversion.

Herman Moore, who scored the Lions' first touchdown, set a career-high 183 yards, breaking the team mark of 12 in a game shared by three others. Moore has 101 catches for the season.

The high-powered show by the NFL's top-rated offense was expected. But the Lions' defense also stepped up against the Bears, who went into the game with a league's No. 6 offense. Erik Kramer, who had been sacked only eight times in the Bears' first 12 games, was sacked four times by Detroit.

The Lions rolled up 419 yards and held Chicago to 185. However, the Blue offense mounted a drive, led by the offensive line. Running backs Nelson, Bundick, and Carroll's Joe Schenner could choose their holes.

The Blue offense took the field looking to even things up. Behind the running of Morrissey's Mark Tate they began to move the ball. On third down from the four, Tate appeared to be stuffed going right, but he reversed himself and sprinted to the end zone on the left side to tighten things up to 8-6.

The Lions' first touchdown, set a season club record of 28 in the first half of Sunday's All-Star game.

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Defense

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great player and I knew it was going to be a battle. I did my best to try and create things and she was there with me the whole time.”

“It’s hard to beat a player like Kate Sobrero and there’s no defender I would rather have in front of me,” Renola said. In addition to Scharff and Sobrero, Renola could also not do without Fisher and Vogel. Throughout the year, Fisher and Sobrero complemented each other, continually backing the other up and preventing breakdowns. Vogel’s mid-season addition to the lineup brought with it a new vigor on the defensive side, while she provided a welcomed scoring threat in the offensive half of the season.

Once this defensive unit became cohesive, the only thing that was threatened was a shutout in the 1-1 tie with SMU on Friday night, the last time UNC dropped an ACC game. After the Pilots’ 4-2 victory over UNC, the Irish found themselves in a race to the finish for second place in the ACC and now you’re facing off a tough team with an experienced roster.

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SWIMMING

Irish take third in own tournament

By BRIDGET CASEY

Sports Writer

The Irish swimmers were back in action at Rolls Aquatic center this past weekend following several tough meets on the road. The Notre Dame Invitational offered the swimmers an opportunity to compete in a championship format meet in preparation for the second half of their season.

“It was nice to swim in our home pool after being on the road for the last few meets,” commented captain Anna Cooper. “We definitely had our fastest races of the season.”

Overall, the Irish women finished third in ACC and the Tar Heels was the largest audience to see a women’s college soccer game in the United States.

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**Defense keys championship run**

**Irish blank all opponents in NCAA tourney**

By JOE VILLINSKI

Assistant Sports Editor

With one day in the rearview mirror following the women's soccer first national championship, it seems appropriate to concentrate on the aspect that secured the title.

People will point to Cindy Daws' alert play in sudden death in the final or the self-inflicted wound which ended North Carolina’s streak of championships at nine.

There's no need, however, to look any further than the Notre Dame defense.

"Ashley Scharff, Kate Sobrero, Julie Vogel, and Kate Fisher. They did a tremendous job defensively," Irish goalie Jen Renola said following the 1-0 win against Portland.

That victory marked the 18th time this season the defensive unit held an opponent scoreless. More importantly, the Irish finished their run in the NCAA tournament by shutting out all four of their opponents.

Through Wisconsin, through Connecticut, through North Carolina, this defense never wavered. As the Irish found themselves deeper in the tournament, the quality of their defensive effort was elevated to keep some of the best players in the country in check.

"After being humiliated in the finals last year, it just kind of makes up for that," Sobrero said of the defense. "It's more a feeling of joy because we struggled so much during the season. We did let a lot of goals in during that point. Now, when we're finally hitting our peak where we didn't let any goals in, it was everyone combined."

"We played great team defense and that's what we knew it would take to win," Renola added.

Heading into the national championships, coach Chris Petrucelli noted the vast improvement in the team defense and stated his confidence emanated from that part of the Irish game.

Against two of the top offensive teams in the nation, Portland and North Carolina, the Irish reaffirmed their coach's belief.

"I think last year we were just growing together," Sobrero commented. "This year we came together more as a team."

Sobrero also praised Scharff especially, as the senior sweeper's contributions often go unnoticed.

"Ashley worked hard every day by herself," she lauded. "She improved tremendously over the season. I always had confidence in her, but my confidence just grew.

"We just understand each other back there. We have communication now that was not there before."

That communication enabled Sobrero to take a more active role on offense as she could be found pushing the ball over midfield on various occasions. Defense, however, is not her specialty.

Sobrero was named outstanding defensive player of the tournament after tightly marking Portland All-American Shannon MacMillan in the final. With Sobrero on her like glue, MacMillan was limited to just five shots in 125 minutes on Sunday.

"MacMillan is their best front-runner and we thought if we could shut her down then we could pretty much shut down their whole offense," Sobrero added. "Pretty much did that with a few exceptions."

"I played with Kate Sobrero before," MacMillan said. "She's a defensive player, you know."

**Challenge of Big East ahead for Gaither, Irish**

Junior forward leads in boards and heart

By DYLAN BARMER

Sports Writer

A quick perusal of the Notre Dame women's basketball team media guide yields the following prophetic tidbit of information regarding junior center Katryna Gaither:

"Her ability to score and rebound inside will be critical to Notre Dame's success this season."

Yet another quick perusal, this time of the box scores of the six games the Irish have played this season, reveals the harsh reality of the above quotation.

In a season-opening 82-73 win on the road against perennial power Indiana, Gaither scored a 31 points to accompany 14 rebounds. In a 80-67 win over Washington at Kaua‘i-Kona, Hawaii this past Saturday, Gaither poured in 20 points while grabbing five rebounds in just 25 minutes of play.

In an 86-77 loss to powerhouse Penn State the day before, Gaither managed just 12 points and six rebounds.

There is no mistaking it: Gaither's contribution has been enormous bearing on the Irish's success.

Junior Katryna Gaither has been a force for ND so far this season, among team leaders in rebounds and scoring. Make no mistake, an NCAA tournament berth is the ultimate goal for this year's team. Although a Big East title would be an excellent addition to Notre Dame's trophy case, the Irish hope a strong performance in one of the nation's top conferences will earn them a coveted spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"Both the Big East championship and the NCAA tournament are important to us, but we realize that we do not have to win our conference to earn a spot in the tournament," said McGraw.
He's just a man, defensive backs think. He's nothing special. He's not even fast. I can stop him.

Derrick Mayes burns them.

"He's just a man," defensive coordinators say. "If one guy can't stop him, we'll double cover him. He's not that spectacular."

Yet, Derrick Mayes gets open. Or he makes the catch in traffic.

Maybe opponents should learn from Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus. He knows better than anyone.

"Derrick is the man," he says.

Specifically, the man with the red cape.

When he's on the field, Mayes throws the hat and glasses aside and gets the job done like only a superhero can. Dazzling catches look about as easy as walking and chewing gum. Getting in the end zone is about as routine as running sprints in practice.

But off the playing field, Mayes assumes the mild-mannered reporter image, which is difficult to do when you're expected to be a
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Florida, the college football world gets what it wants: being a national championship game. With Ohio State's chokes again, Michigan lost the way was paved for the winner of this clash to be the undisputed, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

The Cornhuskers, who have been sailing along as the nation's top-ranked squad for roughly half the season, have not shown any signs of being distracted by the Lawrence Phillips affair or quarter backing Tommie Dixon. A mid-season drubbing at the hands of the Irish may help explain that one little bit.

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Controlling ball, clock essential

By MEGAN MCGRATH
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense is going to have to do more than just score in order to beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl. The Irish will have to keep the Seminoles from working their top-ranked offense, and that means dominating time of possession.

“We’re not going to put a whole lot of points on the board,” head coach Lou Holtz said. “It’s going to come down to how well we can slow them down.”

While it will be the defense’s job to slow Florida State when they have the ball, the offense will need to slow the overall tempo of the game. Improvements in the offensive line and the emergence of freshman Aubrey Denson indicate the Irish have the talent to control the ball.

“The last time we played them (1994), the game wasn’t as close as the score indicated,” Holtz said. “But last year we had some struggles on our offensive line and they have really improved and made some great progress.”

The offensive line has helped Notre Dame rack up 2572 rushing yards, averaging 233.8 yards a game. Junior Randy Kinder has been the main benefactor of the line’s efforts, averaging 5.1 yards a carry. But Notre Dame remains haunted by a sack by Navy’s Fernando Harris, which ended quarterback Ron Powlus’ season.

“We’re pretty close to being back on top, and are capable of beating anyone in the country,” Holtz said. “But without Ron Powlus, you take out very a strong quarterback and makes us questionable there. You can’t expect to be as strong with a second string quarterback.”

Junior Tom Krug led Notre Dame to a 44-14 win on the road against Air Force, starting in place of Powlus. Krug has the advantage of a talented receiving corps, featuring All-American candidate Derrick Mayes, who is averaging 18.4 yards a catch.

“The Irish could also exploit the Seminoles’ lack of size at linebacker by working huge tight ends Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace.”

Irish at top of Orange Bowl

A position by position look at who holds the advantage

Quarterbacks
Danny Kannell gets the nod simply because he has the big-game experience that Thomas Krug lacks. Kannell can make or break FSU’s chances.

Running Backs
Randy Kinder’s absence will hurt but Aubrey Denson and Marc Edwards are durable. The duo of Warrick Dunn and Rock Preston is top-notch.

Receivers
Andre Cooper and E.G. Green drop their share of balls but are still lethal. Notre Dame’s big tight ends could be keys against a small FSU defense.

Offensive Line
The Irish won in 1993 because they controlled the line of scrimmage. The same must occur for another ND victory. They’re plenty capable.

Defensive Line
Paul Graumanis has been a mainstay while Renaldo Wynn has finally started to realize his potential. Seminole Reinard Wilson is tough.

Special Teams
The ‘Noles boast two of the nation’s better ‘backers in Todd Reebel and Daryl Bush, but the Irish have an outstanding four-man corp.

Secondary
FSU’s defensive backs may still be having nightmares about Florida, but Krug is no Danny Wuerffel. The ‘Noles have the talent to rebound.

Linebackers

Scott Bentley is erratic but still records big numbers. The Irish must handle punts and Scott Cengia must erase 1994’s missed PAT to succeed.

Coaching
Bobby Bowden doesn’t lose many bowl games. Lou Holtz doesn’t lose many big games. The month of preparation is Holtz’s best friend.

Overall
The Irish should control the ball even without Kinder and Ron Powlus. They better—Tim Sherman
BOBBY BOWDEN
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| Fumbles / Fumbles lost | 51 | 12 | 2 |

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Notre Dame

Sept. 2 NORTHWESTERN L 17-15
Sept. 9 at Arizona W 35-28
Sept. 16 ARIZONA ST W 41-0
Sept. 22 TEXAS L 55-27
Sept. 30 at Ohio State L 14-7
Oct. 7 at Wisconsin W 22-21
Oct. 14 at Army-Starkville W 26-27
Oct. 21 at Wake Forest L 40-10
Oct. 28 at Boston College W 20-10
Nov. 4 NAVY W 35-17
Nov. 18 at Air Force W 44-14

The Strategist...

LOU HOLTZ

Tenth season at Notre Dame. Career Record: 208-92-7
Against Florida State 1-1

The Orange Bowl...

LAST TIME

Notre Dame 9
Colorado 10

Raghib "Rocket" Ismail's miraculous late punt return was called back due to a Greg Davis clip. The Buffaloes overcame an injury to quarterback Darian Hagen to win.
Mayes

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vocal leader.

"I don't really know how to approach the situation," Mayes said. "When people are reaching out for instruction, that's when you can feel comfortable lending a hand."

Members of the Irish receiving core, the AFR05 (America's Finest Receivers On Saturdays) don't find any problems with asking Mayes for advice.

"I wouldn't want to be under any other receiver, my freshman year," fellow receiver Bobby Brown said. "Just watching his performance on the field has helped me a lot.

48 catches and 6 touchdown receptions this season can do that.

Mayes' 22 touchdown receptions makes him the career leader in that category. It's reason enough for his teammates to have voted him the team MVP for the second consecutive year. Mayes joins Tony Rice and Rick Mirer as players to have earned that honor twice in their careers.

"It's a real honor and a tribute to the persona that Mayes exudes in practice," Malcolm Johnson said. "Derrick's number one on my list."

Mayes has one more catch and five less touchdowns this season than last, which is considered by many to be an off-year. Criticisms are riding high and Mayes' skills.

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You would likely hear something along the lines of "good vision, straight-ahead style" on his personality, the same would hold true in the lines of "good vision, straight-ahead style" on the field.

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Notre Dame fullback Marc Edwards burst through the Boston College defense during his finest performance of the season. Edwards' inside runs thoroughly confused the Eagles.

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By Tim Sherman

Offensive Line A

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Quarterback B

Ron Powlus' stats declined some last season but with his role on the 1995 team that made him the most productive quarterback. Tom Krug handled his late season thrust into the limelight with aplomb.

Running Backs A

Marc Edwards was perhaps the team's biggest surprise (see above). Fleet-footed freshman Lyron Cobbins, Kinnon Tatum and Bert Berry, and frosh Kory Minor was spectacular. Edwards' continued leadership will be needed next season but it was his role on the 1995 team that mattered most.

Receivers B

Derrick Mayes' numbers were not eye-popping but his mere presence prevented many teams from totally focusing on the running attack. Emmett Mosely was reliable, as was the tight end tandem of Pete Chryplewicz and Leon Wallace.

Linebackers A

The heart and soul of the defense, the quartet of seniors Lyron Cobhins, Kim Sinnott and Bert Berry, and frosh Kory Minor was spectacular.

Special Teams C

Fumbled punts were a major nuisance. In addition, placekicker Kevin Kopka was the biggest flop of the season and could have killed the Irish season. However, his efforts in the middle of the season, particularly the Southern Cal and Boston College games, were what cemented Edwards role as a "go-to" guy for the Irish.

Secondary B-

Notre Dame's Achilles' Heel coming into the season, the defensive backfield was a major liability early. However, the maturation of Allen Bussam and John Wooden realized his potential led to a major improvement, though it was hindered by LaRon Moore's utter ineptitude.

Coaching A-

Holtz's surgery could have been lethal but the Irish coaching staff came together and did a great job. Two early losses could have made for a long season, but the USC win was a boost.

Overall Grade 3.57

The Irish rebounded nicely from a tough start. They provide hope for the future.
The Penn State snowbowl which set the tone a year early, the Kevin McDougal-inspired Michigan victory, the heart wrenching loss to Boston College all reappear from the distant past. The Florida State game stands above them all. It is with no subtle irony, that the Seminoles fill out the Orange Bowl dance card opposite the Irish.

The 1993 ‘Noles, before their 31-24 loss to the Irish were heralded as the best college football team. Of all time. Had Notre Dame’s comeback against B.C. not been foiled, the Irish would have had the rare opportunity to beat the best team ever twice.

This year’s Seminoles are a poor compensation. As a 9-2 team, Notre Dame could not hope to end up with a more interesting opponent. But something is missing.

The best team ever, two years later, is not even the best team in that football juggling act, the Atlantic Coast Conference. These Seminoles just aren’t scary. The 9-2 ‘Noles played only two ranked teams on a schedule that included such powerhouses as Florida A&M. Guess where the ‘2’ in the record came from. Bobby Bowden’s boys were whipped by Steve Spurrier. The ‘Noles don’t have a celebrated two sport athlete. It’s even been a long time since they were “equipped” by altruistic alumni.

Still, there was mild celebration when the pairing was announced. The question remains whether it was this year’s matchup that people were anticipating, or the images of that fantastic fall day that the name ‘Florida State’ conjures up.

My suspicion is the latter. Ron Powlow and Derrick Mayes have done us a great service. They have played good football, they have played winning football. They have represent the University with class. They will never replace McDougal and Lake Dawson.


This year’s bowl gives the Irish a chance to crack the Top-5. That’s well and good. But more importantly, it offers the opportunity to wax nostalgic. It will never replace the memories of the ‘Game of the Century.’ Nor do we want it to.