The light at the end of the tunnel...

1997 career outlook brightens for college grads

By JOHN DeBOY Assistant News Editor

Things are looking up for college seniors. According to the 26th annual Recruiting Trends survey conducted by Career Services and Placement at Michigan State University, a stronger economy in 1996 means more jobs and increased job security for 1997 college graduates.

"Growth in job opportunities for new college graduates is predicted for the 1997 graduates," said Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State. "When characterizing the overall job market for new college graduates this year, employers described it as stronger than a year ago."

Employers surveyed for the study expect a 6.2 percent increase in job prospects for new graduates.

Additionally, 19.7 percent of surveyed employers reported an increase in job security, while 68.2 percent reported no change.

Kitty Arnold, director of Career and Placement Services at Notre Dame, also reported a marked increase in the strength of the job market. "We've definitely seen an improvement this year," Arnold said. "We haven't necessarily seen an increase in the number of companies visiting campus, but we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of companies posting individual job vacancies with our office. That, I think, is indicative of an improving market."

The Michigan State study also reported that job prospects appear high throughout the entire country, although some regions — particularly the Midwest and Southeast — show more promise than others.

Furthermore, starting salaries are expected to be higher this year, with employers reporting a three to four percent increase over 1996. The study reported that graduates with bachelor's degrees in engineering can expect to make the most, with average starting salaries ranging from $32,000 for civil engineering majors to $42,000 for chemical engineering majors.

Additionally, accounting majors can expect to make approximately $30,000 in their first year, although with liberal arts degrees can expect to earn $24,000.

Scheetz noted that employers have become increasingly interested in students who demonstrate proficiency in programming, World Wide Web design, e-mail, and other computer-related tasks.

Students with technical skills, Scheetz said, will often find jobs even though they may not have the specific academic majors desired by certain companies.

Arnold also noted the importance of computer skills in today's job market. "The nature of work has shifted so much toward using technological advances," Arnold said. "It would only make sense that those who are more computer-literate will have more opportunities.

Mooko: Color, creed tangle easily

By MICHELLE KRUPA Assistant News Editor

For many, affirmative action is thought of as a political controversy, but according to Darren Mooko, the issue has a distinctly racial nature: "We must also examine it in terms of race, religion, and racial politics," he said during last night's lecture, "Decoding the Politics of Affirmative Action."

Mooko, the assistant director of multicultural student affairs at Ball State University, delivered the address to kick off Notre Dame's Asian Heritage Week 1997.

Mooko opened by first exploring an Irish immigrant's experience in the United States, to later contrast with the present situation Asian American students face. Mooko examined the Irish group's stereotype in America as the "inferior poor immigrants" and reiterated that these people of the world," reiterating that these poor immigrants had only poverty-stricken aspirations, not a fair peace accord. It's not the one they were struggling for.

Palestinian stability may prove illusory

By DAVID FREDDOZO News Writer

Two weeks ago, Israelis and Palestinians signed an accord containing provisions for Israeli troop withdrawals from Hebron and other parts of the West Bank. The agreement appears to be a move toward stability, but two members of the Notre Dame community who come from the Middle East caution that this consolidation may be deceiving. They warn that peace in this region is still a long way off.

For any bystander who has seen its limited coverage in the American media, the new Hebron accord seems to raise more questions than answers. For example, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the right-wing politician who was elected last year, appeared willing to end the peace process upon assuming office. Thus, the idea that he would consent to withdrawing Israeli troops from the West Bank seems rather out of character.

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They go through life deliberately disrupting the status quo—what's good enough for everyone is surely not good enough for them. They insist on making life difficult for their teachers, parents, and friends. They are emotionally unstable, behaving in ways for attention's sake. Their behavior must be corrected, for they are the leaders of the leftie's faction.

Who are they? They are left-handers. This sort of rhetoric was used up until about the 1920s, when emotions were running high throughout the world. Left-handedness was often perceived as something abnormal, and the leftie's faction was determined to keep them in line.

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The cultural rhetoric that reviled left-handedness is gone, and now we know that such rhetoric came from ignorance—ignorance about the causes of left-handedness and unperceived ideas of what being left-handed means.

People feel that which is different, and lefties are different—but not dangerous. People feared that lefties were somehowb more dangerous to the culture, to the prevalent ideas of the time. People felt that lefties were somehow trying to undermine society.

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Shapiro's poetry traces her relationships with men

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
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"Longing makes you close your eyes and wonder makes you open them," explained poet Myra Shapiro last night. After reading selected poems from her first full-length book, "I'll See You Thursday," Shapiro explained the difference between the emotions: longing and wonder.

The presentation, co-sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and the Gender Studies Department, traced the progression of her development as a woman and her development from early childhood through maturity. Shapiro's depiction included "the history, or a history, of women on either side of the struggle." Shapiro moved the family to an unfamiliar house, Shapiro continued the story through her development as a woman and into marriage, capturing a feeling of urgency in her story. Shapiro said, "I felt dirtied, sometimes desperate, but tough," she writes in her poem "My Husband Site." Shapiro noted that being a female poet today is different than it was in the past.

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According to Mooko however, European Americans do not have this option: this was an unquestioned initiation into the American lifestyle. This difficulty sets the stage for problems when dealing with affirmative action.

Citing various decisions that arose from cases during the 60s, Mooko focused on the American acceptance by using their whiteness. They gave up being Irish and adopted the American way of life.

Mooko also addressed a common misconception surrounding affirmative action: that it makes including one in which adver-
saries of the issue claim that racial discrimination no longer exists in American society.

"One would hope that if they thought [discrimination] did exist, they would want to do something about it, but the truth is that these opponents say that all affirmative action is reverse discrimination," he said.

Mooko also explained that expectations rather than truth fuel these reverse-discrimination cries, emphasizing that "one must not mistake the right to attend a particular college with the expectation to attend that particular college."

Another argument Mooko debunked was the claim that the acceptance of minority stu-
dents to universities on the basis of affirmative action leg-
islation can cause white students to assume that all minority students are inher-
tently inferior and not qualified to be in the classroom or the future business world.

They say that, by having this policy, white men will think of all people of color, all women in law school and med-
ical school, to be unqualified.

They will then be placing an unproductive place of legal, because there is truth meritocracy for some, but about what others with whom we must compete who are not good enough to get rid of nationalism." Mooko asked.

"It's like the golden rule of business, 'It's not what you know, but who you know,' and then merit is not being enforced." Mooko also chastised those who claim that the concept of affirmative action is unnecessary. He warned that it was wrong to place all Asian Americans into one group, as "model minorities," regardless of the past successes of members of the Asian American community.

"These successes are almost more pressure and dis-
credit. Saying that all Asian Americans are so smart or such good citizens doesn't help the problem. And there's really no such thing as the general Asian American any-
way. Don't try to tell me that a Chinese has the same experi-
cence as a fourth generation Japanese American. They can't be lumped together," Mooko emphasized.

Continuing to deal with problems of the past, Mooko addressed the "individualistic argument" where opponents of the policy ask that since "I didn't throw your grandma into a concentration camp, and I didn't have slaves, why do I have to compromise my spot at Notre Dame because of affirmative action?"

Mooko claims that we cannot remedy history, but that the past still exists within the implications it has on the pre-
sent.

"You have to ask, 'What kind of impact does slavery and oppression have on genera-
tions of people?,'" Mooko said. "Everyday, it goes on and gets 'em,' that you have to carry on, you have to have families to work from.'"

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rounding affirmative action: that is reverse discrimination, and they haven't stopped today.

Darren Mooko

Northern Ireland talks resume amid violence

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland

Against a backdrop of renewed bombings, Northern Ireland politicians met for the first time in six weeks Monday, only to bicker about each other's right to attend the peace talks.

Bomb attacks blamed on Northern Ireland's pro-
British paramilitary groups, which officially are sticking to a 27-month-old truce, have jeopardized the contin-
uing participation of their Protestant representatives in talks on Northern Ireland's future.

The pro-British loyalists have killed some 900 people since 1966 in a bid to intimi-
date the province's minority Catholic community. They are suspected of retaliating for recent Irish Republic-
ian Army violence by planting bombs under the cars of two IRA supporters and a Catholic family, injuring one man.

Monday marked the first fight since December that all nine participating political parties met under the direc-
tion of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell at Stormont, headquarters of British administra-
tion in Northern Ireland. Lower-key contacts among politicians resumed two weeks ago.

But Irish and Irish gov-
ernments last year appointed Mitchell to oversee the search for a compromise government for the province. Northern Ireland Protestants insist on protecting their links with Britain, while the province's Catholics demand greater ties with the rest of Ireland, which gained inde-
pendence from Britain in the 1920s.

The umbrella group for the two main pro-British para-

military groups, the Combined Loyalist Military Command, has refused to accept or deny responsibility for the new bombings. So there have two affiliated political parties.

If the loyalists are barred, as other Protestant politi-
cians demand, they would join the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party outside the negotiations that began last June but have proven an exercise in frustration.

Sinn Fein, supported by a sizable minority of Catholics, was excluded because the IRA decided last year to resume attacks against British rule.

David Irvine, a Protestant negotiator, admitted that pro-British loyalists have "been responsible for vio-

lence" in recent weeks, but said he would not say who was behind the bombs.

The British government's main negotiator, Michael Aneram, said he would welcome "any Political parties for now-a position that both Sinn Fein and other Protestants attacked as hypocritical.

The two paramilitary groups have been operating double standards for too long," said Nigel Dodds, a negoti-
or for Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party.
SWITZERLAND

Ambassador’s remarks prompt Jewish outrage

By BALZ BRUPPACHER
Associated Press Writer

BERN, Switzerland

Switzerland’s ambassador to the United States resigned Monday after outraging Jewish groups and their supporters by likening his country’s Nazi gold crisis to a war that had to be won.

Carlo Jagmetti described allegations from Jewish groups and U.S. politicians that Swiss banks profited from World War II as a “war” Switzerland must “fight and win on two fronts: foreign and domestic.”

In a confidential report, he also spoke of “opponents” who “cannot be trusted.”

The report, sent to Switzerland in December, was “cannot be trusted.”

Jagmetti’s remarks prompted protests inside and outside Switzerland. Israel’s Jewish Agency called for an immediate apology from Switzerland.

D’Amato welcomed Jagmetti’s resignation, saying “We have heard this language, and sentiment all too often in the not too distant past. It is frightening.”

Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti said the “opposition to the Cabinet’s decision to resign was his own, and had not been forced by the government.”

Cotti condemned the leaking of a confidential report and said he would ask the Cabinet to authorize a criminal investigation.

While distancing the government from the ambassador’s language, he said he regretted that “a truly successful and conscientious diplomatic career should end in such a way only a few months before planned retirement.”

Although Marambio is a military base, “we give logistical support to the scientific community,” Valencia said. “Most of the work takes place over the next two months although we do some all year-round.”

“The base has about 30 people in winter and adds 50 temporaries in summer plus about 60 scientists who will be working on projects involving fauna, flora, geology, paleontology and glaciology.”

Argentina, which set up its first research facility in Antarctica in 1904, now operates 12 bases, six of them year-round.

It was one of the 12 original signers of the Antarctic Treaty in 1959. The pact shelved conflicting territorial claims, set aside the continent exclusively for peaceful purposes, banned nuclear testing and explosions, and restricted military activities to supporting scientific work.

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In 18 months, scientists from 67 countries study the continent.

The number of bases increased from 28 to 40 from 1957-58.

The Antarctic Treaty signed on Dec. 1, 1959 carved territorial squabbles over claims by various countries. The treaty facilitated the pursuit of research on the continent and outlined guidelines for protecting the environment.

A belief in the exclusive right to pursue research in Antarctica is "a very important professional and personal experience," she said.

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ANTSARCTICA

Scientists flock to polar summer

By WILLIAM HEATH
Associated Press Writer

MARAMBIO BASE, Antarctica

The bitter Antarctic winter has given way to summer and scientists from dozens of nations are racing to make use of two months of nearly perpetual daylight and “balmy” temperatures.

For many, this is the time to authorize a criminal investigation.

The Argentine Air Force base on Seymour Island on the northwestern edge of the Weddell Sea is a port of entry for the Antarctic Peninsula.

Scientists are taking advantage of summer’s two months of perpetual daylight, and business at the island’s 1,200-meter-long airstrip is brisk.

CONTINENT HISTORY

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Peace

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just the Palestinians," he said. "Before he was elected, they used to call him 'the messiah.' He is not a trusted person."

Netanyahu is even more mistrusted now; his popularity has fallen drastically among Israelis. Not only did nearly half of Netanyahu's hand-picked cabinet, formerly opposed the Hebron accord, but many officials in the higher circles of the Israeli government are beginning to question whether he is capable to rule.

Many Israelis are unhappy with the accord for anything to the Palestinians. But Hamad, who was tortured for 30 days by the Israeli authorities in an Israeli prison, did not believe that the Palestinians would be helped much by the accord.

"It's not a fair peace accord," he said. "It's not the one they were struggling for..."

According to Hamad, the Palestinians are struggling for an agreement which would allow for an independent Palestinian state, not only attempting to form a democracy suited to the culture of Palestine, but a "true democracy" modeled after western democratic ideals.

Although Netanyahu has sent a strong message against an independent Palestinian state, Hamad believes that the Israeli government probably is on the right direction for the Palestinians.

"The accord has some elements which provide the Palestinians for a state... though not an independent state," he said. "I see the accord as a peace agreement. It's not the fair solution, but it was the only solution at this particular time."

In a certain sense, the fulfillment of the agreement is only fitting, if not long overdue. Despite the uproar regarding the Hebron pact, Gordon explained that the current accord is really only catching up promises which were made in an earlier Oslo treaty signed in 1993.

The previous prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had proposed to draw troops out of the West Bank by a much earlier date. But since Netanyahu defeated Rabin's successor in last spring's election, Gordon said, the new prime minister has used every means available to avoid following through on his promise. "Netanyahu has been trying to suspend the deployment," Gordon stated, "but there were agreements, and the international community was pressuring him."

The Hebron accord also raises the question of whether the violence will be continued by extremist groups and Jews now that Palestinian and Israeli leaders have commenced the peace process.

Gordon described the terrorism in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a seemingly eternal cycle. As long as the turmoil continues, he said, the Middle Eastern peace process will remain an illusion throughout the world. "If there is no stability there, then there is no peace in all the earth," he said. "It is written in the Bible, it is written in the Koran, and it is written in the Torah."

"And in terms of economic stability," he continued, "that's the region that makes the whole world stand upside down."

Gordon believes that this situation could be improved with help from the United States and the international community. "The World Bank can help alleviate the poverty of the Palestinians."

"But for a long term solution, Hamad believes that if the Israelis and Palestinians completely changed their own world views, the Jews and Arabs in the Middle East would have to stop despising one another."

"We do not want leadership," he said. "We want people to trust each other."

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Clinton seeks tax credit to aid welfare recipients

The Associated Press

NEW YORK

President Clinton is expected to ask Congress to give tax breaks to businesses that hire welfare recipients, according to a New York Times report.

But some government and academic economists are questioning whether such benefits, beyond giving a windfall to businesses, will actually increase the number of poor people who get jobs, the paper said in Tuesday editions.

The tax credits, promised by Clinton during last year's campaign, are essential to his plan to create 1 million jobs for welfare recipients by 2000. The welfare reform bill Clinton signed last August requires welfare recipients to get jobs within two years of going on public assistance.

The Times said Clinton's proposal, to be included in the budget next week, would give employers a tax credit of 50 percent of the first $10,000 paid to people who have been on welfare for at least 18 months. Though such tax credits have been allowed, in one form or another, for 25 years, the Clinton proposal would offer a larger subsidy than has been available in the past, the Times said.

Currently, employers can take a credit on 35 percent of the first $4,000 paid to people who have been on welfare for nine of the previous 18 months.

Charles Marsten, inspector general of the Labor Department, said his 1994 study of a welfare tax credit offered to employers between 1978 and 1992 showed the benefit had "virtually no impact on employers' decisions to hire" welfare recipients and other poor workers.

"I can only conclude that the tax credit is a windfall for employers since the program is inconsequential in encouraging the employment of welfare recipients and other targeted groups," Marsten said.

Labor Department auditors concluded that the earlier program cost $374 million a year but produced only $140 million in wages for people who would not otherwise have been hired, the Times said.

A senior adviser to the president, Rahm 1. Emanuel, told the Times that administration officials believe Clinton's proposal will be more effective than earlier versions.

Other factors include child care, an increased minimum wage, health insurance for people leaving welfare and transportation to help people get to their jobs.

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one who reasons correctly will conclude that justice is the same everywhere, namely the advantage of the stronger. Socrates famously disputes this proposi­
tion and argues the moral good must
refute it.

Our modern-day, the American "left"—the public intellectuals and persons of affairs who call themselves "liberals"—
have styled themselves as the true heirs of the ancient demotic philosophers. A
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speech or free will. If this is the way

of the future, I think it is time to leverage my abilities as a

philosopher into the "Thrasymuchids" or

"right-wing Reagan appointee who benefitted

from affirmative action but wants to

be subjected to "frivolous" lawsuits. This

response would be: justice doesn't yield
to expediency, and besides, there are

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Investing in CD's
No Banker Needed

By JUSTYN HARKIN
Money Talk Correspondent

Money Talks is a new feature here at Accent that will appear every other week. We welcome any suggestions or money questions you might have, which can be addressed to the author c/o The Observer.

It's dollar import night at your favorite bar and you don't have a penny in your name. This is a problem. You can think all about it is all the fun that you are going to be missing while you get to stay at home and do nothing.

Your first thought is; where did all the money go? You have to make a quick peek to your checkbook to reveal fifteen consecutive checks written for seven dollars and thirty cents. That man's name might be Papa, but he sure ain't your Daddy.

You've just had a right to use that Benz, truck or Jade as you like and you don't have a dime, but something else is. Whether it's compact discs, beer, or the club scene in South Beach. These two interest you, and you can't help yourself but pay for it. While moshing out to one's music and your money is always an option, you should be warned that it's tiac and it won't win you any friends. What you need to do is come up with a couple of bucks for one lousy night. Fortunately for you, Mr. or Ms. Frugal, it's not that difficult.

Although it may sound a little drastic, you can tell some of your stuff to come up with the cash. There are some music stores in the area such as Tracks and Disc-Go-Round that will purchase your CDs for a little less than what you paid. So if you offer such services will generally pay up to five dollars for each CD, depending upon the CD's condition and popularity.

Now, just because you happen to have an extensive collection of Englebert Humperdinck does not mean you're automatically rich. In fact, it does not even guarantee that you'll get money at all. If you're feeling particularly confident about your CDs' resale value, check out these local merchants who might be able to tide you over until you have a bit more cash in hand. 

If a store is willing to buy your CDs, there are certain things you can do to ensure a extra dollar or two. Something as simple as a scratched jewel case can shave a dollar or more off the price of your CD, so if you happen to own a shiny, new one, you may want to switch it with the scratched one.

Appearances are very important to the actual CD's as well as their cases. Applying a little cleaner to a CD to be extra special and smudges can also increase their value.

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Disc-Go-Round is located at 4219 Grape Road in Mishawaka, and can be reached at 277-9222. Tracks, which also features posters and T-shirts, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Oriental, and Town Country Shopping Center, can be reached at 256-5989.

Justyn Harkin is a junior Dillon Hall resident from Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Wednesday, January 28, 1997

Even if you have money, there are other things you should know about CDs. The hot and spicy dishes are conveniently labeled with a bright red pepper, so your tastebuds can be spared if you're wary of hot foods. Entree highlights include the Stirfried assorted vegetables which is more fit for our gourmet guinea pigs to try out first, let us know!

Chicken with Lemon Grass ($7.50) and the Flaming Chicken, which is conveniently labeled with a bright red pepper, so your tastebuds can be spared if you're wary of hot foods.

A C C E N T

Greetings from London...

By ASHEILIG THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

Maybe it's every college student's dream. Maybe it's the fabulous cities, the fabulous shops, or the seemingly fabulous people. Whatever the fascination with MTV's "The Real World," the mystery became a known quantity last fall when two students listened to two members of the London cast describe their brush with stardom. More than 100 students packed into the Lafayette Ballroom last Friday to see Kat and Lars in person, and whatever they hadn't already gleaned from watching their lives on television was asked in an informal question and answer session.

Lars related his frustration with the format of the show, explaining how he had to notify the MTV staff members every time he changed location, calling in at 3 a.m. after he left a club, for example. Kat and Lars joked about the "stone fireplaces" made out of styrofoam, flashing the camera so that some private information wouldn't be aired. Strangers stopped them on the street for autographs.

Both journeyed to Alumni Senior Club for the evening's all-sages show, with DJ Lars at the turntables, the house floated through the bar, while students sat on the floor fought for air.

But despite their public composure, both privately stated it best when he remarked, "Being on MTV does open a lot of doors for you, but you have to walk through them." Kat added that she is working in Washington, while Lars calls Berlin home. Both now reside in New York City. Sitting with them in the Olive Garden for lunch seemed almost surreal. Their celebrity status vanished as we sat and joked about Jenny McCarthy or the club scene in South Beach. These two interesting people experienced something out of the ordinary, nothing more. Even Kat and Lars themselves marvel at the countless requests they, along with the other veterans from the series, receive for speaking engagements. After talking about these opportunities for a while, it seems like both of them are holding their breaths until, ironically enough, the can once again re-enter the true real world.

MTV producers to MTV stars. Kat and Lars record station 77 for MTV's and Passport last Friday at 11 p.m.

Feministic of Rolling Rock

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“Every woman has a good feeling,” said freshman center Ben Simon. “We’re connected, we’re having fun, and we’re working hard. Last week we worked a lot on the basics, like passing, skating, and stick handling, so that if we get some goals that Marty [Eisler] will keep them, we’ll look like winners. We’ll work on our goals this week.”

A large part of the outcome of this game rests on junior goaltender Eisler’s shoulders. He has been hot lately, allowing only five goals in the past three games. In the last game, he would have had the best finish for an Irish goaltender since 1971. “Marty’s playing terrific,” said Simon. “He’s got a lot on the line, the Spartans will have a difficult time solving him. Just ask opposing coaches whose teams have been stumped by Eisler—Alaska-Fairbanks coach Dave Laurion, after a 6-2 Irish win, said that Eisler had our number tonight. He made some outstanding saves.”

Other key factors will be Notre Dame’s ability to play consistently at both ends of the ice. After the past three games, the Irish have made large strides towards that goal, turning in solid performances every night. “We’ve had consistency and good efforts,” said Paulin. “Our coaches are satisfied, I can demand more from them, too.”

With the up-and-down defensively lately, each game becomes large, especially for a young team fighting for the final spot. Paulin, who after 12 seasons in the NH, is no stranger to play-offs, summarized it best when he said, “Every game is a playoff game.”

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will cause more incoming students to be interested in the Saint Mary’s schools. "With more soccer player Jo Wagner said.

people hope the conference will be a selling point for students interested in attending Saint Mary’s College.

“The conference will allow the athletes to become stronger which will help recruit more students. The MAIA will be good for Saint Mary’s overall because it will help fulfill our membership goals,” said Travin said.

Both the coaches and players are enthusiastic about the new conference. They have a positive attitude toward the nation’s first conference for NAIA and have already added football and Defiance College in Ohio. Other teams the conference includes the University of Elizabethtown, Alma, Calvin College and Kalamazoo, and others. "I think the Belles have played in past seasons.

It is also felt that the MAIA will help the Belles fulfill the rules required by the Athletics.

“We will be able to measure our performance and progress with other team in the conference. Before we looked at our record,” sophomore basketball player Charlotte Arble said.

The Belles will begin their pres- 

Dayton will tonight attempt to average a 4-3 loss to Michigan State in the opening game. This season Notre Dame is coming off two positive outings against St. Cloud State.

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Tagliabue to decide future of Parcells, Patriots

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS - NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide whether to hire coach Bill Parcells, who took the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl, to coach any other NFL team next season.

Tagliabue and both sides in the Parcells saga are set for Tuesday with a decision possible by Wednesday.

The Patriots requested the conference call, and owner Robert Kraft and Parcells have had a cool relationship.

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If the Jets were to negotiate with Parcells before Tagliabue rules, it would violate the NFL's tampering regulations. Kraft has not suggested that has happened.

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The Patriots motorcade — led by guard William Roberts, who was later escorting the wife of Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe — left for the New Orleans International airport. As of Sunday, the Jets had not contacted the Patriots for permission to talk with Parcells, according to Patriots spokesman Don Lowery.

He also said the team had no firm plans to interview possible successors.

"We have a coach," Lowery said.

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By MARC FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS - Even while Mike Ditka watched the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl, he was thinking about how he would put the New Orleans Saints in the NFL's biggest game.

Together, they put the Saints in the championship game.

Ditka led Chicago to six NFC Central titles, three NFC Championship games and the Bears' only Super Bowl victory.

He was visited briefly by Saints owner Gayle Benson.

The Saints finished 8-8. Since then, the team has had three straight losing seasons, falling to 3-13 in 1996.

With Venturi as interim coach, the Saints lost seven of their last eight games while playing the league's easiest schedule.

The Saints did not sell out a home game last season, and season ticket sales fell as well.

Benson said last week he would not fire Venturi and either turn the current season around or look at other options for 1998.
**Recruits continued from page 16**

Vollers and Robin were the only known commitments prior to Lou Holtz's resignation, but four other all-Americans were considered either "silent commitments" or heavy leans for the Irish.

All-American athlete Tony Driver (6-6, 245, 4.4) at Louisville, Ky. was the gem of Holtz's and offensive coordinator Dave Roberts's recruiting campaign. He was the leading candidate for USA Today's Offensive Player of the Year and is a prototype multi-purpose back who could fill needs at running back, wide receiver and tight end.

Most importantly he had visited the Irish three times on his own, professed a love for the school and announced that the Irish were the big leaders for his services. Recruiting analysts later announced him a "silent" commitment to Notre Dame.

Nordfolk, Virginia's cornerback James Whitley (6-0, 185, 4.5) was named the number one corner on Greenwood's list. In early July, Whitley confessed that Notre Dame was his favorite. In September, College Recruiting Services announced that Whitley was a "silent" commitment to the Irish. He would be the first big name cornerback prospect signed by the Irish since Bobby Taylor.

The third recruit, athlete Billy Dee Greenwood (6-2, 175, 4.4) of Norwalk, Conn. was another cornerback/athlete prospect that had the Irish drooling. Going into November, the Irish were number one on Greenwood's list. NFA and Wallace considered him a lock for the Irish and many expected a commitment during his official visit in December.

Driver, Whitley and Greenwood were later named to USA Today's all-USA first team in December.

Holtz's final days: Lou Holtz had almost been prophetic. The Irish were finally going to fill the corner and receiver speed positions that had hurt him against Ohio State.

Three blue chip recruits had already committed, and four more were awaiting test scores and official visits before joining the list.

Nothing could stop the Irish recruiting campaign this year.

Then Holtz resigned, the admissions department hesitated and the fragile class fell apart.

See Thursday's Observer for part two of Notre Dame football recruiting.
By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer
Notre Dame's indoor track team dominated in-state rival Indiana in its dual-meet home opener on Saturday. The men's squad cruised past the Hoosiers by an 86.5-75.5 tally, while the women posted a 84-66 victory. Senior Errol Williams posted two victories on the day, in the 60-meter hurdles and the 200-meters. Teammate Jeff Hojnacki also tallied two victories in long-distance events. He won the 600 and 800-meter races.

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JoAnna Deeter was the long-distance star of the women's team, posting two first place finishes. Deeter took the 3,000 and the mile, in which teammate Pati Rice was the runner-up.

The Irish men opened the meet with Jay Hofner's first place finish in the 35-pound weight throw. Freshman Marshaun West won his second consecutive long-jump event. He placed first at the Michigan Invitational last weekend.

The women did not fare as well as the men in the beginning of their meet, but relied on a strong finish to post the victory.

Rice's high finish in the mile pushed the Irish past the Hoosiers, who were leading the meet after the first four events. Nadia Schmidt won the 600-meter race and Alison Howard won the 400-meter to seal the women's victory.

Notre Dame placed first and second in the men's mile and the pole vault. Mike Conway and Jason Recking topped the mile runners while Mike Brown and Dave Gerrity vaulted past their competition. Pat Mousaw won the triple-jump, rubbing salt in the wound of the visiting Hoosiers.
Irish fall despite solid effort

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish fencing squad went to the Penn State meet with a mission to place themselves solidly at the top of the collegiate competition. Though the team failed to achieve their goal of defeating the top school, Penn State, the weekend was far from a waste.

"The weekend was disappointing because of our loss, but it was encouraging in how we measured up against the best," said sophomore foilist Stephanie Auriol.

The team faced the toughest competition in all of the nation, Penn State won a convincing victory in the NCAA Championships last year, and St. John's also competed well to finish third. Though the Irish were upset by these solid teams, the pervading feeling of the men's team was that perfection would be the only way to finish a strong third behind the Irish. Though they performed well, the other two teams proved to be just slightly better.

"Against Penn State, everyone had to fence their best. They are a very solid team from top to bottom. We had a few people who just had an off-day, which will happen, and we fell just a little short," said head coach Yves Auriol.

Sophomore epeeist C.J. Jackson and freshman foilist Chas Hayes provided the two brightest points for the Irish on the men's side. Jackson, coming off a lackluster performance at the NCAA Championships where he was defeated 3-0 against St. John's, who is probably better than Penn State in the epee," said the elder Auriol.

"For C.J. to do as well as he did in his first meet back in a year and a half is just awesome," said the younger Auriol.

Hayes provided a consistency all day long that was more typical of a seasoned veteran. But by going 2-1 against Penn State, Hayes announced that he would not lay down in the face of pressure.

"Chas fenced with a lot of emotion. I knew he could do well, but for him to step up in his first big collegiate match against the best teams around is incredible," said the younger Auriol.

Hayes could not deny the great pressure, but his effective way of fighting through it helped produce his outstanding results.

"I was kind of nervous, especially at first. But all I could do was block it out, let the team give me a push, and try to hold my own weight," said Hayes.

The women's team performed well, but also fell to the strong Penn State squad. A particularly strong performance was given by junior epeeist Anne Hoos, who continued to grow stronger by the week.

"Anne did a very solid job throughout the whole competition. She just keeps making progress in leaps and bounds," said the elder Auriol.

"It really inspires us to see our captain come in with a good result. Anne got off to a great start, and once she gets on a roll, she won't stop," said freshman epeeist Magda Krol.

Krol continued her excellent play on the strip despite a loss in her first match against Penn State. Faced with the early defeat, Krol could have packed it in and just called it a bad day. But her unyielding relentless pusher pushed her against the wind and got the upper hand.

"After the first bout, I was worried that I would do poorly the entire day. I was happy that I recovered and I felt I did well from that point on," Krol said.

So though the team failed to overtake the best, the whole squad could take pride in their positive progress during the weekend.

The eight weeks until the NCAA Championships will give the team time to make the adjustments to make a strong run for the title.

"Even though we got off to a rough start against Penn State, it just gives us reason to work harder during the season to overcome them in the tournament," Krol said.

Fencing

Talented squad remains undefeated

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With two wins this past weekend the men's fencing team is off to one of its best starts in recent years. Two teams win this past weekend against Depaul and Miami (Ohio), improved Notre Dame's already perfect record. With a win against the University of Illinois this Thursday, the team will have its best start since 1992, when they finished the season with a No. 2 ranking.

Freshman Ryan Sachire improved his singles record to 4-0, with a No. 1 and a No. 2 singles win Saturday. Sachire's career record improved to an impressive 19-2. At No. 1 singles, Sachire defeated Alan Pintaric of Depaul 6-3, 7-5, and defeated Miami's Dave Abelson 6-4, 6-0 in the second position. Against Depaul, in the first match of the day, the Irish won all six singles matches. Notre Dame only lost one set in the entire match. Brian Patterson won the No. 2 singles match 7-6, 6-3. Patterson, a sophomore, still possesses an unavoilable record. Other winners were Ryan Simme, Eric Enloe, and Gaye Freeman.

In the second match of the afternoon, the Irish beat Miami (Ohio) 5-1. Again, the Irish were led by Sachire and senior captain Ryan Simme. Simme defeated Chris Ritchie in No. 3 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-2. Simme's career record is now 8-5-2 and he is the the only Irish player with NCAA singles tournament experience.

"He will need to be leader and set an example for this year's team," head coach Bobby Bayliss commented earlier in the season.

The younger players this season are stepping it up, following the leadership of their elder captains. Bayliss is confident in Simme's chances to once again qualify for the singles tournament at the end of the season. Other winners in the match were Dan Rothchild, Enloe, and Freeman who won their No. 4, 5 and 6 matches respectively. Jakub Pietrowski was defeated 6-4, 6-4 in No. 1 singles.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: You will have a tremendous awareness of what others are saying and doing. Now professional triumphs are likely if you work diligently. A dramatic relationship can be an unexpected source of good advice. For a friend or a romantic partner, a change in the family will occur in September. Enter a wonderful period ofScorpio wealth. Short-term agreements are favored over long-term contracts. Put out your paycheck without saving.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Marie Rideout, sculptor; Claire Oldenberg, author. Susan B. Anthony; love; love. Someone goes out of your way to please. A former winner in financial reports will help you make an important decision. Women feel more confident. TAIANES (April 20-May 20): Meetings with professional colleagues will turn a dream of a million into reality. A former mentor returns to town with a special impact. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Delegating as much responsibility as possible today. Long-term planning is helpful. Every change is always win in the start. School begins. A legal issue requires an emergency check-up for yourself and your loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Unrequited; household chores deserve your prompt attention. Read a way to argue peacefully. Playing uplifting music will invigorate a romantic partner or family friend's good mood.

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Irish feel the need for speed

The needs had been obvious, especially to Lou Holtz. During his press conference after the loss to Ohio State, Holtz pointed to a lack of speed as his team's Achilles heel. Not that this should be a surprise. For the past three years recruiting analysts have criticized Notre Dame for their inability to sign top cornerbacks and receivers.

Yet, when Holtz complained about the Irish's lack of speed, he made a surprising announcement. He guaranteed that this recruiting class would have speed. He promised that on February 5 the recruits had committed to the Irish as a sophomore even though Holtz didn't offer a scholarship until this April.

Kustok entered his senior season with much acclaim as the National Recruiting Advisors' fifth ranked pass-run quarterback in the nation. As a junior, he completed 96 of his 162 passes for 1,560 yards, 12 TD's and only 3 INT's. He also rushed 33 times for 450 yards and 9 TD's.

As a senior, Kustok's team fell apart. He led both starting wide receivers to academics and basketball, and most of his offensive line to graduation. Thus, behind a weak line, Kustok completed only 48 percent of his passes for close to 1,000 yards, seven TD's and three INT's. He was forced to scramble for over 600 yards and six TD's.

According to Bobby Burton of the National Recruiting Advisor (NRA), "Zak Kustok is simply too good to pass up. He fits the Holtz-style of offense. He can run, pass and doesn't turn the ball over very often."

Cooper Rego: Tailback Cooper Rego (5-9, 190, 4.38) of Montvale, N.J., was the second commitment to the Irish and, presently, the centerpiece of the class. There was some concern about Rego's speed, but during Notre Dame's 1996 summer camp he ran 4.38 and 4.41 second 40 yard dashes. The Irish wasted no time offering the shifty speedster a scholarship, and Rego committed on August 23.

Even with the scholarship in his pocket, Rego did not ease up as he led St. Joseph's to the New Jersey Parochial Group 3 State Championship. In the championship game Rego rushed 33 times for 288 yards, five touchdowns and three two-point conversions. He scored all of his team's points in the 36-20 victory.

For the season, Rego rushed for 2,542 yards and scored 35 TD's. He was named USA Today's New Jersey Player of the Year, was accepted to the oldest collegiate conference in America, and was time for them to join a conference for the Saint Mary's Athletic Department.

The Saint Mary's Athletic Department felt such an honor recently when they were invited to apply for membership into a conference for the sport.