Report: Holtz may not return next year

By TIM SHERMAN

With 98 career wins at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz is the second-winningest coach in Irish history. He needs just eight more victories to pass the legendary Knute Rockne and move into the top spot.

But there are whirlwind of rumors on campus surrounding an imminent resignation of Holtz.

The Observer contacted numerous members of the team but each either denied the speculations or could not offer comment.

In addition, University President Father Edward Malloy refused comment on the matter.

As aired on last night’s SportsCenter and published on ESPN’s web site, ESPNET Sportszone, Holtz may make an announcement as soon as the middle of next week.

Oberrmann proceeded to give a laundry list of items that indicate Holtz’s 11-year stay may be ending soon.

The seven events given, as "reported by reliable sources close to the school or the athletic department or both," contained two particularly intriguing scenarios.

The first reported that the University’s Board of Trustees “canceled long-standing plans this week and headed to the campus.

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Friday Feature

Here comes the bride, all dressed in... blue and gold!

Over half of ND, SMC students find spouses under the Dome

By JOHN DE BOY

Bells are ringing for graduates of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College. The Alumni Association, the percentage of alumni who go on to marry fellow college graduates is probably somewhat higher at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s than it is at other colleges and universities.

"I would think it would be higher at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s because of the homogeneous student body that we have here," Lennon says. "There are more Catholics here, so that figure [55 to 60 percent] is probably higher here than it is at state schools, although it would probably be similar at other Catholic institutions.

Others, such as Notre Dame senior and husband-to-be Steve Dinnebier, feel similarly. Dinnebier, who

Monday, November 18

Here comes the bride, all dressed in... blue and gold!

By MICHELE KRUPA

Darkness will cast its shadows no longer on Notre Dame football players and fans. Tomorrow, for the first time, permanent lights will be used during the game against Pitt to illuminate Notre Dame Stadium.

The project, a $700,000 enterprise by NBC, became a supplement to the major construction of the stadium after a decision last June. In past years, temporary lights have been used for games played late into the season, as it begins to get dark earlier in the afternoon. Lack of daylight makes playing dangerous and televising the game difficult.

Due to the increased height of the stadium's facade, temporary lighting is no longer feasible.

"Due to the complexity of putting temporary lights on a stadium like this, we have been working on this for the last 18 months," NBC’s SportsZone producer Steve Fulhall said.

Upon recent completion of a $700,000 construction project funded by NBC, permanent stadium lights will be used for the first time tomorrow.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, November 15

3:00 p.m. Footbali Viewing Social Gathering

6:30 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

8:45 p.m. Band Steps off for Pep Rally

10:00 p.m. Pep Rally

Saturday, November 16

6:00 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Pep Rally

Sunday, November 17

6:10 a.m. Maroon and White Mass at the Main Circle

10:40 a.m. Marching Band Concert

11:30 a.m. Performances

11:45 a.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. Pomp and Circumstance

2:00 p.m. Performing Arts at the Main Circle

3:00 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Pep Rally

6:30 p.m. Band Building

7:00 p.m. Pep Rally

8:00 p.m. Peplum Tower Rehearsal at the Main Circle

9:30 p.m. Pep Rally

10:30 p.m. Pep Rally

11:00 p.m. Pep Rally

Sunday, November 18

5:00 a.m. Mass at the Main Circle

8:00 a.m. Notre Dame Bookstore

10:00 a.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

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12:00 p.m. Marching Band Rehearsal

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Police prepared for violence in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

For two weeks, members of a black separatist group called the "execution" of a white police officer for the fatal shooting of a black motorist, threatening to "burn this city down" unless the officer was charged and fired. The shooting itself had touched off riots Oct. 24, so police took the threats seriously. They scoured the streets for days, setting trash cans and cars on fire, and six tons of rocks and bottles they believe the group smashed as ammunition to use against the police.

And on Wednesday, the day a grand jury cleared the officers, police were prepared to arrest leaders of the group so they wouldn't provoke a riot. But the strategy may have backfired. The group leaders were arrested in front of their headquarters, in full view of already testy protesters.

Within hours, two police officers were wounded by gunfire and seven other people were injured Wednesday when people angrily took to the same streets where they rioted after Officer Jim shot 18-year-old. You Thong, his fellow's watchman last week.

On Thursday, Police Chief Darrel Stephens faced angry questions from City Council members who wanted to know why the group wasn't brought under control before the looting, arson and shooting broke out.

"I'm furious. I am sorry, but I am furi­ous," council member Connie Kane told Chief Darrel Stephens. "Why have we waited so long to say that law and order is going to prevail?"

Stephens defended the police. "Our officers were not able to prevent violence," he said. "Our effort was aimed at doing whatever we could to prevent violence."

This time, the violence was less wide­spread, but more latent. "The police responding to reports of trouble were responding too late," he said.

Passers-by were attacked with concrete and bottles.

Police used tear gas and barricades to break up the groups, only to have them return. Stephens blamed the violence largely on the small black separatist group, the National People's Democratic Party.

"I don't believe that was a sponta­neous event," he said.

Early Thursday morning, the streets were quiet and calm as I pressed forward to the afternoon. The main activity was a street vendor who was selling debris and rocks. Extra police were out on the streets.

Clinton looks for defense secretary

Hoping to cobble together a new for­eign policy team with GOP Circum­President Clinton is focusing on Republicans Sen. Warren. He is starting a search for a defense secretary, an offi­cial says. The senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton is expected to lead a 12-day overseas trip without making a final decisions on his foreign affairs apparatus. But he has narrowed significantly the field of candidates for secretaries of defense and state. Cohen emerged as the most prominent candidate Thursday night, sources cautioned that Clinton had not entertained his thinking on the matter and probably would not finally close the choice before next month. Until then, wisdom had CIA director John D. Sullivan as the replacement for Defense Secretary William Perry.

Reaction sucks air from Biosphere 2

Biosphere 2, the costly experiment in creating a closed, self-sustaining ecosystem in Arizona, failed because the concrete walls are cut off oxygen and leaves humans inside with barely enough to breathe. What was supposed to be a glass-enclosed copy of a pristine and ambi­tion Earth evolved into a place choked with carbon dioxide, nitrogen, replicating with uncontrolled weedy vines. Cockroaches, ants and katsydids thrived. "It was the boldest attempt ever," said Tim Lemmon, a veteran biologist, "but it failed miserably." "This suggests that there are fundamental mysteries that we don't know how to manage them or make them better,"" he said. "This is very humbling," he said. Timm and Joel E. Cohen of Rockefeller University and Columbia University in New York, wrote an analysis of the Biosphere 2 experiment for the journal Science.

Network changes transplant priorities

People suffering chronic liver failure, like those caused by heavy drinking or hepatitis C, will no longer be first in line for transplants. The Richmond, Va.-based United Network for Organ Sharing, which sets nationwide poli­cies for organ transplant, approved the change at its annual meeting in Boston today. The change will purge hundreds of chronic liver patients from the top of the waiting lists, leaving a relatively small number of acute patients. The change will take effect Jan. 20. Chronic conditions include cirrhosis, caused by alcohol, viral hepatitis, biliary disorders and genetic liver disease. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, caused by obesity or intravenous drug use, often gets hepatitis from dirty needles. The idea is to make it a chance's patient for liver transplants, trying to help the smallest group of patients who could benefit the most," said James Wolf, UNOS' director of medical affairs.

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more attributable to factors outside of the relationships themselves, such as the students’ general lack of exposure to people and places beyond the borders of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses. John Dillon, director of Notre Dame’s Marriage Preparation and Enrichment program, says that the Alumni Association statistic may be a result of “the somewhat isolated geographic environment in which the schools are in.”

In addition to the high rate of intra-community marriages among graduates of the two schools, many contend that Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students tend not to be too apprehensive when it comes to marrying young, an observation that goes against trends revealed in most national surveys.

Statistics from the U.S. National Survey of Families and Households, for example, indicate that the percentage of 25- to 44-year-olds who are married has declined sharply from almost 80 percent in 1965 to just over 50 percent today. But Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, says that the number of young people at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s who are married young, an observation that goes against trends revealed in most national surveys.

Accordingly, we interact and career preparation, emphasizes open communication and dialogue between engaged partners. Additional information about Notre Dame’s marriage preparation programs can be found at the information desk at LaFortune Office or the Alumni Association.”

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According to Olbermann’s mentor, Mortensen, that future may be elsewhere.

Mortensen reported that Holtz informed his assistants that there was a "90 percent chance" he would not be coaching at Notre Dame next season.

"I feel Holtz wants another shot at coaching in the NFL after his first stint, with the New York Jets in 1976, was a failure," he said. "What the Observer failed to receive any sort of confirmation from him who sometimes criticized Bernardin’s more liberal views.

Bernardin was born in Columbus, S.C. He was ordained a priest in 1952 and served in Charleston, S.C., before being appointed auxiliary bishop of Atlanta in 1966 at age 38. Two years later, he was elected general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference. In that post, he oversaw the restructuring of the episcopal conference according to norms established by the Second Vatican Council.

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U.S. drops charges against accused Russian spy

By JEFF DONN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON. Accused of breaking the unwritten rules of the spy game, the Justice Department dropped charges Thursday against a retired KGB agent who freely admitted trying to steal "Star Wars" secrets for Russia.

The CIA and State Department decided prosecut­
ing the former spy was not in the national interest after Russia repeatedly threatened to retaliate.

We were upset with CIA only in that they changed their minds," said a Justice official in Washington who spoke on con­dition of anonymity. "They should have told us this from the beginning."

Vladimir Galkin, 50, was freed hours after Russia issued yet another public protest of his Oct. 29 arrest in New York.

Galkin was accused of offering $30,000 in 1990 and 1991 for reports pertaining to the Strategic Defense Initiative, a charge he openly admitted to — after being released Thursday.

"It was an attempt, but I did not receive one bit of informa­tion," Galkin said outside the courthouse.

CIA Director John Deutch was not aware of Galkin's impending arrest when lower­
level CIA officials approved it, the Justice Department source said.

Deutch later argued for dis­
missal of the charges out of concern that Russia might retaliate by expelling U.S. diplo­

mats believed to be spies.

"After further consultations within the government, the CIA has concluded, and the State Department has concurred, that the national interest would best be served by dismissing the charges," a Justice state­ment said.

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service accused the United States of breaking the unwrit­en rules of espionage by giving a former spy a visa, then arresting him when he arrived.

A warrant for Galkin's arrest was issued the same day his visa was approved, and he was taken into custody at Kennedy International Airport, where he arrived with a delegation from Moscow as a representative of the Russian-American company Knowledge Experience.

Two Justice Department offi­
cials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were unaware of any unwritten codes regarding former spies. But Russian officials said Galkin was entrapped because the United States knew his back­
ground. He had mentioned his former work as a Soviet and Russian agent on his visa appli­cation.

Clinton travels to Asia for talks

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

President Clinton will meet with China's president during a 12-day trip to Asia, seeking increased stability in the two countries' often stormy and turbulent relationship.

"Over the past year, I believe we've turned a corner in the relationship and dealt with some very difficult issues," Samuel Berger, the deputy national security adviser, told reporters Thursday.

The visit, in the Philippines, will be Clinton's fourth with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at neutral locations. Berger said there remain no plans as yet for more formal state visits in each other's capitals.

He said Clinton also will press other Asian leaders for con­crete progress on more liberal trade policies during the trip's centerpiece event, a meeting of leaders of Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum countries.

Clinton leaves Friday for a weekend vacation in Hawaii, then flies to Australia for a state visit. He attends the APEC meeting in Manila, where he meets with Jiang, then follows with a state visit to Bangkok, Thailand.

Discussing the Clinton-Jiang meeting, Berger emphasized the progress the United States and China have made in the last year on a range of con­
tentious questions, including Chinese naval maneuvers in the Taiwan Strait, and an agree­
ment protecting U.S. intellectu­al property.

"We can work together and work through our differences, as great powers must," Berger said.

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NATO seizes arms in Bosnia

By TEDDIE WEYR
Associated Press Writer

CELCI, Bosnia

U.S. and Russian troops seized a huge number of weapons and ordered a Bosnian army unit to shut down today, accusing it of being involved in the worst violence in Bosnia since war ended a year ago.

NATO-led troops hauled away two Bosnian army armored personnel carriers and packed six large peacekeeping trucks with weapons and ammunition confiscated from the Bosnian Army’s 254th brigade, NATO officials said.

The brigade was located just west of Celic in northeast Bosnia.

Maj. Brett Boudreau, a NATO spokesman, said the weapons will all be destroyed at a nearby U.S. base.

Peacekeeping troops and U.S. police also raided a Bosnian Serb police station at nearby Koraj, seizing one automatic weapon, some grenades and a case of ammunition.

The weapons clampdown followed Muslim-Serb clashes Tuesday that left one Muslim dead in the village of Gajevi and showed that peacekeepers may not be leaving Bosnia as soon as they hoped.

In Washington today, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the United States expected to provide one-third of the follow-up NATO force for Bosnia next year.

After meeting with Vice President Al Gore, Solana told reporters the overall force would come from 30 countries and involve up to 30,000 troops.

His “best guess,” he said, is that 6,000 to 10,000 Americans will be part of the team that replaces the present 60,000-member force.

Boudreau, the NATO spokesman, said starting Saturday, a broad area around Muslim-controlled Celic will be turned into a demilitarized zone enforced by NATO-led troops.

The peace force also ordered the 254th brigade to shut its base near Celic by Nov. 23 and to remove the few weapons remaining there, he said.

The action followed what Boudreau called the brigade’s involvement in fighting Tuesday as some Muslims tried to return to their former homes in Gajevi.

The village lies in a demilitarized zone between the Serb and Muslim-Croat halves of the country.

Boudreau said NATO troops saw the brigade’s chief of staff encouraging refugees to go to Gajevi and saw members of the brigade laying military telephone cable between Gajevi and Celic.

A senior Bosnian army officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his soldiers may have been in Gajevi, but only as Muslims wishing to return home.

Today’s raids in Celic and Koraj were “to break the chain of provocation and reaction,” Boudreau said, warning of “severe consequences” if there was any repeat of the Gajevi clashes.

The weapons confiscated from the Bosnian army included nearly 200 rifles, two armored vehicles, thousands of rounds of ammunition, several small anti-aircraft guns, 82 machine guns and five grenade launchers.

On Wednesday, hundreds of Muslims who claimed homes in nearby Koraj, on the Serb side of the zone, protested at a checkpoint near Celic manned by Russian and American troops. They dispersed after the mayors of Celic appealed to them to leave.

Koraj was a predominantly Muslim town before the war but it is now in Serb territory beyond the demilitarized zone that contains Gajevi.

Following the Gajevi clashes, international mediators suspended refugee resettlement plans across the entire 2 1/2-mile-wide separation zone.

They insisted that all weapons be cleared from the zone and accused both sides of serious violations of the peace agreement.

Most weapons are banned in the separation zones, but the weapons taken by the NATO-led peace force today appeared to be outside that zone.

In Paris today, international donors pressed Bosnia’s three-man presidency to shore up the country’s fragile peace or risk losing aid.

In a study released Thursday, Human Rights Watch said the homeless children, including 15 killed in custody between 1990 and 1994, were victims of police “lawlessness” that could have been curbed had recommendations made in 1979 by India’s own National Police Commission been enacted.

“Why hasn’t anything happened, and how much longer will children continue to be victims?” said Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch’s New York-based director of Asia projects.

Passport taken from East Germany’s last communist

By COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN

A court revoked the passports of East Germany’s last communist leader and three former comrades Thursday, ruling they were likely to flee their trial in this year’s landmark trial of police who “promoted” torture of children.

The Berlin state court also ordered former leader Erich Honecker and two other defendants not to leave Berlin or surrounding Brandenburg state. The third was allowed to travel to his job in Hesse state.

The Constitutional Court ruled Tuesday that former communist officials may not argue they were upholding the law by enforcing a shoot-to-kill policy that caused the deaths of more than 500 freedom-seekers during 41 years of communism.

Krenz and the three former Politburo members have been on trial since January on manslaughter charges for their role in the border policy.

Krenz challenged the ruling, saying he has been “hounded” from the beginning that federal German justice officials do not have jurisdiction to judge officials of another country, he said. “I will therefore not accept any decision of this court, whatever it is.”

On Wednesday, the Berlin court also jailed Klaus-Dietz Baumgarten, a former deputy defense minister.
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The front of the T-shirt read, "I Bet My Money on the Irish." The back, "Eh, Again So Does Boston College." Let's face it, there's nothing wrong with Boston without one of those to wear around. If you get killed, you'll get killed, but you taunt BC as much as you can. I'm here in Livingston.

I'm beginning to think it might have happened. Not since Florida State took a bunch of good teams fighting for the last Top Ten Spot. It's not only us, we were just unlucky when we got caught beating up our biggest rival, McQuaid. When I was a freshman, my folks sent me all the clippings about how that team did in 1994. One headline: "Bishop Kearney defeats McQuaid at home for the first time in over a decade," still hangs over my door.

That team had five good players. One or two came off the bench but no more and never for long. To make a long story short, they had every team in the state but one, and that by a single tenth of a second as a lay-up that would have given them the game didn't count. I saw some of the playoffs while I was home for Christmas, and it was some of the most exciting basketball I've ever seen. They were games you could watch for a hour. Those guys did not go out to big time college ball. If they had come here, they would have been first-rate Bookstore players.

College basketball has been more fun than the pros for years now. They play hard in the regular season. They make a game out of it required, although when they make too many, they do make 7.5 million dollars a year or dress up like women in the super bowl. Pro sports grew up a long time ago.

Robert Alomar, Bryan Cox, Derrick Coleman, Howard, Shaquille O'Neal, Jeff George — that's just this year. Most people have written off the pros, but I'll tell you what. College sports have grown up too and if you think they're going to be the same in five to ten years, you're wrong. They have slipped away, and high school sports are next.

Notre Dame played what media called "The Eight Million Dollar Game" against Arizona State last year. This year, a bunch of good teams fighting for the last Bowl Alliance spot, the news stories don't lead with Steve Sarkasian's great year at BYU or UNC with New Year's Day possibilities for the first time since 1950. They're treating it like a lottery and behind the sportsmanslike commentary of the coach, there's every one of the confusions involved.

For a few years now, the idea of paying college athletes to play has been circulating. Do not be surprised when it is adopted. Just imagine how much more money Georgia Tech would have pulled in if Stepheh Marbury had stayed four years. It would be worth many times more — in scholarship money for needy students, they'll tell you — than what it would cost to get Stephon a Lexus, an apartment and extra money with which to gamble.

Not only college athletes will not be paid any time soon. They are mostly women, but they are also the baseball team. College baseball just doesn't have the same pull as football and basketball. We have a brand new stadium we can't fill. Why? The best college-age baseball players are in the minor leagues. Maybe that's where the college football and basketball players who want to be paid should play.

But, there are no minor leagues for football and basketball. Not true, of course, colleges serve as minor leagues for the NFL and the NBA. They are being used by college dollar banksters and make no mistake about it — they like it. It's been big money for them, too. They've been crying loudly over players coming out early, they don't like to see students deprive themselves of an education. Some of them mean it and some of them are crying over athletes depriving them of their athletic department income.

The solution is pretty simple. The pros have to be forced to set up minor leagues for football and basketball, just like baseball. When they do that, athletes that want to "concentrate on their sport" (that's what's most important to them) can go do just that. There will still be intercollegiate football, it just won't be half filled with pro prospects bidding their time until the draft and half college students who like to play sports. It will be all college students who like to play sports.

Why would the pros set up the leagues? They won't do it voluntarily, that's for certain. They could easily be forced to do it, though. All colleges have to do is admit students without respect to their level of athletic accomplishment. No more recruiting. No more scouting. The football team should field the best 22 guys who would come to Notre Dame anyway. Same goes for Nebraska.

That might save college sports from suffering the same fate as the pros. If you think it's not the right thing to do, remember that it would be easier to pass the new Stadium through the eyes of a needle than for a rich University to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Clinton's second term will be challenging

**COLLEGE DEMOCRATS**

For the first time ever, the Democrats have recaptured the White House for a second consecutive term. One can scarcely say that the Democrats have recaptured the White House because, after all, Richard Nixon won the presidency, effectively killing liberalism as a popular ideology. The '96 election was clearly not a rousing endorsement of the Democratic Party. President Clinton failed to top 50 percent of the popular vote, and Republicans maintained majorities in both the House and Senate. However, the Republicans can claim no major victories. Clinton began the year by walking away from cutting taxes in the closing weeks of the election, he lost ten seats in the House, and their leader, Newt Gingrich, remains the most unpopular person on Capitol Hill.

Professor Sam Best stated, "The '96 election raised more questions than it answered." He is absolutely right — I nearly will not answer the question which solved a major problem with policy or government. But it may go down in history as one in which both parties reevaluate the tenets of their ideologies and their support bases. For Republicans this means to determine the size of government and how to get next to the party's libertarian revolution, a question which a Democrat cannot speculate on. What I can say for sure, however, is that the election results pose one stark question to Democrats: What is it that you believe?

While Clinton was busy stealing the center of American politics, many members of the Democratic's traditional liberal base, including my old professor, had predicted that he would lose. Clinton would win, so they stayed home. Dole supporters knew that Dole would lose, and in the process, they lost ten seats in the House, and their leader, Newt Gingrich, remains the most unpopular person on Capitol Hill.

President Clinton is not alone, however. "New" Democrats are coming out of the closet. The "New" Democrats are on major issues. This phenomenon cannot be explained in a column as short as this one. For those who are not familiar with his record of the Democratic Party divided about where it is headed. Many of us are calling upon the President to return the Party to the center of American politics. What can we call it in a call for him to continue with his centerist course of action, I firmly disagree. The President's liberal support was tenuous at best, and Dole captured the undecided vote nearly two to one in the last campaign. While the Democrats have to change the public's image of Newt Gingrich, the most visible of the Congressional Republicans. They have to do this mainly by lowering the party's ties to the Christian Coalition and people like Pat Buchanan. Ties such as these allowed Clinton to portray himself as a moderate while painting Republicans as rightist Bible-beaters. In advising the Republicans to rid themselves of the religious right, my main piece of advice is this: Forget the abortion issue, even though you may have a legitimate argument. The political reality is that the Supreme Court is not going to overturn Roe v. Wade, no matter how much Republicans want to see it done. If Republicans form 1997 to 2000 can get this through their thick skulls, WE WILL WIN BACK THE PRESIDENCY IN 2000 — mainly because Gore is beatable, with a more conservative electorate like the one we currently have.

**NOTRE DAME COLLEGE DEMOCRATS**

As expected, Clinton won at 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (my schedule off. I had predicted that he would be the declared winner at 9:30, so I lost a half hour... kind of like Indiana not turning back its clocks with the standard time change.

The half hour differential may have been a blessing for the Democrats as they were home and don't bother to watch on television. That makes as much sense as the largest tax increase in U.S. history. The second lesson is that the American public is satisfied with a divided government. While a long awaited election success is avoided. Back in the day when Gerald Ford was the Republican leader in the House, he compromised with Democrats. Both ultimately to systematically marginalize the Republicans would remain a minority party... that is until Newt Gingrich decided that warfare was the way to win control of Congress. Next was Newt's resignation and with the rancor of Newt's crowd that lead to gridlock. Currently, about twenty Republicans oppose Newt because of his support for the House health care proposal collapsed in the Congress, signifying another failure. However, Newt has no serious opponent, so he will remain the leader of the Republicans in the House. It is interesting that the House will actually be less conservative while the Senate will become more ideologically hard core conservative.

**CAPITOL COMMENTS**

If history is any indication, expect the Democrats to demand more of a change than they probably decided the outcome. The AFL-CIO also managed some clout in several races where they concentrated their efforts. It is unfair to characterize organized labor's efforts as a failure merely because Congress did not switch back to the Democrats. First, it was Labor's first national effort, which they stumbled in several races where they prioritized their efforts. It is unfair to characterize organized labor's efforts as a failure merely because Congress did not switch back to the Democrats. First, it was Labor's first national effort, which they stumbled in several races where they prioritized their efforts. It is unfair to characterize organized labor's efforts as a failure merely because Congress did not switch back to the Democrats. First, it was Labor's first national effort, which they stumbled in several races where they prioritized their efforts.

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Impressions of Degas

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Art Editor

If the myth Edgar Degas created for himself was an accurate one, then this reclusive, solitary genius has never been so publicly exposed as he is now.

His most intimate expression during his later years of inver-
sion, his art, can now be displayed for all to see. And while Degas earned respect and renown as one of the leading Impressionists of his time, he showed very little of his later work, failing to participate in a single exhibit during the last thirty years of his life. It is to this period of his creative process that the Art Institute of Chicago chose to dedicate its exhibit, "Degas: Beyond Impressionism," that will continue to run through January 5, 1997.

Undermining the enigmatic sense of beauty and harmony that a Degas work can inspire in its viewer, the atmosphere at the Art Institute proves far from tranquil. While nearly all the tickets for this special exhibit have been sold, either to Art Institute members or early subscribers, the hope of obtaining a ticket has resulted in long lines of impatient frenzy. Those privileged with tickets are ushered through a single file line into the entrance hall, where for four dollars, viewers can purchase headphones with an hour-long cassette that explains the history of the artist and his works in detail.

The exhibit, which contains almost one hundred paintings, pastels, drawings and sculptures, is co-organized by The National Gallery, London, and The Art Institute of Chicago. Laid out in ten rooms with works arranged by a combina-
tion of date and subject matter, some canvases are displayed amidst sculpture to demonstrate his unity of theme. Eager viewers with romantic notions of sharing an intimate moment with Degas must be forewarned: hundreds of your closest strangers will share this moment with you. The gal-

seams of the tracing paper are visible, emphasizing the con-
cept of reworked images. No concrete feeling as to the order of Degas's revisions can be detected, but one can certainly sense the constant reinvention. Some rooms contain a series of five or six paintings of the same exact subject, perhaps each from a slightly different angle, revealing Degas's almost obsessi-

ate attempt for per-
fec tion. Room Five contains sculpture placed alongside can-
vases with the identi-

cal image, achieving a

mirrored effect. It

almost seems as if Degas uses himself for inspiration.

Whatever the strokes were created by pas-
tels, charcoal, oils or his own finger pain-
ting, a closer look at the canvas shows what seem like rapid blurs of color. Step back, and the strokes dissolve into deliberately placed pieces of genius.

Texture in both his canvases and sculp-
tures is a key element, as is color. This later period reveals a more mature artist, ener-
genic and concentrat-
ed on a few specific themes. Every canvas reflects this; Degas's late work seems to be especially expressive, exploding with both emotion and color.

His artistic attention focuses on the female form, in just about every describable state or position, striking the viewer as incredible. Ballerinas occupy the first several galleries, followed by bathers, women combing hair and finally, Russian dancers. A final room even includes landscapes, which also imitate the female form.

The exhibit ends with a reading room containing books fur-
ther explaining the work of Degas and his contemporaries. They reveal that his works were sketched by Gauguin and

will all leave the museum feeling enlightened and maybe even a little inspired.

Degas may have retreated into himself towards the end of his life, but he surely could not help but remain an influential force within his artistic community. "Degas: Beyond Impressionism" proves that his presence will remain among us.

For remaining tickets to the exhibit, call the Art Institute at 712-443-3660.

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Shake it up, baby

By ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

Friday, November 15, 1996

Finger cymbals rang, hips gyrated, sequins shook, and bottoms wiggled. As the first notes of east-ern music spiraled out of the stereo, every Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student in attendance knew it would not be a regular evening in LaFortune. They were right; it's not every night that the administration pays for you to learn how to belly dance.

Although there were neither nonnoid tributes nor performance and instruction. "She was amazing. She makes the human body an art form," Frigon said.

Anyone who witnesses a belly dancing performance cannot help but notice its fluidity and intricacy. It also emits a subtle sensuality and eroticism that some dancers like Sohair Zaki have earned both wealth and respect. It's a good thing, too; the average belly dancer can cost around $1000.

As part of the workshop, Gamal invited students to ask questions, leaf through copies of Arabesque magazine, play with her finger cymbals and check out her compact discs. Students wishing to pursue the discipline under her instruction could sign a mailing list, or can contact the Student Union Board office to obtain her phone number.

Whether all students felt equally confident was difficult to assess, but most seemed to enjoy themselves. As they contentedly wandered around the ballroom, students probably wondered when their next opportunity for exotic dancing would arise. After all, with winter starting, this campus can use all the heat it can get.

![Image](https://example.com/belly_dance_image.jpg)

**Not Just Books Book Sale**

The St. Joseph County Public Library will hold its annual fall book sale this weekend. But it won't be just books. Magazines, records, CDs, video, and audio cassette tapes will also be available for purchase. The sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 17. The library is located at 304 S. Main Street in South Bend.

**Coffee and Soul**

The Soulfull Bowlfull, Notre Dame's only jazz quartet, will be performing at Lala's coffee house this Saturday, November 16, beginning at 8 p.m. Lala's is located on Edison, across from the Lincolnbaker.

**Love Stinks: A Dramatic Look at the Downsides of Relationships**

Catherine Friesen will perform three short dramatic pieces at Goshen College next weekend. The senior theater major's performance includes Bertolt Brecht's "Jewish Wife," Samuel Beckett's "Rockaby," and Sam Shepard's and Joseph Chaikin's "Savage Love," a collection of poems. The selections focus on human relationships in times of loss, leaving and love. Friesen's performance is entitled "Between Us."

The November 23 performance begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free. Call (219) 535-7571 for more information.

**AquaArt Exhibition**

Cynthia Morgan's "River Waltz," will be exhibited at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art from November 23, 1996, through January 5, 1997. The exhibition consists of an autobiographical theme combined with metaphorical water references in an attempt to "create a place for the viewer to reflect on their own history," according to Morgan. The site-specific installation of the work is centered around a white organza skirt covered with ruffles and pockets, each containing a glass of water. A sound piece with a glass harmonica and other glass and water sounds accompanies the installation.

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HOUSTON
Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon enjoyed the victory, not the game. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 9 points in the first period, but Barkley led Miller’s layup in the final seconds Thursday night as the Houston Rockets rallied for a 98-88 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The Rockets lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in an exhausting double overtime game on Tuesday night, and trailed the Pacers most of the night before

"I think we were tired, obviously, one of those nights," Miller said. "You could see we were tired out there so this is a great win. We played very strongly tonight."

"This was a wake-up call for us," Olajuwon said. "We can’t continue to play these kinds of games. We should try to make it easier on ourselves."

Olajuwon scored 21 points and got 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who trailed 85-76 with 4:32 left. Plagued by foul trouble, Olajuwon snapped an 85-all tie with a baseline jumper with 3:18 left. The Pacers had a chance to tie, but Olajuwon added 13 points on 4-of-18 shooting.

"You can hang your heads after playing this type of game," Best said.

"Everybody is upset because this could have been a nice win. Hopefully, we can bounce back and win some games. All of a sudden calls go the other way."

Miller wasn’t too pleased with the officiating either.

"There was no way the refs were going to foul Olajuwon out of this game," Miller said. "It’s comical that the refs in this league are doing this. I don’t know what Flord Thorn (NBA senior vice president of basketball operations) does. We had this in the bag."

The Rockets led 47-46 at halftime before the Pacers went on a 14-4 run to take a 72-60 lead after three.

The Rockets put together a 3-pointer during a 10-run in the second quarter that helped Houston rally from a 40-33 deficit.

"I feel very fortunate to win this game," Rockets coach John Oldjamovich said. "We didn’t play good basketball until the fourth quarter but our guys were clicking on the whole game and it’s a gutsy win for us."

SONICs CLIPS 778
Gary Payton scored 25 points and John Starks had 20 points and 15 rebounds Thursday night to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to their fifth straight victory, 94-78 over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Sonics, who entered the game with the NBA’s third-highest scoring average at 101.6, were the second-seeded team held under 100 points by the Clippers in their first seven games. Los Angeles got 37 from guard Sam Cassell in the league’s second-stingiest defense, Malik Sealy’s three-point play with 3:05 left in the third quarter narrowed the gap to 64-55, the first time the Sonics’ lead was under double digits.

Waynous Layou’s layup and a 20-foot jumper by Danny Manning gave the Sonics the deficit to 64-59 with 1:49 left in the third, but Perkins made his third 3-pointer in seconds and Los Angeles got no closer.

TIMBERWOLVES 100
MAVERICKS 90
The Minnesota Timberwolves have a winning record for only the fourth time ever, and Flip Saunders already is getting greedy.

After Doug West sparked a 13-0 run at the start of the second half to help the Wolves rally for a 100-90 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Thursday night, Saunders was more interested in how much better he believes his team’s record should be.

"We very easily could have been 5-2 or 6-1," Saunders said. "Now we have a 10-3 road trip in the Wolves won on a shot at the buzzer in overtime and 105-87, the second-quarter lead in another game."

The one thing about this team, we don’t want it tied up, we don’t want it to happen. We don’t panic, and that’s how you’ll happen if you believe in your defense."

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U.S. troops reach Africa for humanitarian mission

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI
Associated Press Writer

KIGALI, Rwanda

The first of what could be 4,000 American soldiers arrived in Rwanda's capital today in advance of a multinational operation to feed and help send home more than 1 million refugees in Zaire.

The 43-member team, led by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Edwin F. Smith, is to assess the security needs for the U.S. troops that are to take part in the Canadian-led humanitarian operation in central Africa.

Beside Canada and the United States, other Western nations expected to participate include France, Britain, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. The United Nations said seven African countries will take part, including South Africa.

While President Clinton has attached certain conditions to the U.S. troops' involvement, he agreed in principle Wednesday to dispatch a force, spearheaded by U.S. Army paratroopers from their base in Vicenza, Italy.

Among the conditions placed on U.S. participation in the multinational force were that the American troops, totaling 3,000 to 4,000, stay less than four months so that there is a finite date to the mission.

If the U.S. mission is to succeed, one U.S. diplomat attending the meeting at the United Nations this afternoon to finalize details of the operation, the parties reached an agreement, the Security Council will have to authorize the deployment, a decision that diplomats expect as early as tonight.

- White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the U.S. paratroopers would secure an airfield in the eastern Zaire city of Goma, a principal delivery point for humanitarian supplies. Zairian rebels control the airfield.

- Rocket fire hissed today over Goma, the Zairian town bordering Rwanda, as Zairian rebels battled with Rwandan Hutu militia near their Mugunga refugee camp 10 miles from the lakeside town.

- No injuries were reported, and by noon the artillery was quiet.

- Shelling prevented the distribution of food, however. As relief is delayed, thousands face starvation or death from disease.

- Rebel leader Laurent Kabila has vowed to retaliate against former Rwandan soldiers and Hutu militiamen at the border, which pounded Goma with shells earlier this week.

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Tark the Shark back on the college hoops scene

By ROB GLOSTER
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — While Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers are playing a preseason game, fans suddenly take their eyes off the action to watch a bald, 66-year-old man rise from his seat. The crowd begins applauding as the man, dressed all in black, heads toward an exit.

In Fresno, the aura of Jerry Tarkanian is such that he can overshadow one of the NBA's biggest names playing on one of its most popular teams. As big a celebrity as he was in Las Vegas, Tarkanian draws even more attention in the town where he attended college.

"He's the focal point, there's no question about it," said guard Chris Herren, who transferred from Boston College to Fresno State to play for Tarkanian. "Him being the focal point takes some pressure off us."

This year, Tarkanian's team will be drawing a lot of attention, too.

The basketball coach with the trademark of his teams — instilling the concept of defense, driving his players through brutal practices and instilling the idea of how to play hard — has returned to college coaching last year for the First Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Tarkanian draws even more attention in the town where he graduated from Fresno State, his alma mater.

Last year, he took over a team with just two winning seasons in a decade and led it to a 22-11 record and the NIT quarterfinals. This year, the Bulldogs are ranked 14th in the preseason poll and loaded with talent.

Fresno State returns its top five scorers and top six rebounders from last season, including Dominick Young, who led the nation by making an average of four 3-pointers per game last season.

New to the team are Herren, once considered among the nation's best prep point guards, and Terrance Robinson, a three-time Parade Magazine All-American in high school.

"I think we're a much more talented team than we were a year ago," said Tarkanian, whose career record of 647-133 translates into an 82.9 winning percentage. The late Clair Bee is second on the career list at 82.6 percent.

"There are some real quality people in that group of newcomers," added Tarkanian, who won an NCAA championship at UNLV in 1989-90 and has led teams to 20 or more wins in all but one of his 25 college seasons.

Tarkanian returned to college coaching last year for the first time since being forced out at UNLV and Long Beach. He was that bad."

Along with Young, returning players include 1995-96 leading scorer Kendric Brooks (19.4 points per game), Darnell Calicott (11.3) and Rhysaam Smith (10.5).

Roberson, a 6-foot-7 forward who sat out last season because of academic problems, was considered the highest-profile recruit ever to sign with Fresno State. He is one of only four players chosen as a three-time Parade All-American, following a slashing point guard with an adequate shot. He shot 300 jumpers a day this summer and the guys doing normal college things," he said of his six months off the basketball court, during which the 6-foot-3 Herren ballooned to 225 pounds. "Chris Herren was not strong enough at that point to stop doing the things I shouldn't have been doing."

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Herren has battled back from personal problems and injury. His college career began at Boston College and nearly ended in the first game. A wrist injury in the opening minutes of that game required surgery.

He spent the Boston winter in a full-arm cast and killed time by partying with friends.

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Six recruits ink letters of intent

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame baseball team has signed six promising high school seniors to national letters of intent, head coach Paul Mainieri said.

"This class has to rank as one of the finest recruiting classes in Notre Dame baseball history. We have filled our needs with players of outstanding ability who will contribute a great deal to the success of the program," said Mainieri.

The six signees include right-handed pitchers Aaron Heilman (Logansport, IN) and Danny Tamayo (Coconut Grove, FL), infielders Ben Cooke (Cleveland, OH) and Michael Restovich (Rockefeller, NY) and versatile players Camron Hahn (Louisville, KY) and Alec Porzel (Naperville, IL).

Heilman should provide an added dimension to the Notre Dame pitching staff due to his strong throwing arm, noted for his high school performance. A leading Dame pitching staff due to his (Naperville, IL).

Tamayo is considered one of the top prep pitchers in the Miami area who consistently throws his fastball, curveball and changeup for strikes. An excellent student as well, the 6-2, 215 pound Tamayo was runner-up for 1993 state player of the year honors at Ransom Everglades High School after leading his county with 133 strikeouts in 75 innings, plus county-best offensive numbers in batting (.562) and RBI (42).

Cooke is noted for his highly- rated baseball skills, fundam­ental baserunning and an ability to hit from both sides of the plate. After graduating next spring from St. Ignatius High School, Cooke is expected to compete for time at any of Notre Dame's middle infield spots and could emerge as one of the young leaders of the Irish program.

Restovich is the third member of his family to join the Irish baseball program, following in the footsteps of his father George, Sr. (1966-68) and brother George (1994-96), one of the leading players on last sea­son's team that won 44 games. The younger Restovich has been labeled as one of the top young players in the nation and is com­ img off a summer season in which he has been 99-ach, with 18 home runs and only four strikeouts. A talented all- around athlete who considered pursuing a Division-I basketball scholarship, the 6-4, 230-poundRestovich is a candidate at catcher or first base who boasts the valuable combination of power and bat control.

Hahn is the most versatile of the recent signees and could see time behind the plate, as first base and in the outfield. Noted for his strong throwing arm, solid fielding skills and hitting ability, Hahn joins Restovich as two of the more highly-touted Irish recruits in recent years.

Porzel is the latest Chicago- area product to sign with the Irish and could emerge as Notre Dame's centerfielder of the fu­ ture due to his speed, athleticism and good throwing arm.

"For us to receive early com­mitment from players of this level is a remarkable tribute to the efforts of our assistant coaches and current players, who give of their time to educate the prospectus during official visits about the spiritual, educational opportunities of our universi­ ty and our baseball program.

Danny Tamayo (Coconut Grove, FL) and Alec Porzel (Naperville, IL)."
Big East

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challenged every Big East opponent so far this season. Notre Dame's conference mark of 7-3-2 will not hurt the team in the way of confidence as they head back to the East Coast.

In fact, the previous matchup with the Huskies was a significant confidence-builder earlier in the season.

On September 20, Connecticut paid a visit to Alumni Field and battled the Irish in an extremely hard-fought game. Notre Dame was able to control play to some extent and had their chances to put the Huskies away. Tony Capasso, who has been nothing short of spectacular as a tri-captain this year, allowed his second half penalty kick to slip wide of the goal, preserving the 1-1 tie for Connecticut.

The Huskies advanced to the semifinals by a first round triumph over No. 7 Seton Hall in Connecticut. Rounding out the favorites who prevailed in their first round home games, No. 1 St. John's defeated No. 8 Boston College and No. 4 Rutgers knocked off No. 5 Syracuse.

Rutgers will be hosting the semifinals and finals of this year's tournament.

If the Irish can get past Connecticut, they will be looking for revenge, regardless of who they face in the finals. Rutgers was responsible for handing Notre Dame its first Big East loss of the season; the final score was 1-0 and the game removed the Irish from first place in the conference.

Notre Dame was able to manage a tie with heavily favored St. John's when they came to town early in the season, but there was still a feeling of missed opportunity following that game.

The contest was scoreless going into overtime and the Irish came out firing in the. They took a 2-1 lead into the second half of the extra session and held that advantage until there were just nine seconds remaining. The Red Storm scored a fluky goal to tie the game as Irish keeper Greg Velho slipped coming out to play the ball.

Needless to say, the Irish would love a shot at redemption. After all of the hard work and effort put forth by the Irish this year, they owe it to themselves to take the Championship that would have belonged to them in the regular season, had it not been for mishaps and fluke plays against the only three teams that remain between them and the post-season title.

Konstantin Koloskov aims to be head and shoulders above his Big East competition this weekend.
being seeded No. 4. The Irish relished the role of the underdog, Petrucelli commented. In past years, Notre Dame has hovered around the No. 2 seeding in the NCAA Tournament. But that fact lends no comfort to them because the NCAA committee already did it for me," Petrucelli commented.

In coming as a huge underdog this weekend, Indiana will have to slow down the Irish offensive attack if that's possible. Notre Dame's ability to control the ball broke down the Hoosiers in the first game. "People think we're going to get killed," Kelley said. "I want to do more than survive. I want Notre Dame to walk away with the feeling that these guys aren't too bad. It'll be a good feeling for these girls to come away having played with this team." For the Irish, Petrucelli wants to again focus on a defense which gave up three goals to anyone, "We've got to get better in the defense, Kelley responded, "I don't have to motivate them because the NCAA committee already did it for me." Petrucelli commented. In past years, Notre Dame has hovered around the No. 2 seeding in the NCAA Tournament. But that fact lends no comfort to them because the NCAA committee already did it for me," Petrucelli commented.

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Irish one win away from title

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team will look to conclude their march to the regular season Big East Conference crown this weekend as they need just one win over either Connecticut or weekend as they need just one win to clinch the title. Although the squad is undefeated in conference play, their march this season hasn't exactly been a walk in the park.

Their mark of 17-9 finds them under .500 out of the conference (8-9) which has dropped them out of the coach's top twenty-five for the first time since the 1992 preseason poll.

Injuries to starters Jen Rouse (knees) and Angie Harris (knees) have made things even more complicated as it now appears that their seasons are in jeopardy.

"They gave Jen a new cast and it won't come off for three weeks," head coach Debbie Brown explained. "As far as I understand the doctors have recommended to Angie that she think it is a must-win situation under .500 out of the conference but mainly we have been doing things to cut down our errors, particularly hitting. I think we have made progress with that and we have tried to have shorter more intensive workouts to stay fresh.

After this weekend's matchups the Irish will only have the Big East tournament, the Buckeye's Class in Stockton, CA where they will look to pick up their third win over a ranked opponent when they face ninth-ranked Washington State.

Irish racked up 14 kills as the Irish weathered the Storm 15-4, 15-4, 15-6. Stepping in for Rouse and Harris will be sophomore Lindsay Treadwell and senior hitter Jen Briggs. Briggs has thrived in filling in for last year's all-district performer as she is currently ranked fifth in kills per game with 3.82 in Big East contests.

In the middle the athletic 5' 9" Treadwell and junior Molly McCarthy will fill the shoes of 6-5 Rouse. In her freshman campaign Treadwell lead the squad in hitting but has been used in the backrow for the majority of this season. Freshman phenome Mary Leffers will be looked to to solidify the blocking as her 6-4 frame has placed her second in blocks per game.

Captain Jenny Birkner also stabilizes the Irish attack as she has been a model of consistency this season as well as her three previous years. The senior continues to rewrite the Notre Dame history books as she has a chance to rank in the top-five of five different stats: kills, assists, aces, digs and blocks.

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The offensive line should have no problem in protecting the Crime's running attack, which will need to turn it up a notch if passing game is unable to get off the ground. On the other side of the ball, the Campus defensive front seven. The victor this Sunday will be the team that will rule the skies this Sunday. The team that will face the best passing offense in the league, in the presence of the Screamin' Otters aerial attack. Sorin, the surprise team of the 1996 season, will rely on the success of its unconventional game plan if this team wants to upset the nearly unouchable Off-Campus team.

Otters want bite out of Crime in semi-final

By ADRIAN WILKERSON
Sports Writer

In this Sunday's interhall football semifinal game, it's a case of déjà vu versus determination, motivation against momentum, and power versus finesse as the Off-Campus Crime face the Sorin Screamin' Otters for the right to play the Flanner Gamecocks in the 1996 IHFA Championship game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Off-Campus, who's only defeat has come at the hands of Morrissey, is as close as anyone to be a complete team. The Otters have championship experience as members of the Flanner team and look forward to returning for a shot at the championship.

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HOCKEY

Good start necessary for Notre Dame
By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team (5-8-1, 2-2-1 in the CCHA) hosts the Ferris State Bulldogs for an important Central Collegiate Hockey Association game tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish hope to shrug off a 6-3 whipping at the hands of Boston College last weekend and record a victory, which would give the Irish two precious points and some breathing room in the CCHA standings.

This is a "must-win" game for us," stated freshman defender Nathan Borrega, whose physical play has contributed heavily to Notre Dame's victories. "They're below us in the standings, and this is the type of game that we have to win to earn maintain our position in the league. Right now, there are several teams bunched within one point of each other, and a victory and two points would give us some breathing room.

"This is going to be a big test for us," observed sophomore goaltender Forrest Karr. "They're below us in the standings, but there is no such thing as an easy game. We have to come out and play hard and get the win.

Ferris State, under the guidance of fifth-year head coach Bob Daniels, returns 16 letter-winners from last year's squad, which won six of their last nine games, but there is no such thing for us," stated sophomore center Adam Borega. "They're below us in the standings, and five games into the figuring season we have split time the last two games, so that way everyone has to prepare thoroughly, noted Karr.

Karr and junior Matt Eisler have split time the last two games. Five games into the CCHA season, Notre Dame stands at 2-2-1. "We're happy with what's happened, but we could have done better," said Borrega. "We're very optimistic about the rest of the season.

The season begins tonight, with a game that the Irish should win. But like Karr said, and like the football team painfully discovered against Air Force, there are no easy games.

"Every team in the CCHA can play," Karr warned. The team would do well to keep these simple words of wisdom in mind.

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Petrucelli and the Irish return to a familiar scene with a fresh perspective

By JOE VILLINSKI

In the days following her first national championship at Notre Dame, women's soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli made sure talk of a second title was not labeled as a repeat. Instead of lumping last year's championship together with thoughts of one this season, Petrucelli emphasized the goal of capturing a title for this year's squad. The 1994 and 1995 coaches of the year understood that each team is unique, as is their quest.

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"There's a totally different year than last," senior Amy Vanlaecke said. "Last year's team accomplished a lot and now it's time for us to go out and prove ourselves in the tournament."

Providing themselves in exactly what the Irish intend to do after being slighted by the seeding committee. Despite dominating North Carolina 12-0-1 head-to-head in October, the 20-1 Irish were seeded No. 2 behind the rival Tar Heels. The funny thing is Notre Dame is still ranked No. 1 nationally.

The difference in seeding won't be a magnified on the eve of post-season play. The idea of a new title, however, is not new to the players.

"Since the preseason, it hasn't been about last year, but it's always been about this year's championship," Petrucelli said. "The goal of a new championship gets them focused on what's important now, instead of what we've done in the past."

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Jamie Spencer vs. Panther linebackers

McGhee, and Ernest Coakley are the team's top three tacklers - Senior Jason Chavis provides depth off the bench. The group realizes that containing the running game is the key to beating Notre Dame. While Spencer has excelled as a runner in limited playing time this year, his first true test will come Saturday against Pitt. With less than two dozen carries under his belt, Spencer will have to grow up in a hurry.

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Allen Rossum has blossomed into a solid cornerback and a top returner

By T. RYAN KENNEDY

The comparison is perhaps unfair, but at the same time it is inevitable. Like Raghib Ismail, he plays two positions. Like Ismail he would barely pass the required height mark to ride the roller coaster at most any amusement park. And at times, it seems that Allen Rossum can run faster than the whipping wind.

His blazing 4.2 speed in the 40 is actually better than Ismail’s 4.28 mark when the Rocket streaked the sidelines for Notre Dame.

And so far this year, Rossum has zipped for two touchdowns on kick returns — a 99-yard kickoff return against Purdue, and a 57-yard punt return against Washington. Ismail himself would be proud. The Rocket returned a total of six kicks for touchdowns in his career. The over-confident Rossum has only four to go, but chuckles at any comparison.

"It’s a great honor to be mentioned in the same sentence with a caliber player like Ismail," says Rossum of his hero. "I watched him when I was growing up in the late 80s. Anything could happen when he had the ball. Everybody stood up when he had the ball, but what I liked about him was that he was never real flashy."

While Ismail excelled on the offensive side of the ball, having compiled 1565 yards in receptions, Rossum’s job is to stifle players like Ismail. Over the past two seasons, Rossum has faced the best, and the tallest, including Terry Glenn, Andre Cooper, and for a time, Keyshawn Johnson. In fact, the 5-8 Rossum had Johnson’s number on more than one occasion, breaking up three passes intended for the All-American in one half.

"My sophomore year was all very tough," Rossum insists. "It didn’t matter if it was Terry Glenn or Keyshawn Johnson because everyone came prepared to play Notre Dame. Glenn was bigger because he was smaller and faster. I could keep up with Keyshawn. He was a big target."

Although he was burned by the towering Cooper at times in the Orange Bowl, Rossum enjoyed one of his better games with six tackles, a sack and two passes broken up. His height has made him a tempting target on occasion, but Rossum compensates with his speed and glide-flight coverage.

"If I was a basketball coach, I might be concerned about his height," says secondary coach Tom McMahon. "Sometimes problems arise if he has to jump for a ball, but the biggest thing is that he can run, so he’ll rarely get beat. I’d rather have a runner than a tall guy any day."

Indeed, Rossum has been a runner all his life. As a freshman, he wasted no time making himself known on the track team, earning All-America honors at the NCAA indoor meet with a seventh-place finish in the 55 meters.

And as a junior in high school, Rossum ran the fastest time in the nation in the 100 meters with a 10.02. His success in track brought him immediate notoriety in football.

"I love track. Before I ever played football, I ran track," he asserts.

Allen Rossum lives a dual life in the present as well as one respect. He is a student, and an athlete. He is a football player, and a track star. He is a cornerback, and a kick returner. He is undoubtedly Notre Dame’s most exciting speedster since Raghib Ismail.

On the other hand, Ismail never returned two interceptions for touchdowns, as Rossum did, nor did he score two points on a blocked conversion attempt, as Rossum did against Texas last year. One of Rossum’s finer moments occurred on September 30, 1995.

Notre Dame led 22-21, but Washington had the momentum and closed to the Irish 33-yard line with less than a minute remaining.

On the next play, Husky quarterback Damon Huard overthrew his receiver on a sideline pass, and Rossum grabbed the ball, then shut down the sideline for 76 yards to score the clinching touchdown.

"It was a turning point in my career, and a stepping stone to the rest of the games," says Rossum.

The coaching staff realized that Rossum’s speed was a real weapon and started to put him in return assignments late in the ’95 campaign, but he didn’t step into the spotlight until the opening play of Notre Dame’s 1996 home stand against Purdue.

On the Friday night before the game, Coach Lou Holtz talked to his players at Loftus Center, going over piece by piece the events of the game that would take place on Saturday.

"We call it relaxation," says Rossum. "We lie down on the turf, and he goes over the plan. We’d be lying there for, maybe 20 minutes, but he’d make us feel like we were there for two hours."

"On the opening kick Rossum receives the kick and returns it for a touchdown, Coach Holtz told us, and I kind of chuckled at that."

On the following day Rossum did just that. He received the ball on the one-yard line and ran 99 yards for the opening score. Since then, he has never looked back. He darts straight for the eye of the hurricane, toward where the chaos lies, hoping his speed will propel him through it.

"Whoa!" yells Rossum, when asked what it feels like to fly by defenders.

"Once you catch the ball, you need to find where the enemy is. The best bet is to get to the endzone as quickly as possible. When you get into the open and you finally hear the crowd, you know you’ve made it and it’s the most amazing feeling in the world. Everybody jumps up and the place goes crazy."

Spoken and performed like Ismail himself. During the Holtz era, Notre Dame has returned 12 kickoffs, 12 punts, 14 interceptions and five fumbles for touchdowns (compared to only one punt and three interceptions for opponents). Allen Rossum has and will embellish those numbers.

As it is, he only needs to return one more kick before he ties Ismail’s and Tim Brown’s season records. Just give the man the ball.
Tailback Robert Farmer, who ran for a season high 98 yards last week, hopes to match that on Saturday. McG hoe, leads the Pittsburgh defense in tackles. Fellow line backers Ernest Coakley (53 tackles) and Roderick Humphrey (49) have been solid but unspectacular for the Panthers this season. After rolling up 426 yards on the ground against Boston College, look for the Irish to have another field day against an overmatched opposition.

"Defensively, they are a little undersized at the linebacker position, and the all-around best player we have is an experienced Lou Holtz," said Denson. "Everybody is getting involved, so we've got fresh legs nearly every play." If all goes according to plan, quarterback Ron Powlus will throw less than a dozen passes and will take his leave early in the third period. Holtz should have the opportunity to unveil backup Jarious Jackson to the college football world for what would be the first extensive playing time of his career.

In addition to Jackson, Irish fans will get another glimpse of the future as sophomore full back Jamie Spencer replaces the injured Marc Edwards in the backfield. Spencer faces the huge task of trying to fill the shoes of the senior captain and the team's leading scorer. "I'm not going to try to be him," said Spencer. "I just want to contribute the way I know I can. We will definitely miss Marc Edwards." Saturday might serve as a coming out party for Jackson and Spencer. And the Panthers' defense will take its role as the gracious host. - Mike Day

Irish On The Offensive...

D espite an offense that includes two quality tailbacks, one of which who ran for 1,358 yards two seasons ago, Pittsburgh's offense is less than impressive. The Panthers have been held scoreless three times this season. Pittsburgh's two impressive point totals, 52 and 53, were against unimpressive Kent and Temple, respectively.

One thing in Pittsburgh's favor, however, is a considerable break since its last contest to fine tune its offensive attack. "They have 16 days to prepare for the University of Notre Dame," Holtz noted. "I have never had a team have that long to prepare for us unless it was an opening ball game."

If the Irish perform at the level they are capable of playing, no amount of time to prepare will make much of a difference. "I think we are falling into a rhythm," Holtz said. "Several weeks ago, I commented we weren't into a rhythm. It was distressing. We seem to be in one now."

In the first 2 1/2 quarters of the Boston College game, the Irish defense allowed 21 points. But Notre Dame rebounded to shut out the Golden Eagles in the final quarter and a half. One of the biggest plays was a fumble recovery and 120 yard run by nose guard Alton Maiden.

Similar plays by Maiden, Melvin Dansby, Bert Berry and the rest of Notre Dame's front seven have pleased Holtz lately. But what about the Irish secondary?

"I don't think we are getting better in the secondary," Holtz said. "But we still have some problems there." One of Holtz's biggest concerns is the frequency of missed tackles. Pittsburgh will test the Irish secondary with their sophomore quarterback Matt Lytle. "Since they changed quarterbacks and went to Matt Lytle, their offense has really had a good spark," Holtz said. "He is a good scrambler. He runs the ball well, and runs a lot of play action passing."

Pittsburgh's biggest weapons on offense are tailbacks Dwayne Schillers and Billy West. In 1994, West ran for more than 1,000 yards to earn the Big East Offensive Player of the Year. The Panthers' offensive line, however, has not played well enough this season to complement its talented running backs.

The MATCH-UPS

A position by position look at who holds the advantage

Quarterbacks

At best, the play of Pitt QB Matt Lytle has been erratic. Conversely, Powlus is about as solid as they come even if he can't hit a receiver on the run.

Running Backs

Billy West and Dwayne Schillers have combined for nearly 1,100 yards. However, they are no match for Notre Dame's three headed monster.

Receivers

Jake Hoffart averages 18 yards a catch, and Mark Sudler has three TD grabs. Mosley, Johnson have been steady, but Nelson and Stephons are MIA.

Offensive Line

Even after playing Temple and Kent, Pitt gains just 256 yards per game. Look for the Irish unit to go to town against an undersized Panther defense.

Defensive Line

Compared to Notre Dame's Wynn, Maiden, and Dansby, Pitt counterpart Miller, Pregam, Gibson, and McCray are still playing pee-wee football.

Linebackers

(See defensive line.) If the score gets ugly, fans will see plenty of backups Howard, Bryant, Wagasy and Mitoulas. The second teamers still have the edge.

Secondary

If there is a strength on the Pitt defense, it lies in corners Rashad Whitmill and E.C. Varoutos. This is one area where the Irish should take notes.

Special Teams

Like ND, Pitt has a strong return game. Kicker Chris Ferencik has struggled, but punter Nate Cochran is on even ground with Hunter Smith.

Coaching

Johnny Majors had his day in the sun, but it appears the sun has set for this legend. While Holtz has not had his best year, it could be worse.

Overall

It would take nothing short of a miracle for this game to be anything but a laugher. Notre Dame should take the chance to utilize its entire roster.

-Mike Day
Time must come now for future Notre Dame stars

It is a yearly battle cry that seemingly has become a September tradition for devout followers of Notre Dame football.

This year, it began as soon as the devastating yellow flag fell after Autry Denson's late punt return against Ohio State.

"There's always next year," fans belied in desperation as soon the Irish lose a contest and/or national championship hopes.

"We have a lot of guys coming back," they say. "Screw this year. It's over. Play the freshman. 'We have to think about '97."

It is a somewhat dangerous attitude, concessionary in nature. For many Irish faithful, it really doesn't matter how many games are left or who they're against; what matters is getting the underclassmen ready for next year's chase of the national championship.

While this thinking isn't all that appropriate in the middle of October with teams like Washington and a certain military academy based in "Colorado, it actually may help the Irish in the long run this week and next.

Maybe 1995's Northwestern squad and that certain military academy based in Colorado (it still hurts to think about it, let alone say it) should serve as a reminder never to overlook a team, but the Irish have to find a way to get key younger players significant playing time.

It's now (and next week) or never for guys like Jarius Jackson, Lamont Bryant, Bobbie Howard, etc. to get an extended taste of Division I football.

Pittsburgh and Rutgers may be two of college football's finer sacrificial lambs (just don't say that to BC or any bookies), so Lou Holtz has the perfect opportunity to find time for the younguns.

But that time should not all come in the fourth quarter when Pfitz's second and third-stringers are reveling in their time in Notre Dame Stadium.

Though he seems like he's been here for an eternity, Ron Powlus' time may very well be soon coming to an end if the right NFL scouts come a-calling.

Likewise, Renaldo Wynn will be playing on Sundays a year from now.

Everyone knows that there are guys like Jackson and Bryant out there to take their respective places but no one knows what they'll do when the lights come on. They don't even know what it takes yet to compete at the kind of level ND aspires to.

The Panthers may not quite be at that level but inserting them while the game is still somewhat in the balance shouldn't hurt. It will help, though.

Holtz will never know just how dangerous Jackson can be until he plays behind a cohesive line and in the same backfield as Denson and Jamie Spencer.

Sure, Bryant may be able to bull-rush a slow, overweight walk-on guard but get him in on a consistent basis to square off against a starter.

The point is: the earlier in the game the better.

For example, take a look at inside linebacker Howard. He is the heir apparent to the graduating Kinnon Tatum, but aside from a freshman year start against Purdue (led in tackles) and '96 goal-line appearances, Howard's game experience is limited. That has to change, starting tomorrow.

Antwon Jones, Shelton Jordan, Alex Mueller, and Joey Goodspeed will all be playing critical roles for the '97 Irish. Their audition is now.

If not, Irish fans may start warming up for next September. "We have a lot of guys coming back," they'll say. "Screw this year. It's over. Play the freshman. 'We have to think about '98."

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If the Irish secure a lead on Saturday, fans may see a glimpse of the future as sophomore linebacker Bobbie Howard (27) attempts to fill the shoes of senior Kinnon Tatum.

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Tim Sherman

Sports Editor

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Best Wishes and Good Luck in the Future!
Race for Alliance berths begins in earnest

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Not only do the Buffaloes want to keep their alliance hope alive, but they also want to preserve their perfect conference record. If Colorado defeats Kansas State, and Nebraska beats Iowa State, then the Colorado-Nebraska game on November 29 will be a battle for the championship of the Big 12's North Division. Kansas State, however, would love to be the spoiler and position itself as a serious contender for alliance bowl consideration. On offense, the Wildcats' strengths are on the line. Jason Johnson, Kendyl Jacob and Ross Greenwood will open holes for Kansas State's tailback, Tiki Barber. His ability and keep his team in the game on November 29 will be a battle for the championship of the Big 12's North Division.

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Sophomore quarterback Scott Dreisbach must lead his offense to a better performance than he did last week. In that contest, the Wolverines could muster only three points at Purdue. Penn State's biggest threat on offense is tailback Leon Johnson. He'll need to have a big day to ensure a Buffalo victory.

With a shot at the Big East title at stake, Virginia Tech's Dwayne Thomas will lead the Hokies at Miami. The Peerless Prognosticators

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