Life Skills extends athletes’ services

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

The University Athletic Department has provided a program that will help student athletes to take better advantage of academic and service opportunities available at Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame. Among other things, the Life Skills program assists student athletes who wish to try community service that they would not normally have the time or resources to be involved in.

“We have set up the program so that it helps in the holistic development of players,” said Frances Shavers, coordinator of the program. Among other things, Life Skills emphasizes community service, academic, household, and business access to Notre Dame’s Department of Career and Placement Services.

“We have been working closely with Career and Placement and they have been very helpful,” Shavers said. “We also get assistance from Academic Student Services setting up study skills classes and ways to help the athletes bring their entire college academic life into focus. We also want to recognize the possibilities for academic positions and awards, such as the Rhodes scholarship, for which the athletes may not have the time or information to apply.”

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Awake to the Possibility of Love

I spent fall break in a children's hospital. It could be for cancer, or brain surgery, or for other reasons. The children are often alone, with just their parents around. It's a tough environment for children who are usually used to being with their peers. The hospital is a place where they can feel isolated and alone.

Brandon Williams
Stanford University

With a nod to history and politics, President Clinton nominated U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright on Thursday to be the first female secretary of state and chose GOP Sen. William Proctor to be secretary of defense. Albright was confirmed unanimously by the Senate, and Proctor was confirmed by the Senate on party-line votes.

Dan Cichalski
Sports Production

Police praise boy for saving mom

A woman who was beaten, raped and held hostage overnight by an ex-boyfriend managed to summon help by using a cell phone, according to police and the man's victim's attorney.

INDIANAPOLIS

Don Ohmeyer, president of NBC West Coast, checked himself into the Betty Ford Center for substance abuse treatment on Thursday, NBC said. "This was a personal decision by Ohmeyer, who voluntarily admitted himself for treatment," an NBC statement said. Ohmeyer, a 1996 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, was undergoing treatment for alcoholism and could be at the Rancho Mirage detox facility for six to eight weeks before returning to Los Angeles for a month, a source said. "We commend Don for taking this action and support him in this decision," said Bob Wright, NBC president and chief executive officer. "Don is an invaluable leader and we all have the highest regard for his dedication to our company and to having him back as soon as possible." Ohmeyer, 51, was named to his position in February 1993. He oversees the operations of all of NBC's entertainment-related businesses.

NBC execs enter Betty Ford Center

Turbulence hits 17 people

SALT LAKE CITY

Severe turbulence rocked an American Airlines flight over Colorado Thursday, throwing passengers out of their seats and causing a 7-month-old child to be injured. Another flight had a bumpy ride over the mountains Saturday, forcing the plane to make an unscheduled stop to bring an injured flight attendant to the hospital. A spokesman for the airline said there were no storms in the area but that there had been reports of turbulence in the region, so the plane was made to turn around and return to the airport.

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Art presentations provide overview for SMC students

By ANGIE LITTLE

A renaissance of sorts will hit the campus of Saint Mary’s College this Wednesday, the fine arts students at Saint Mary’s presented their semester art portfolios to be reviewed by members of the art faculty at the Gallery in the Moreux Center for the Arts. The majority of students embraced the opportunity to gather the work they had accumulated from their different art classes and to present them in one display.

“The review gives you the opportunity to see your work come together,” junior Catherine Bohan said. “You can see yourself separate from it, and from that perspective it is easier to pick out your strengths and weaknesses.”

Professor Marcia Richard, chair of the art department, feels that the review is one of the strongest features the program has. “It is a way for students to get an overview of their work, which is something that doesn’t happen very often,” she said. “Students are surprised by the connections that are made from one area to the next.”

Professors review each student’s portfolio, focusing on their level of experience, technical and problem-solving abilities, and training. Then the professors have the opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions.

“One student goes into the review feeling they have had an unsuccessful semester,” Richard said. “But when they see all of their work come together, something happens. Most times they realize they have made a breakthrough, and that is very exhilarating.”

Students agree that they benefit from the reviews, and they do not take the criticism personally.

“The review is great because you receive feedback you wouldn’t normally get,” senior Erin Wheldon said. “I take my criticism as being constructive.”

The majority of students were either given a “pass” a “recommendation,” or a “fail,” depending upon their performance. About 15 percent of the 45 reviews received commendations.

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By HEATHER COCKS

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during their entire academic lives on the one aspect, the one sport. For many of them this will come to a screeching halt at the end of their collegiate career. We want to give them a chance to put all they've done together and present it to potential employers."

The program begun in June 1995, when Tom Kelly was promoted to associate athletic director. He was charged with putting together a program similar to the NCAA Life Skills/CHAMPS program. CHAMPS stands for "Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success." Kelly examined both programs at other schools and opportunities available at Notre Dame before setting out to determine the best way to create a campus program.

The program now in effect depends on the Captain's Council to help bring ideas for students and tutors for athletes. "The coaches and players have all been really supportive," Shavers said, citing involvement by former players such as Tony Rice, starting quarterback for the 1988 national championship football team.

One example of the service opportunities available through the program is "Athletes Against Drugs," a program which takes athletes to local elementary schools to talk to kids about how to stay off drugs.

"We go to the kids and each player takes about five or six aside and talks to them about how to keep drugs out of their lives," said Scott Palumbo, a kicker on the football team and one of the organizers of the program. "We relate to them as friends, and we have even had t-shirts made up that we give to the kids. But I do it just to see the smiles on their faces."

Palumbo used the Life Skills program to organize his idea. "Back in the summer, when we were at Culver Military Academy for training camp, myself, Hunter Smith, Jim Sanson, Scott Cengia and the rest of the kids decided that we wanted to do some sort of anti-drug thing. Then we went to Shavers and she said she wanted to open it up to all sports teams, and the program has really taken on an entirely new life since then." The Life Skills program, according to Wadsworth, has effectively helped student athletes extend their experiences beyond the playing field to let them survive in the day to day working world.

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Dedring: Prevention is key to peacekeeping

By VIVIAN GEMBARA
News Writer

Jürgen Dedring, a former senior official at the United Nations, brought his thoughts on international peace to the Notre Dame campus yesterday afternoon. Moving towards international peace, he posited, will require refocused strategies for the peace research community and changes in the international peace agenda.

Dedring began the lecture by examining the two primary approaches toward defining peace. Discerning between the "negative" and the "positive" approach is necessary to prevent a past Cold War world of peace and conflict, he explained. "Negative" peace, he elaborated, concentrates on whether violence is existential or not, whereas "positive" peace is "peace with justice."

Dedring argued that the three components of positive peace are ecological stability, economic well-being and social justice. He asserted that peace research must assess each area in order to deal with the shifting focus on peace issues in the post Cold War era. The ultimate goal of this, of course, would be to establish something stronger than simply an absence of violence.

"The relevance of focusing on positive peace in peace research is obvious," Dedring explained. "Non-violent revolution and transformation of internal conflicts has a lot of potential potential in years to come; the underlying statement is that people have to resist the violence."

He also emphasized the new and urgent need to focus attention on issues of interpersonal violence. The presence of violence in interpersonal relationships begins with the family, he said, while employment groups and social circles also comprise the network of interpersonal relations. Identifying violence at these levels, Dedring explained, will educate peace researchers on the sources of cultural violence, and it will help answer questions on how to deal with it.

"The presence of violence in interpersonal relationships is a basic condition we need to resolve if we want to move forward in world peace," he said. As evidence, Dedring cited case studies such as one recently conducted in Peru, which exposed both forced sexual relations and violence against women. As another example, Dedring stated that within South Korean culture, spousal abuse is also commonplace.

Dedring explained "Peace building provided in a preventative fashion means less prevention, but it takes us out of the revolution and transformation of internal conflicts."

He concluded with hope that people will remember the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." "Prevention is needed to heal a society before it falls ill with a terminal disease."

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In his lecture yesterday, Jürgen Dedring addressed various steps the international community can take to reduce violence.

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Ex-official admits trashing papers

By MARCY GORDON

WASHINGTON

A former Commerce Department official who helped arrange trade missions discarded documents related to the trips two months after a federal judge ordered the department to turn such papers over to a conservative group, lawyers said Thursday.

The official, Melinda Yee, testified in a deposition Wednesday that her department colleagues didn’t inform her of the Freedom of Information Act document requests by the group, Judicial Watch and did not ask her to search for them.

Yee’s testimony was confirmed Thursday by both her lawyer, Nancy Luque, and Larry Klayman, the chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch. The group successfully sued the Commerce Department in January 1995 to force it to release the trade mission documents.

Failing to direct Yee to provide her notes of planning meetings for the trade missions and other related documents would be “a serious violation of law,” Klayman charged.

But Luque said Yee’s notes dealt mainly with logistics for the trade missions rather than “substantive” matters. She said the notes likely covered a trade trip to China and possibly one to India.

A status conference before the federal judge in Judicial Watch’s case is scheduled for Friday.

By questioning Yee and other current and former department officials, Judicial Watch is seeking to discover whether the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown offered U.S. companies invitations to trade missions and if the Commerce Department turned over more than 30,000 pages of documents to Judicial Watch.

Laundry said Yee “had absolutely no role in deciding who would go” on the foreign trade missions. Yee also made clear during her sworn testimony Wednesday that she never engaged in fund-raising activities while at the Commerce Department, Luque said.

According to Luque and Klayman, Yee testified she threw away the notes in questions and related documents after she became a senior adviser to Brown in July 1995. Because she was leaving her job in the trade area, Yee reckoned she no longer needed the notes, Luque said. The attorney said her client at that time was the federal judge in Judicial Watch’s case.

In May 1995, U.S. District Judge Royce Lambo ordered the Commerce Department to turn over more than 30,000 pages of documents to Judicial Watch.

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Clinton lights, dedicates national Christmas tree

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON

WASHINGTON

On a crisp evening, President Clinton pressed the button to light the sparkling, multicolored national Christmas tree Thursday, dedicating it to peace and love and the young people of the world.

“Let us rejoice that our nation is at peace and in what we have done ... to help other people in other lands to make their peace,” the president said.

It was the fourth time that Clinton has presided over the lighting of the 40-foot Christmas tree on the Ellipse south of the White House.

“...I told her I never quite get into the spirit of Christmas until I come here to the Pageant of Peace,” the first lady, wearing a bright red muffler and matching mittens, applauded in agreement.

With the illuminated White House, the Jefferson Memorial and the Jefferson Monument serving as background props, Clinton said the tree represents “a spirit of sharing and giving, of gathering with family and friends, and coming together as one community.”

“At Christmas and throughout the year the greatest gift we can give our children is the gift of peace,” Clinton said.

He then pressed the button and the tree came alive in an electronically changing pattern of designs and lights, flashing from white to green to red.

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A year of football, demonstrations and frustration

December is traditionally a time to reflect on what was and to peek into the crystal ball on what is yet to be. Thus far this year, Notre Dame administrators have honored the tradition of top news story on campus has been that of the football team. Through changes, new stadium seats and lights have rivaled binge drinking, women's rights, racial attitudes, the Student Senate and Faculty Senate frustrations and free speech demonstrations by gay students. Tragically, most of these events would never have occurred if Notre Dame administrators had shared the vision and ideology of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's mission. His column on the Cahnemont website spoke to the values that he felt were central to the university. He emphasized the importance of free speech for GLND/SMC and the College of Arts and Letters. It will only be a matter of time before gay issues will prevail over football in the debate over the university's political correctness.

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Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me/ But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I can be!"
**Viewpoint**

**Letter to the Editor**

**Dear Editor,**

As much as I hate to spoil Coyne’s fun, I’m afraid that I’m not quite ready to give up that last word just yet. But if you can go on and go further, I will try to be solemnly promise to those who have grown tired of my letters — this is the last one. But for now, I still have a few things to say, and I will resort to writing short, to the point and to the point.

However, before I begin my rebuttal, I’d like to acknowledge the obvious fact that Coyne and I have inevitably wound up addressing different audiences. Therefore, if you’re the type of person who is running out of door space as more and more of your neighbors appear, this is likely to be a difficult read for you. Some people are the standard brooding intellectual who bides his time attacking everything mainstream Notre Dame becomes. Some are victims of the necessity of their own separateness. He goes on to accuse me of being “a misanthropic tyrant who brings the outcome of my own creation.” He then states that the motive behind my anger is basically jealousy for his ability to enjoy himself both in the bars and to go into a mellowed socialite mind set.

Guess what? Yep, he’s missed it again. While I admire his operative undergrowth, his actively-recruiting “bentolator” was never part of my policy. Let’s get one thing straight — I couldn’t care less about Detroit or that which I don’t drink. My point is: When someone asks me a question, I don’t always answer it. Sorry, but so-called “morality” has absolutely nothing to do with my position. All too often, “morality” becomes nothing more than a hallow buzz word for someone who can tell you who’s sleeping with whom on Days of Our Lives.

**Right or Wrong?**

“Is it against the law to give your only boy to the state?” Mrs. Barbara Peterson said in a recent letter. She and her husband, both aged 18, are charged with first-degree murder for killing their baby boy after he was born. The question Mrs. Peterson asked is: Does the mother’s mental health as could be somehow involved in this case? As columnist George Will put it: “Could the Supreme Court have had the unintended effect of reinforcing the abortion culture? In any case, it isn’t fair to ask the question. If the answer is no, then the law should be changed. If the answer is yes, then the law should be changed.”

**Tim ing is everything in abortion, euthanasia**

On what reasoned basis can the State of Delaware execute its ruling that an acknowledged human being must be killed? So who’s crazy? In the case of George Westinghouse, the State of Delaware chose to execute (Brian and Amy) by inserting scissors into the bases of their skulls, opening the scissors, and didn’t use an approved method of killing. The State says that they themselves must be killed. Who’s the method is what counts, their method can be pulled out of his or her buzz? Unfortunately, no one seems to see the dangerous side of developing in an environment like one here at Notre Dame where one or two or three (or more) years of indulging oneself with little and without any consequence. But I see it. And I see it being drawn out. And if it makes me a “crusader,” then I guess it’s a label I’ll wear with pride.

Because the danger lies in the very fact that the person who will someday venture away from the Golden Arrow and out into the world, will inevitably lead to infanticide and euthanasia. All three are founded on the denial of personhood to the victim.

In any legal system where personhood is the bottom line of good being, all human beings are inherently entitled to be treated as persons, especially with respect to the right to live. In Roe v. Wade, in 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that the unborn child is not a person before birth for the purpose of determining the ban on abortion. The Court ruled that the unborn child is a human being. Rather, the Court decided that, whether or not he is a human being, he is not entitled to life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness. In fact, he is not entitled to much of anything, is he? The Court ruled that an unborn child being treated as a nonperson and deprived of the right to live. Once conceived, the unborn child is not a person.

In the case of abortion, “euthanasia” and “infanticide,” the question is whether the unborn child is the bottom line of good being. If the answer is yes, then the law should be changed. If the answer is no, then the law should be changed. If the answer is yes, then the law should be changed.”

**Comfort Inn in Newark.** Delaware law provides for the death penalty where the victim of an intentional homicide is under 14 years of age. The prosecutors, however, have had difficulty proving the requisite intent.

Brian and Amy waited for ten minutes and didn’t use an approved method of killing. The State says that they themselves must be killed. Who’s crazy? Brian and Amy took the irresponsibility lessons they learned here at Notre Dame with them. Don’t get me wrong — some of them will be just fine. They’ll whisk themselves away to the blissful professional world where the champagne flows in rivers and their three-maritain lunches are always just right. But if they don’t like it, they’ll look for another three-maritain lunch. Everyone knows who they are. They’re just fine. They’ll whish themselves away to the blissful professional world where the champagne flows in rivers and their three-maritain lunches are always just right. But if they don’t like it, they’ll look for another three-maritain lunch. Everyone knows who they are. They’re just fine.
The Christmas season has always been characterized by familiar traditions. Selecting a tree and trimming it, sending the cards, caroling, "It's a Wonderful Life," egg nog and, of course, shopping.

What once seemed like just another part of the whole Christmas experience has developed into its own entity. There is Christmas and then there is Christmas shopping.

From gifts and cards to decorations and accessories, there is always something to buy in the weeks before December 25. And the retailers do all that they can, and perhaps more, to make sure that the consumers out there do not forget to buy, buy, buy this holiday season.

At the University Park Mall in Mishawaka, stores hauled out the garland and the trees in the middle of November and the Shopping Season is now in full force.

Camelot Music brought out its stock of holiday music on November 4 this year, and even that was too late for some consumers. "We had customers come in here the week before Halloween asking for Christmas music," said Dan, a manager at the Camelot store in the mall. "Sometimes, depending on when the new Christmas music hits, we've had it out before Halloween."

This year's crop of new Christmas "carols" may seem relatively small, but is made up of a few big names in the recording industry. Jimmy Buffett has released "Christmas Island," featuring traditional and original songs such as "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" and "Ho Ho Ho and a Bottle of Rum.

Vanessa Williams and Michael Bolton have also come out with Christmas collections this year and "Star of Wonder" (country) and "O Come All Ye Faithful" (alternative) feature holiday tunes recorded by some of the biggest artists in each musical genre.

Even though prospective shoppers may feel that there is a lot occurring in the way of retail advertising for the holidays, Dan sees very little change in the shopping patterns each year. "It never changes. Always, the day after Thanksgiving there's mobs of people in the stores shopping like crazy. The traffic patterns never change. What seems to get earlier every year is trying to find people to work. We start looking in October.

One aspect that shoppers might not consider when the buying blitze begins is that the date of Thanksgiving plays a big role in the crowds out at the stores in December. "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, has a lot to do with that. The only people who have to work that day, it seems, are cashiers in stores. Some consumers choose that day to begin their shopping while those who have already started take advantage of the free day to join the throngs in line at the cash registers.

But those who waited until Black Friday to begin their shopping are a week behind this year. "The calendar's screwed up this year," said Dan. "Last year, the third week in November was Thanksgiving week. Sometimes, Thanksgiving comes and you still have another week to go until December. Now, you don't. You've got Thanksgiving and December [was] Sunday. It goes right into it. People are going to start thinking, 'They're doing it too quickly. We think there's going to be a bigger crunch.'

If there is any one business that appears to have gotten the most, if not more, of Christmas (and other holidays for that matter), it is Hallmark. The Hallmark store in UP Mall has aisles and shelves stocked with cards, ornaments, snow globes, winter villages and other goodies and trinkets for Christmas collectors. Designs on boxed cards range from Norman Rockwell reproductions to Elvis Presley to traditional heartwarming religious messages to the zany and amusing Shoebox line.

Although they are recognized as a card company, Hallmark's biggest draw this time of year is its ornaments. In addition to familiar depictions of Santa Claus, reindeer, nutcrackers and wide-eyed children, there are always unique decorations that can help personalize any tree. For science fiction fanatics, there are "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" figures; sports fans can hang Troy Aikman, Larry Bird, or Nolan Ryan from the boughs; and children will be happy to see Quasimodo, Esmeralda or other Disney characters bending the branches.

If it seems that Christmas begins before summer is over, that might be because it does go on. Hallmark. "The ornaments go up in June," said Debbie Bickel, a manager at the store in the mall. "You have so many collectors and so many different series. They come in and if we don't have the ornaments, they put their names on waiting lists. Sometimes, Hallmark has maybe three or four late [ornaments] releases."

The rush for ornaments is the result of Hallmark's policy of not duplicating ornaments. They come out for six months and when they are sold out, they are gone. Every year they start two or three new series and then they have the continuing, ongoing series," Bickel said. "On October 24, I tried ordering a lot of the ornaments that I was already sold out of and I couldn't get them. Hallmark was already out.

Although the ornaments are on display and up for sale for half the year, Hallmark kicks off its Christmas season with an open house in each store. "Hallmark Christmas Open House is usually two weeks before Black Friday," Bickel said. "That's when Hallmark nationally advertises their special products for the upcoming season."

This year, they're [shopping] early," said Bickel. "This year, I've found that our sales have increased tremendously, even before Thanksgiving weekend. They were up 19%.

Of course, no shopping season would be complete without a stop at one major department store to find nearly everything within the confines of a single outlet.

Sears is among the largest stores at University Park and they always want to be there. "Our first day [with the Christmas merchandise] was October 13. That's three weeks later than what it was last year," Bickel said. "That's when Hallmark preferred that his name not be used. I think we have a well-displayed, tremendously stocked Christmas department."

"Tremendous" is an appropriate term to describe Sears' selection. Their extensive display of lights includes indoor/outdoor stringed sets in virtually every combination in which such
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...lights can come multi-colored, red, white, and green, all red, green, blue or white, red and green. They even carry Kodak and Crayola colors. There are also light sculptures. Designs are available in the shape of holiday greetings ("Merry Christmas" for example) or symbols (a shooting star).

For those who prefer the consistent height and guaranteed fullness of a plastic Christmas tree, here is a small forest from which to choose six-foot to nine-foot Montgomery Pines, Mountain Firs, White Feathers, Bennington Firs or Arctic Spruces.

No extensive (and expensive) Christmas display would be complete without some animated figures to liven up the scene. This category includes Santa in the bathtub ready had good business for the opening of his Christmas season. "The Craftsman Tool Belt was already sold out a week before Thanksgiving," the manager said, referring to its collection of Sears/Craftsman ornaments. Rich feature Craftsman tools in a festive way may be of interest to those who have a red and white or blue and white theme in their season. "Last year, we didn't have anything other than some bows, wrapping paper, and maybe some Christmas cards and some lights," the Sears manager said. People were coming in for our half-price Christmas sale, and there wasn't anything to buy. It's gone. Sears and other stores hope that their Christmas stock will join the Craftsman Tool Belt leaving empty spaces on the shelves. It might not be considered a successful season. "Last year, we didn't have anything other than some bows, wrapping paper, and maybe some Christmas cards and some lights for Christmas," the Sears manager said. People were coming in for our half-price Christmas sale, and there wasn't anything to buy. And that's the idea: to sell out before Christmas. And, of course, when this is all gone, this section becomes the patio furniture.**

Patio furniture in January. It fits right in with Christmas ornaments in June.

A couple of holiday theater productions are currently running in Chicago. Through December 30, the Goodman Theater continues its traditional production of "A Christmas Carol," which might be of interest to those who did not get enough of it with Notre Dame's production. The Goodman is at 220 South Columbus Drive.

"That's Christmas! Chicago's Merry Musical" is premiering at the Shubert Theater (22 West Monroe Street) until January 5. The show stars Sandy Duncan, formerly of "The Hogan Family," and features special guest Darlene Love.

For those who enjoy relating the holidays to the natural world and other cultures, the Adler Planetarium offers a holiday-based exhibit. On Lake Shore Drive east of Soldier Field and north of Michigan Field, the Adler Planetarium presents the "Star of Wonder" sky show which explores possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem that led the shepherds to the stable where Jesus was born. On the north side of the city, all along as well as beyond Michigan's Magnificent Mile, shoppers, holiday nuts and light lovers will find more to keep them all warm and fuzzy inside. While the stores along Michigan Avenue may have individual displays and various events on the weekends, one thing visitors can count on throughout December are the windows at Saks Fifth Avenue. Compare and contrast the displays in the New York-based store with that of Chicago's own Marshall Field & Co.

One of many hotels with public Christmas displays, The Ritz-Carlton on East Pearson Street, features a twenty-five foot tree trimmed with handmade ornaments. Just east of Water Tower Place, the hotel also has a sugar-coated "Children's Wonderland" around the Victorian tree throughout the season.

At the northern end of the Mile, the 900 North Michigan Shops boast a forty-five-foot decorated Christmas tree. Also in the area, Paul Stuart provides entertainment with a string quartet every Saturday throughout the season.

Up towards the end of the Magnificent Mile, on Walton Street just east of Michigan Avenue, the Drake Hotel lights up a twenty-foot tree with 1,000 lights, in case the Daley Plaza and 900 North Michigan trees were not enough. Two holiday trains chug through a winter village of sweets until January 1.

The Lincoln Park Zoo, located on Cannon Drive in Lincoln Park along Lake Michigan, contains more than fifty light displays arranged in holiday and animal scenes. The "Zoolights Festival" is lit up from 6:9 p.m. weekdays and one hour later on weekends. On December 8, Santa and other holiday characters will join caroling groups as they serenade the animals in "Caroling to the Animals."

If the Windy City cannot provide enough relaxing distractions for overworked, studied out college students, then the only hope left is to make it through finals and go home and collapse on the couch until Christmas Day. What better excursions can you find for this weekend or the middle of next week that can take your mind off the inevitable, looming exams?

The warm lights and friendly visitors and merchants in Chicago are sure to thaw out frozen bodies and drive out any "Bah-humbug" sentiments lurking within.
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John Mackovic can’t do much about his big-talking receivers, except hope he can somehow back it up.

The task is a 20-point underdog to No. 3 Nebraska in Saturday’s inaugural Big 12 championship game.

And if Longhorns quarterback James Brown can stop the nation’s top-ranked offense, he and Mackovic must hope the only two-time defending national champions, insisting his team will win, can do the same.

“After losing early in the year they’ve kind of steamrolled their way,” Mackovic said. “I can’t ask our players to forget that. Our job is to find a way to play them and beat them.”

It’s a tall order, especially for Nebraska, which has won and lost by an average of 48-9 since losing to Arizona State on the sec-

The Cornhuskers are fourth best in the nation against the run and fifth best against the pass. They have allowed only 12 touchdowns all year and are zero on a shutout at a 3rd consecutive national title.

If they win, they’re headed for the Sugar Bowl against top-ranked Texas State.

McKay has been the top offensive team in the Big 12. But at 7-4 overall and 6-2 in the conference, the sorcered Longhorns are just happy to be in the big show.

“It’s a goal we set and we kind of took the hard way,” Mackovic said.

“That’s all we were.”

McKay was 2-2 after consecutive losses to Notre Dame and in Oklahoma and Colorado. Virginia, welling against Longhorns 27-13, but the other three losses were by a combined 10 points.


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**Men's Basketball**

Providence provides first test

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Bring on the bad boys in the Big East, says head coach John MacLeod and his Notre Dame squad.

For one game, at least. Then don't come back until 1997.

Notre Dame's conference season begins Saturday at Providence against a dangerous Friar ballclub. The Friars are Notre Dame's only Big East opponent before the coming of the new year.

Providence will challenge the Irish with an explosive starting line-up and a deep bench ready to contribute. MacLeod is especially wary of point guard God Shammgod and his divine abilities in the back court.

"Shammgod is bullet-quick," MacLeod evaluated. "There are not many point guards with the acceleration that Shammgod has. He is in the (Allen) Iverson category."

The Irish will also need to be concerned when the other four Friar starters are on the floor. Providence is loaded with quick, athletic players.

"Their top four players, (Derrick) Brown, (Austin) Cruhser, (Dame) Thomas, and (Ruben) Carreri give a clear indication of where most of their points will come from," MacLeod commented.

The Friars' defense will also prove difficult to contend with. Providence likes to press their opponents, execute half-court traps with regularity and play a match-up zone in the half-court game. Notre Dame's offense, led by top scorer Pat Garrity, will have to go against the pressing defense to keep the ball on the offensive end of the floor.

The Irish offense has been the product of Garrity and freshman David Lalazarian to date. Both players average double figures in the scoring column, unlike any of their teammates.

"We were a bit tentative last year," MacLeod remembered. "This game could be a wild affair. We've seen (Providence's pressure), and we're going to see it again."

The Notre Dame defense will do its best to contain an exciting Friar offense, especially center Austin Crocker.

"We have to be continually aware where (Crocker) is," MacLeod said. "He likes it outside, but will drive to the basket, and he's good from the foul line."

Notre Dame in the game, albeit MacLeod would love to see others get involved.

The emergence of Lalazarian as an offensive threat, while a positive sign, is simply a necessity as other players besides Garrity must put points on the board. Point guard Admore White, ineffective through the opening stretch, must combine ball distribution with legitimate scoring potential to give Garrity and his low-post cohorts a much-needed lift.

Notre Dame welcomes back the services of shooting guard Anteni Wyche, who contributed to the Irish cause with two assists against Indiana.

It is uncertain who will start at Providence, Wyche or senior captain Pete Miller, but MacLeod is positive that Wyche will contribute in the Big East opener. "(Wyche) gives us some power, speed, and quickness in the line-up," the coach evaluated. "He is big, strong, and quick at the two-guard."

Notre Dame's Big East fortunes are hard to predict after a strong showing against the fourth-ranked Indiana Hoosiers last weekend. Hopefully their fortune-tellers will see a victory in the squad's first conference confrontation.

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And as one of the top defenders in the nation. Besides being a defensive stronghold, she has contributed offensively with three goals and ten assists. "I definitely need to make good decisions," Grubb said. The Pilots will have to shut down the freshman to have any shot at a victory. On the outside, freshman Kara Brown brings to the team speed and excellent long balls. She has chucked up six goals and fifteen assists.

Making a huge impact in the middle is Streiffer, who joins senior Amy VanLareeke and sophomore Monica Gerardo upfront. Streiffer is one of the fastest members of the team, and with her speed and ball handling skills, she is unstoppable. She was named Big East Rookie of the Year, and she has 22 goals and 23 assists in her freshman campaign. Also she is recognized for scoring the only two goals in the defeat earlier in the season of the North Carolina Tarheels.

"I don't feel pressure from that," Streiffer said. "I want to do well for the team, and I want our team to do well, so that is the only pressure I feel." Besides the freshman sensations, the Pilots will have to learn to shutdown Daws to secure a victory. Daws simply makes the Irish team. Besides being the captain and a two-time All-American, she received Big East tournament MVP and is also a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, awarded to the finest player in the league. In this record breaking season, Daws has become the Irish's all-time leading goal scorer, and she has the most career points in Irish history. Thus far into the season she has registered 26 goals and 22 assists.

"I am strong on defense, but I need to do my best to get in an attack and be dangerous in any way that I can," said Daws about her role in tonight's game. The other crucial performance will have to come from the other captain of the Notre Dame team, senior goalkeeper Jen Renola. Renola has had another stellar season for the Dommers. In these past few games, she has rarely been challenged which could be a factor. She will have to learn how to overcome that while warding off the shots of Portland.

Daws and Renola have one thing to their advantage—they will finish out their collegiate careers in their home state. Daws comes from Northridge, Calif. and Renola hails from Lost Gatos, Calif. They are members of the senior class, a class which has appeared in Notre Dame's only four NCAA championships. With all the hype over a possible North Carolina/Notre Dame rematch, the Irish's semi-final opponent has gotten little attention. Portland is seeded third in the tournament, and they enter with the only undefeated record of 19-0-2. Portland is a pretty talented team," Petrucci said. "It is a very good team in the back. You know that it is going to be well-coached. It is pretty talented group and they will be tough to play against."

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The Pilots enter this year's tournament with a new look, that leaves the Irish in a bit of a haze. Portland junior Justi Bassardt will have to be slowed in the midfield. She provides Portland with a lot of offensive opportunities. "They have got a really strong center midfielder with JusI," Daws said. "She has a strong left foot, and she does a real good job of controlling the midfield."

While the Irish are concerned with the Pilots, they are more concerned over whether or not they know enough about their own game. "Regardless of what other teams play, it is about us," said Daws. "We need to make sure that we are ready to play."

The final for the Irish will consist of how well the team knows their own game. Each individual member has had all season to study and prepare for this. Now the question is whether or not they can perform under pressure. Whoever aced the test will walk away a champion.
in her. She’ll be very good. Jen hopes she doesn’t have to, but me being a factor, that’s fine,” Petrucelli noted. “She’ll be like I’ve got to train. I’m not ready.”

She always knows when the big games are coming around.

She also knows the caliber of players in front of her.

“We have our team, I don’t really think any team is just going to pound us and I’m going to be the reason why we win. But don’t think our team is going to pound teams around,” Petrucelli said.

The Irish head into the final weekend of the season having virtually dominated almost every opponent this year. While Renola watched the team grow together a year ago, she maintains that this year’s play has remained on a high plane.

“It’s been pretty consistent,” Renola said. “Last year we went from a team that was pretty much a team the whole year, but we’ve been very good this year. I think we’ve stepped it up a little now and you have to do that around tournament time.”

In last year’s final game against Portland, the Pilots only got a few good looks at the Irish goal, but they were plentiful ones. Renola believes a similar situation might arise tonight.

“Friday’s game could be a game where they only see the ball a few times, but they could be very dangerous,” she said.

The weekend will also mark a bittersweet occasion for the Irish nightclub.

The native of Los Gatos, California will be returning to her hometown for the second time this year. Since the only loss of the year to Santa Clara occurred at the site, Renola has changed the itinerary.

“Last time the team and everyone came to my house on Sunday, so we won’t be doing that again,” Renola joked.

Now, her final games in an Irish uniform will take place right outside of Los Gatos.

Looking back on her career, it blows Renola’s mind to think about the success she has enjoyed at Notre Dame.

“I came here with the thought that this was a place I could find a national championship,” she said. “But if you told me by my senior year, we would have already played in two national championship games with the chance to play in another, I don’t know if I would have believed that.

“In a sport where only 11 people play, five or six players can turn a program around and I really think that’s what happened here.”

So, the place where Renola embarked on her journey will also serve as the site where it comes to a close.

“I can’t think of a better place to have it,” Renola said. “I’ve had a lot of great experiences here.”

“I expect to win,” she added. Her expectations have never been anything less.

Women’s Basketball

Women’s hoops upset by Purdue

By JOE CAVATO

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Youngsters need time to develop to become success

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team's last victory came two weeks ago on November 22 against Bowling Green. Since then, they have dropped four straight Central Collegiate Hockey Association games, plummeting into a tie for sixth place and lowering their record to 4-5-1 overall and 3-6-1 in the CCHA.

To the casual observer, this slide is sincere cause for panic. But, the astute observer sees another trend. He understands that three of those four losses were by one goal margins, and he recognizes that, on any given night, at least two-thirds of this team's starting line-up consists of freshman or sophomores.

Such a young team needs time to develop and to accustom themselves to the high level of play that exists at the college level in general and in the CCHA particularly.

So what does Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin do to help his young team develop and remedy the situation? Simple. He returns to the basics and to work ethic.

"We've been working a lot on the fundamentals - stopping and starting and things like that," said sophomore left-wing Aniket Dhadphale. "We have returned to the basics."

"He's been working us hard this week," observed sophomore defenseman Benoit Cotnoir. "About the different slide. "No one's panicking," stated Cotnoir. "That's something we need to improve."

Opportunities for improvement will come this weekend, as the Boys of Winter take on Michigan State (at East Lansing) on Friday night and Alaska-Fairbanks (7 p.m. at the Joyce Center) on Saturday night.

"Michigan State is one of the top teams in the country," said Dhadphale. "It'll be a good opportunity to test ourselves."

This Irish team seems to play at the level of their opponents, a fact that partly explains the inconsistency. And it follows that against a good team, like Michigan State, they will play well.

"We'll definitely pick it up against on Friday night against MSU," said Cotnoir. "We expect two points (a victory)."

The game the following night against Alaska-Fairbanks is simply a must-win game for the Pudhi's squad. "They're below us in the standings," said Dhadphale. "And we need to beat them. That's what good teams do - they win the games that they should win."

Cotnoir agreed. "We need to win this game; we have to guard against playing at their level. We have to come out and play our game. If we do that, we'll be successful."

Success has eluded the team over the past fortnight, but the astute observer can't help but view it as a learning process for the young team.

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The Irish leers are in the midst of a four game skid. The squad will be looking to get back in the 'W' column tonight against Michigan State.

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Observer Staff Report

The wheels of the Notre Dame football coaching staff are definitely turning. Just shortly after offensive line coach Joe Moore announced his departure, Greg Mattison has been named the defensive coordinator in Bob Davie's staff.

The past two seasons Mattison was the defensive coordinator for the Michigan Wolverines and he has been a member of that staff for five seasons.

His work has garnered him as one of five finalists for the Broyles Award which is given to the top assistant coach in the world of college football.

"I am very pleased that Greg
Mattison has decided to join our football staff at Notre Dame," Davie, who knows Mattison very well since they both worked at Texas A&M from 1989-1991, said.

"It's obvious when you look at what he's done that he's been successful at every step of his career. He's a close, personal friend of mine. I have great respect for him and I have complete trust in him as a coach and a person. He will be a great fit for Notre Dame," Davie said.

Mattison, who will also coach inside linebackers, has constructed a defense that ranks eighth nationally in scoring defense as well as in the top twenty for rushing defense, pass efficiency defense and total defense.

In last year's campaign the Mattison engineered defense was up to eleventh in total defense and third in rushing defense.

He is also no stranger to post-season play as he has coached teams that have bone-blowing the last seven years. His collegiate coaching career began as a graduate assistant in Illinois in 1976 under Bob Blackman.

In addition to Illinois and Michigan, Mattison has also served for the staffs of Cornell, Northwestern, Navy, and at Texas A&M.

The tandem of Davie and Mattison has produced the "Wrecking Crew" at Texas A&M which in 1991 was the top unit in the country yielding just 222.4 yards per game.

Now Irish fans have just one fewer questions on their minds as the future of the rest of the staff remains unclear.

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By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

If there is a time when a team wants to hit its stride and be at its best, that time is in post-season play. That time has come for the Notre Dame volleyball team and head coach Debbie Brown is hoping she has her team hitting their stride.

The squad has been up and down all year as injuries have hampered their progress and they currently have a mark of 22-11. What may be more discouraging is that they are just 8-11 in out of conference play which includes drawing the goose egg in the number of wins against ranked foes. But, after their best hitting match of the season in their first round dismantling of the Flying Dutchwomen of Hofstra, they hope to keep that momentum going this Sunday when they host the twelfth team in the nation, the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Ohio State earned a first round bye and also earned the right to host this contest but they have a facility conflict, which works out to the advantage of Brown’s squad.

“We’re really excited about that (hosting the match), it’s something that is definitely in our favor,” explained Brown. “It is good particularly at this time of year, when we are very comfortable and play some up, and we don’t have to miss our favor,” explained Brown.

The only starter who does not have NCAA experience is freshmen hitter Jaimie Rinke with the visitors. Briggs discussed how the experienced squad sees the opposition coach does with their rotations. So, we’ve looked at hitter tendencies and we’re concentrating on digging hard spots where she likes to hit it."

“In the past, we’ve had some of the not experienced squad seen the pressure of the match by the visitors. Briggs discussed the situation.

“We’re a pretty experienced team so I don’t think we will feel that much pressure. We are just going to play hard and try and we’re not supposed to win so the pressure is on them.”

The only starter who does not have Ohio State experience is freshman Mary Leffers who has played like a veteran all year long. Seniors Jenny Birkner and Kristina Ervin join Briggs as the most experienced players while Junior hitter Jamie Lee and setter Carey May have been integral parts of the offense in past weeks. Lee earned Big East player of the year and lead the team in kills in their win over Hofstra.

Since, May recovered from her dislocated shoulder she has run the offense for several of their best hitting matches of the season. May suffered a setback last week when she dislocated her finger, but she set the majority of all three games Wednesday night.

“I think playing in the tournament is a real positive for us,” Brown expressed of her veteran group. “We’re not going to go in playing afraid to lose, we’re going in with everything to win.”

According to Briggs winning will not be all that complicated, “We just need to play our game and execute. We’ve been playing better and better and if we continue to improve we’ll be fine.”

So the Doners seem to hit their stride and it couldn’t have come at a better time as a win this Sunday at 2 p.m. would mean a trip to the Florida for round of sixteen.

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**NOTRE DAME**

**Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola strives to serve the best for last**

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola realizes what is about to happen this weekend in Santa Clara, California. She understands the storm that is approaching.

She knows that if the Irish are to repeat as NCAA champions, she'll play an integral part. Ironic thing is that Renola has not faced a major challenge yet this year.

The senior holds a 1.10 goals against average mark this year, but has only had to make 47 saves. What are you going to do when you play on a team that keeps the opposition from crossing over midfield majority of the time?

Renola admits that sometimes it's lonely back there.

"After the game, people will say to me that the team played great today and I'll say, 'Yeah they did. It was fun to watch.'"

The reason Renola's play becomes an issue stems from the fact that the Final Four contains three other teams that can actually play with the 23-1 Irish. The Pilots and Tar Heels possess the speed and ability to match-up with No. 1 Notre Dame. In last year's Final Four, Renola's ability to control the box against both Portland and especially North Carolina helped the Irish shutout these two national powerhouse.

If the Irish defeat Portland in the semifinals tonight, they will most likely face nemesis Carolina in the finals on Sunday. With those teams on the horizon, the last line of defense suddenly becomes vital.

And there's no one that Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucci would rather have town that line.

"I hope Jen Renola doesn't have to touch the ball in the game," he said, "but if she does, I'll have the utmost confidence in her going to do when you play an integral role.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Coach Moore not in future plans**

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

In addition to consistently developing some of the nation's best offensive lines in the past nine years at Notre Dame, coach Joe Moore has had tremendous success in sending his players on to quality NFL careers.

Now, it may be Moore's turn to take a crack at NFL success.

The dean of assistant coaches under Lou Holtz, the 64-year old Moore apparently did not fit into the plans of new head coach Bob Davie and now has a decision as to his future to make.

"I was fired at quarter of nine on Monday morning," Moore said. "Bob Davie came to my house to tell me." Calls to Davie's office yesterday were not returned.

There still seems to be a desire in Moore to keep coaching. In fact, he has wanted no time.

"I already have two offers to coach," Moore relayed. "One is in college, the other is a pro job. I also have an offer to do business."

Moore is widely regarded as one of the best in his field. His track record is impressive. From 1988-1995, six of Moore's lines blocked for a top 12 rushing attack.

Every offensive line starter for the Irish under Moore moved on to the NFL after his time at Notre Dame.

Included in this group are Andy Heck, Tim Grunhard, and Lombardi Award winner Aaron Taylor.

The line not only has had individual success, their productivity as a unit was impressive. From 1988-1992, six of Moore's lines blocked for a top 12 rushing attack.

"I personally recruited each and every lineman," Moore said. "Maybe someone would give me a name but I saw and recruited all of them." Now, that task will be in someone else's hands.

Davie has yet to announce a successor.

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