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By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

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"It lets people assume certain risks in certain activities is inherently risky," said Kirk. He acknowledged that the law would not hold up in a court of law if the university was at fault in an accident.

With the recent installation of cable television in dorm rooms at Saint Mary's, several senators questioned whether similar service would come to Notre Dame.

"If they have it, why can't we? We have a lot more money than they do," asked Morrissey senator Bryan Constantin.

Kirk thanked student leaders for their work on expanding Saferide service to Thursday nights, and pointed out that the waiver which students signed at enrollment is primarily intended to give warning and informing them of what responsibilities they bear in using the service.

Caught on tape ...

Cease-fire halts Irish violence

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

In response to the tragic car bombing in Omagh, Northern Ireland which killed 28 people, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) announced a cease-fire. That announcement came just minutes before a national, inter-denominational moment of silence was planned in memory of the victims.

Another group, the Real IRA, claimed responsibility for the attack, but joined the INLA in the decision to stop the violence.

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TO TAKE STEPS TO MAKE SURE IT'S MADE ILLEGAL.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Bowing to pressure from parents, students and community leaders, the University of Iowa, in cooperation with the county attorney, is preparing to make the drug GHB legal in the state.

Fraternities ban alcohol at parties

AMES, Iowa — University of Iowa fraternities have decided to go dry this year, but Iowa State officials say a switch to substan-

ence-free Greek housing is not in the plans for this year. University of Iowa Inter-Fraternity Council voted unanimously to ban alcohol earlier this year, but Iowa State officials say a switch to substan-

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TUCSON, Ariz. — A federal court ruled earlier this month that a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison had been discriminated against by the state's university system by forcing its students to help finance on-campus clubs that have political, religious or ideological agendas. But because University of Arizona student groups are funded differently than those at most state schools, similar court rulings might not stand in Arizona courts. The Seventh District Ap-
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Reno extends inquiry to Gore and fund-raising

By DAVID JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno advanced a significant step closer on toward deciding whether to ask for an independent prosecutor to investigate Vice President Al Gore's role in fund raising for the 1996 campaign, government officials said.

Reno ordered a 90-day preliminary inquiry into whether Gore lied to investigators last year when he was initially interviewed about his telephone solicitations to donors from the White House, the officials said.

The investigation into Gore's fund-raising calls was reopened after the White House produced a 1995 memo last month that suggested Gore and other Democratic campaign officials discussed how the money he solicited would be used.

In addition, investigators in recent days have interviewed several of the meeting's participants, who have indicated that Gore could have known that some of his fund raising would be funneled into direct re-election efforts—which could be illegal, the officials said.

If Reno determines at the end of the three-month investigation that there is reason to believe that Gore misled investigators, she will be obligated under the independent counsel law to refer the case to an outside prosecutor.

Gore's lawyer said on Wednesday that Gore had done nothing wrong.

"The vice president volunteered to be interviewed, and he has been interviewed twice," said the lawyer, James Neal. "I am totally satisfied that Vice President Gore has fully, completely and honestly answered every question asked of him, and I am confident that when this investigation is completed, the Department of Justice will reach the same conclusion."

Reno has reached this stage before in deliberating whether to seek an independent prosecutor to examine Gore's fund-raising. Some officials doubted that her decision on Wednesday indicated that she would ultimately seek an independent prosecutor to examine campaign finance abuses—suggesting that the evidence against Gore is insubstantial. Others said that Reno was unpredictable on such issues and could go forward with the appointment.

The decision has been a contentious one. For more than 18 months, the attorney general has refused to request that an independent counsel look into campaign-finance irregularities in the face of angry elected officials who say she has covered up for the White House and has shielded President Clinton and Gore from possible prosecution.

A Reno decision on Wednesday was contained in a formal notification to the three-member panel of appellate judges who actually select independent counsels. But the Justice Department did not announce its action on Wednesday, awaiting an authorization from the judges.

Nevertheless, Republicans attacked Reno for focusing on only one of the numerous allegations of wrongdoing and for setting up a timetable that will delay a decision until November, after this year's congressional elections.

"An independent counsel is a must for the entire campaign fund-raising investigation," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who is chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Earlier this month, the panel voted to cite Reno with contempt for refusing to provide lawmakers with a memo from Charles La Bella, the former head of her campaign finance unit, recommending the appointment of an independent prosecutor.

But to Democrats her action once again raised the specter of yet another independent prosecutor who could be appointed to investigate an administration already beset by an inquiry by another independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, into Clinton's relationship with Monic Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

But unlike the inquiry into Clinton's conduct, an independent prosecutor investigating even a seemingly narrow issue like the vice president's phone calls could lead to a wider examination of alleged campaign finance abuses. Such an inquiry could take years, exacting a political and legal toll in an embarrassing, costly and disruptive process that could distract the Democratic Party through the 2000 presidential campaign.

At issue is whether Gore knew that any of the 46 fund-raising phone calls he made from the vice president's office raised money that in part was diverted to "hard money" accounts at the Democratic National Committee, which are subject to federal election law and cannot be used to directly support candidates like Clinton and Gore.

Last year, Reno said that if Gore had used the White House office to raise hard money, the telephone calls could be considered a violation of a federal law barring government officials from raising political funds on federal property.

But last December, when Reno formally rejected referring the phone call issue to an independent prosecutor, she absolved Gore of wrongdoing in connection with the calls. At the time, she based her decision on what she said was the lack of any suggesting that the vice president knew his solicitations raised "hard money."

Justice Department investigators have raised additional questions about Gore's statements in part because of newly discovered handwritten notations on a Nov. 21, 1995, White House memorandum that suggests ore may not have been candid about the phone calls.

Several copies of the underlying campaign budget memo had been provided to prosecutors. But the copy with an aide's handwritten notations was not turned over by the White House until last month, nearly 18 months after the Justice Department first subpoenaed campaign-related material.

The notations, written during a White House meeting, also held on Nov. 21, indicate that participants, who included Gore, discussed diverting part of the contributions into hard money accounts. The notes were forwarded to the independent counsel who was investigating the vice president's deputy chief of staff, and were released publicly last week.

Among the participants at the meeting was Donald Fowler, the former Democratic National Committee chairman, and Marvin Rosen, the former Democratic National Committee finance chairman. Gore appeared to be the most enthusiastic participant, and was quoted by his aide as saying "count me in on the calls."

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tion," said Kirk. "The wisdom of that decision is debatable ... and I will not comment upon with a different decision."

Kirk later went on to survey students at the time of the previous proposal which indicated that most students supported cable installation if it came at a significant discount.

Installing cable today would cost "millions," Kirk estimated, and the survey would likely come in the form of a small increase in room and board costs rather than a pay-by-use system which is "something the University is interested in doing," Kirk continued.

Senators thanked Kirk as well as the department of Facilities Operations for the work on campus improvements over the summer.

"The campus looks great, a lot of good things were done over the summer," said Matt Mamak, chair of the Residence Life committee.

In other Senate news:
• The body brought up their resolution to increase student involvement in the commencement speaker process, but chose to send it back to the Academic Affairs committee for further adjustment.
• The resolution, which was proposed last spring during the controversy over the selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, calls for better execution of the selection process as it is currently designed.

"This resolution says that we support the current mechanism and we expect the (junior) class officers to do their part and the administration to do their part," said senator Constantini. The present system calls on the junior class presidents to make recommendations to University officials, who then select and invite a speaker.

During the debate, the Senate agreed to strike a statement in the resolution which called for a speaker "with a national reputation."

The motion was sent back to the Academic Affairs committee for some final adjustments.

In other Senate news:
• Pasquerilla East senator Stephanie Foster, who chairs the Multicultural Affairs committee, voiced concern about the lack of representation by The Observer at recent student council meetings held for campus media and student leaders.

"In the last year there has been a series of complaints about the lack of involvement of The Observer," Foster said. "Why are they not obligated to attend (those) retreats and workshops?"

Kirk explained that The Observer is not funded by Student Activities, but rather through the $6 fee assessed to each student by the Office of Student Affairs. Therefore, the paper is independent, and not accountable to the Office of Student Activities.

Kirk suggested the Senate take it upon themselves to address the issue with The Observer if they thought it warranted further attention.

• Student body vice president Andrea Seljak announced the Office of the President’s plans for the coming semester, which include expanding SafeRide, improving student-faculty relations and working with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to host multicultural/diversity awareness workshops in residence halls.

Student Government plans to create a lunch program in which students and professors within departments and colleges can meet and get to know each other. They also hope to create the Hall Fellows Program, which pairs each residence hall with a certain professor in an effort to improve student-faculty relations.

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Ireland and the Loyalists into an awkward position as they are now forced to respond to Sinn Fein. "Unionists cannot refuse to talk to Sinn Fein because when they weaken the political process they strengthen the cause of the millitant," he said. If leaders do not do everything in their power to promote political structures which will facilitate a true solution to the troubles, a return to violence would be imminent.

According to Deane, Loyalists must now either get the political process moving and deal with issues that arise with Sinn Fein or suffer a continuing decline in strength. That decline would be brought about by a public backlash should they feel that Unionists were deterring from the political peace process.

As to whether the existence of the various groups on each side helps or hinders the process, Deane suggested that it was not the existence of the separate groups but the hostility of the militant groups that sets the process back.

"I think their hostility has to some degree weakened the political process," said Deane. He explained that while the degree of support that the more extreme groups receive is difficult to determine, the support stems from areas like South Armagh and Fermanagh where there has been steady belief in the segmentation that the peace process represents a surrender.

Deane did not feel that there was much of a parallel to be drawn between the type of sectarian violence that has become synonymous with Northern Ireland and that to which the United States has recently been exposed.

He did note, however, that what can be taken from the Northern Irish experience is that it is "far better to address the root of the problem than to just combat it with increased resistance."

This sentiment seems to agree with the Sinn Fein position which opposes the recent impetus in both the Dail in the Republic of Ireland and the House of Commons in Britain to enact measures to crack down on paramilitaries on both sides of the border.

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Chinese take blame for floods

BEIJING-Charges are mounting that bad policies and official neglect have worsened this summer's disastrous flooding in China, and the government has made the unusual admission that its land use mistakes are partly to blame and announced sweeping policy changes. Officials have clearly been shocked by the vast scale of damage in southern and northeastern China, where severe flooding persists. This year's rains have been torrential, but not as great as in some years when the extent of flooding and the damages were less. In the last few weeks, the official press has carried increasingly sharp articles and editorials on the harmful effects of clear-cutting timber along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, for example, and the human invasion of vital wetlands along the river's course.

Diplomats claim Sudan helped Iraq after Gulf war

KHARTOUM, Sudan At the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1991, when Sudan was one of Iraq's few remaining friends in the world, the government here struck a bargain with Baghdad, foreign diplomats and Sudanese said Tuesday. In return for Iraqi financial help and assistance by military and civilian experts, Sudan agreed to assist Syria in its negotiations to be meddled by Iraqi technicians for steps in the production of chemical weapons, they said. The deal was beneficial to both countries. Struggling Sudan got economic help, and Iraq was able to move ahead with chemical weapons far away from the gaze of U.N. weapons inspectors. "Sudan is a wonderland of things," a former Sudanese government official said. A diplomat here said the Clinton administration had known about the Iraqi chemical weapons activities here for some time.

Subway mosquitoes evolve

LONDON, England Mosquitoes that use to feed on birds have acquired a taste for human blood after decades of living in the London subway system, scientists say. The mosquito population that moved into the London Underground tunnels when they were dug 100 years ago have newly evolved, said Kate Byrne, a population geneticist at London University's Queen Mary and Westfield College. Unable to find birds, the mosquitoes began preying on rats, mice and humans. "People go in search of mammals," Ms. Byrne said Wednesday. Scientists say the underground mosquitoes behave so differently from those aboveground relatives that attempts to make the two failed. "They look to be completely distinct from each other," Ms. Byrne said.

Hurricane Bonnie strikes Carolinas

Associated Press

Taking one of history's busiest storm routes, Hurricane Bonnie blew into the Carolinas with stinging rain and howling 115 mph winds Wednesday, slowed to a crawl that could mean a prolonged drenching.

Arriving hours after a half-million people had fled inland, the storm swamped roads, knocked out power to at least 240,000 and peeled a roof from a hospital. There were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries.

There also were preliminary reports that the storm created new islands that cut two small barrier islands in half, authorities said.

Andrew Tawes was among the few who remained on North Carolina's Outer Banks so the storm hit, saying he had to look after his house and cabinet shop. His wife and two children fled the island to stay with relatives.

"I've got thousands of dollars in wood and machinery in my shop right now," he said. "I'm scared to death." The storm reached land early in the afternoon at Cape Fear, near the South Carolina state line. It slowed from 16 mph to 8 mph as it eased ashore, and forecasters said it could linger over North Carolina for as much a day and bring 15 to 20 inches of rain.

As of 7:30 p.m., Bonnie was centered near Winterville Beach, about 20 miles north of Cape Fear. Four to five inches of rain a day had fallen in the Wilmington area by midafternoon.

"I suspect it's going to be raining very heavy for a long period of time and as it winds down," said Jerry Jarrell, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The storm was expected eventually to veer to the northeast and move out to sea near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Officials said Bonnie could raise water levels in some areas by 9 to 11 feet. Tidel levels about 3 feet above normal were reported in some areas Wednesday afternoon.

"We're not talking about one burst of water, like a tidal wave," said state Public Safety Secretary Richard Morris said. "We're talking about the water being backed up by our sounds and the winds for as long as the hurricane lingers.

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Cannon fire kills relief workers

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SUDAN

Benign use seen for chemicals in Sudan factory

By STEVEN LEE MYERS and TIM WEINER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The chemical that the United States cited to justify its bombing of a Sudanese plant last week can be used for commercial purposes, the agency overseeing the treaty barring chemical weapons said on Wednesday.

The Clinton administration conceded that the chemical found outside the plant could only mean that the plant was intended to make VX nerve gas, but did not produce VX gases.

The Clinton administration investigated the Sudanese chemical plant for possible VX production. It was not aware of any VX that was possibly being made.

The organization cited to justify its bombing

The administration's charges of VX production have been met with some skepticism. One Pentagon official said that scientific papers showed the chemical, known as EMPTA, could be used for commercial purposes.

But a spokesman, Donato Kiniger-Passigli, said in a telephone interview Wednesday that a search of scientific papers showed the chemical, known as EMPTA, could be used for commercial purposes. The uses, he said, included fungicides and anti-microbial agents, and not just the production of VX.

One Pentagon official said that the true purpose of the chemical was to make commercial products, that does not mean anyone makes it, the official said.

In the chemical industry, experts said they were not aware of any commercial uses for EMPTA, nor could they foresee any practical uses based on what is known about the chemical.

Aldrich Chemical Co. in Milwaukee makes the chemical and sells it at $45 a gram to laboratories for research. But a spokesman said the company was not aware of its use in any commercial product.

The Clinton administration levied the Sixto Pharmaceutical Industries Co. plant in Khartoum with a volley of cruise missiles last Thursday, saying it had evidence linking the factory to VX production.

Facing questions about the decision to bomb the factory, senior administration officials said on Monday that a soil sample collected nearby provided irrefutable evidence of the presence of VX at the plant.

Kiniger-Passigli emphasized that the organization had come to no conclusions about the administration's charges or the Sudanese counter-charges.

The independent organization administers the chemical weapons treaty, signed by more than 160 nations and ratified by the U.S. Senate last year.

Still, the organization's disclosure raised questions about the administration's accusations that the plant was used to make VX.

Wednesday's disclosure added to evidence linking the factory to VX production.

Khartoum was heavily guarded by security consultants.

On Wednesday, several American experts in chemical warfare and analysis offered another possible explanation.

They said the chemical's structure resembled that of an agricultural insecticide, known as PONOFOS, which is commercially available in Africa.

While the two are not identical, they have molecular similarities and could be confused in a laboratory test performed under less-than-ideal conditions, said Hank Ellison, a counterterrorism expert who ran the Army's chemical and biological warfare programs at Fort Detrick, Md., in the 1980s.

Ellison, now the president of Cerberus & Associates, Inc., a security consulting firm in Michigan, said that while the chemical characteristics of PONOFOS and EMPTA were not identical, they were "very similar" and those similarities "could be misinterpreted in a lab analysis."

"I imagine this soil sample wasn't taken under the best of circumstances, by somebody placing it in a cooler and immediately sending it to a lab," he said. "And quality control for the storage and manufacture of pesticides and insecticides is not the highest in the world, so that could increase the possibility of seeing similarities in the chemical structure." The defense and intelligence officials dismissed the possibility that the United States could have misinterpreted the soil sample.

In the Hague, an official with the chemical weapons organization, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said scientific research also suggested that EMPTA could be the byproduct of the breakdown of other pesticides.

The international treaty, which the United States Senate ratified last year despite the reservations of many conservative Republicans who said the organization would never be effective, does not identify EMPTA by name.

But the treaty covers it under the "Schedule 2" list of chemicals that are subject to scrutiny by the organization's inspectors. By definition, chemicals included on Schedule 2 can have legitimate commercial purposes. That is unlike chemicals on Schedule 1, which are deemed to have no other use than to kill people and are strictly prohibited.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is the international agency whose more than 400 engineers and diplomats oversee the inspections of governments and chemical companies around the world to assure they are not making prohibited agents.

The group searched known scientific literature in response to press inquiries on EMPTA.

The Sudan has not signed the treaty, so factories like Shifa Pharmaceuticals are not subject to its inspectors, unlike companies in the United States and other countries that have approved the accord.

While the organization did not identify any products using EMPTA, officials said they could not rule out the possibility as strongly as the administration has.

The official at the organization, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the scientific research showed companies including the Mobil Corp. and International Chemical Industries of America had conducted research into commercial applications that used EMPTA.

The Sudan has called for an international investigation of the missile strike, which killed one person and wounded seven others, according to the government in Khartoum.

Charles Carnup a British engineer who worked as a technical manager during the factory's construction from 1992 to 1996, said he never saw any evidence of EMPTA or other materials involved in the production of VX.

"I suppose I went into every corner of the plant," he said in a telephone interview from his home in England. "It was never a plant of high security. You could walk around anywhere you liked, and no one tried to stop you."

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Iraq inspector quits, accuses officials of cave-in

By JUDITH MILLER
Special to The Observer

The longest-serving U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq resigned Wednesday, charging that the U.N. Security Council and the Clinton administration had stymied the inspectors on "the doorstep of uncovering Iraq's hidden weapons programs.

The inspector, Scott Ritter, said in his resignation letter that the failure to push aggressively abroad with the inspections was "a surrender to Iraqi leadership" that made a "force" of the commission's efforts to prove that Iraq was concealing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Ritter asserted that the lack of will stemmed from a policy shift by the U.N. Security Council and the secretary-general that was backed "at least implicitly by the United States." He made his resignation letter public in an effort to force the United States and the United Nations to return to a tougher stance.

"The administration heately denied Ritter's conclusions, saying it had faithfully backed the inspections in Iraq. An administration official insisted that the United States was "keeping up the pressure on Iraq in ways that really affect him." Within the last week, for instance, the United States and its allies have quickly moved ships into waters near Iraq to keep President Saddam Hussein from smuggling out oil by sea.

A spokesman for the secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said he "does nothing at the behest of Iraq." Richard Butler, chair- man of the inspection team, declined to comment.

In an interview, Ritter asserted that the administration had been "secretly trying since late last year to cut a diplomatic solution for its confrontation with Saddam and in doing so had abandoned a policy — in effect since the end of the Persian Gulf war in 1990 — to use sanctions and the threat of military force to compel the Iraqi leadership. The administration has publicly backed the inspectors, who have insisted on full and unfettered access to sites in Iraqi suspected of being used to conceal weapons or the expertise needed to make them. Twice in the last year the United States has threatened military action in Iraq for obstructing the inspections, and in February, U.S. warships were moved within striking distance last week.

U.S. officials acknowledged that the United States and Britain had privately urged Ritter of being a U.S. intelligence officer, a charge Washington emphatically denied.

Ritter said that the "beginning of a slow death" for the inspection team began in earnest last October after Iraq blocked inspectors and provoked a crisis that led Clinton administration officials to predict that military action would be necessary if Iraq did not back down.

Ritter said administration officials told the inspectors then that "there was not enough military power in the region" to provoke a confrontation with Iraq, even though the inspectors had "indisputable proof" that the effort to hide information relating to Iraq's weapons programs was "run by the presidency of Saddam and protected by the presidential security forces.

The administration repeated its assessment in late November, he said, warning the inspectors again not to conduct more inspections aimed at revealing how Iraq was concealing the information — what he called "concealment inspections."

In addition, Ritter said, administration officials told the inspectors that military action over the Christmas holidays was "demonstrably unsustainable," meaning it would be politically unpopular.

Ritter declined to discuss which administration officials gave him and the other inspectors this advice.

Seeking to defuse the crisis in February, Annan and Saddam signed an agreement establishing new rules for the inspec tors. Ritter said that while he and other inspection officials were deeply worried about the agreement's impact, he decided not to resign, but rather to test Iraq's willingness to comply with the agreement.

He was encouraged, he added, by the fact that the Security Council warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it blocked the inspectors — language that suggested the United States might carry out military strikes on Iraq if Baghdad reneged on its word.

But in June, Ritter said, the Clinton administration decided that it would no longer support intrusive inspections solely for the purpose of gaining access to sensitive sites, inspections that Ritter characterized as crucial to the inspectors' mission.

In meetings at the State Department and the Pentagon, he said, he sensed a lack of support for what he called "concealment inspections," and felt that such inspections were becoming a "political liability" in the administration's view.

In July the inspectors received what Ritter called "two of the best pieces of intelligence information we've had in a long time" about Iraqi weapons activities. Ritter declined to disclose the nature of the information. But he said he advised Butler, the chairman of the inspection team, that the time had come to act.

But Butler agreed. While Ritter refused to disclose the nature or target of the inspections that he claimed the administration helped stop, he said they were aimed at Saddam Hussein's principal secretaries. Abd Hamid Mahmud, who he said is responsible for orchestrating Iraq's effort to conceal information and material, and at the Special Security Organization, which carries out Mahmud's orders.

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ROBERT RITTER
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Student Government: Putting Students First
Banks invest in dollars as ruble value declines

By CELESTINE BOHLEN
Associated Press

MOSCOW - As Russia searches for a new government and a program to pull the nation out of a tailspin, fresh panic swept through its financial institutions Tuesday as the currency plunged about nine percent, three banks announced a merger to shore up their stability and the government unveiled a plan to stretch out the repayment of its debt.

Coming at a moment when Prime Minister-designate Viktor Chernomyrdin is still negotiating with the Parliament over the makeup of his new government, the ruble's abrupt drop stoked new fears of inflation similar to the spiraling rates that plunged Russia into a depression in the early 1990s.

"The situation is worse today because since then, the country has depended on domestic production, however, said Mikhail Berger, editor of the newspaper Segodnya. "Now, big cities are been," said Mikhail Berger, dependent on domestic production early 1990s.

"The situation is worse today than before the economic reforms because, he said, "Russia can't afford that." Russia's financial elite, many of whom support the new prime minister, Yeltsin, by President Boris Yeltsin.

Chernomyrdin, in meetings Tuesday with parliamentary leaders, said he was open to a coalition government that would necessarily include members of a Commu­nist opposition that has been a res­olute foe of Russia's now-spun­tering economic reform pro­gram.

Putting forward the Parliament's demands in unusually blunt and bold terms, Speaker Gennady Seleznyov, a Communist, pressed for a greater role for the legislature in a system that until now has been dominated by President Boris Yeltsin.

At his press conference Thursday, Seleznyov struck a defiant note, warning Yeltsin to keep his hands off the new government and saying the parlia­ment will insist that Chernomyrdin follow the legis­lature's anti-crisis pack­age — now in preparation — before confirming him.

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Tuesday, September 1, 7:00-8:00pm
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Wednesday, September 2, 4:30 pm
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Wednesday, September 2, 5:00-8:00pm
LaFortune Ballroom
Africentric Spirituality: Freshman Intro First Year Partner Reception
Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 pm
Hesburgh Library Lounge
Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass
Sunday, September 6, 4:00 pm
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WELCOME... BACK!
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

This is "Considerations," Campus Ministry's weekly contribution to your required reading. We consider it an important opportunity for us to inform, engage, and even mildly entertain the wider university community. In addition to this weekly column, you will find on this page everything there is to know about the current events sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry.

We are located in several areas on the campus and would encourage any or all of you to visit our offices any time, if for nothing else than an M&M fix now and then. We have offices in the Concourse of the Hesburgh Library, in the North end (entrance) of Basild Hall, in the LaFortune Student Center, and at the Fischer Graduate Residences Community Center. Stop by any time if you have any questions at all regarding our programs or services. Any of the offices will be happy to direct you to whomever may know most about that in which you're interested. If nothing else, stop by and pick through our voluminous literature on the many programs which we offer and to which you are welcome.

With this column we welcome to this community all new students and we welcome back our returning members as well. Notre Dame is only all that it can be when we are all here together. Those of us who live on campus year round welcome the return of all of you. There is an appropriateness to the hustle and bustle which happens when we are all gathered in this place. Oh, we might have appreciated the solitude for a while but it doesn't take long for one to realize that this university was built for a purpose (other than construction!). It is a gathering place for intellectual conversation, inquiry and discovery; for spiritual challenge, growth and development; and for service to the larger community for the building of the kingdom of God. Along with the academic component, we believe that Campus Ministry, the Center for Social Concerns and the residential nature of this university play an integral role in the Catholic education of the men and women of Notre Dame. They are all pieces in the larger puzzle which is Notre Dame, and which makes us unique among universities in this country.

The team in Campus Ministry would urge you to join with us, and with our colleagues at the Center for Social Concerns and with the Rectors and residence hall staffs, in our collective journey of faith. The opportunities for involvement are many. Campus Ministry programs are intended to engage all members of this community and it is our hope that all would feel welcome joining us. We have become convinced over time that the fullness of one's Notre Dame experience depends on one's willingness to enter into dialogue with the larger questions of faith and to give oneself in service to the larger community. We are here to help you do just that.

Know, again, of our welcome. If there is anything that we in Campus Ministry can do for you, please call us. And join us, if you will, in the building of the kingdom of God right here at Notre Dame.
Indeed, the summer campus is a lot more quiet and relaxed. This atmosphere adds to the comfort and flexibility that surrounds the student. Professors are even more available and approachable. The small classes are inviting and rewarding because the opportunity inherent in the intimate setting of small groups. It's really not that bad — I promise.

Tuesday afternoon, I claimed that job positions had been "filled by the overwhelming desire of the student body." As The Observer humorously pointed out in the Campus Scene section of Tuesday, August 25, 1998, edition, the most popular and "universal Notre Dame in the summer" is the "Student Assistant. Her column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Brittany Morehouse

The Observer also suggested that there are "four stereotypical responses to this question. They can be categorized into one of the four: The Europe Traveler, The Intern, The Beach Bum and The Summer School." Each of these ideal circumstances, and the sense of loss that comes with the closing of a very special, serene time of year spent with similar-minded people who have come together in a remarkable place.

The serenity of summer is gone, that is true. But we must remember that the energy and verve of autumn has its own allure. Let the warm memories fade even while we enjoy the ready banquet of Notre Dame in all its autumnal glory.

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Pearl Jam pulls all the stops (and yields)

Ending their Ticketmaster boycott, the band returns to the road for their longest tour in 5 years

Like many great bands, Pearl Jam has musically and personally changed. During the time of their first album, *Ten*, Eddie Vedder would climb the scaffolding and crash into the crowd. The songs were very riff-heavy, and guitar solos were ubiquitous. However, the performances surrounding the release of *Vitalogy*, however, reflected a far darker side of the band, much brought on by the death of Kurt Cobain. The band members just weren’t as “on fire” as they were in the past and hardly interacted with the crowd, much less with each other. Though the release of *No Code* showed signs of the band lightening up, the band still had their faces carved in granite.

Even this fanatic was a little worried about the band’s upcoming summer tour; on their Letterman appearance last April, they seemed as if they were fulfilling an unpleasant promise. When recording the newest album, *Yield*, the band returned to their roots, and not only does the band sound like it did years ago, but they also play with the same amount of energy and charisma.

Having caught a couple shows on the first leg of the North American tour, I was amazed at the band’s good humor. Fans have grown tired of seeing the band in such a sullen mood in the past, so it was great to see Pearl Jam having a blast again. Bassist Jeff Ament’s feet literally never touched the ground, while lead guitarist Mike McCready amazed the crowds with his incredible fingerwork. Stone Gossard, who has built up a reputation of completely ignoring the crowd, was much more interactive with people in the audience.

For the tour, ex-Soundgarden drummer Matt Cameron has been filling in for Jack Irons (due to health reasons), and the intensity at which Cameron plays is unbelievable. No offense to Mr. Irons, but Pearl Jam cannot let him simply tour drumming. He brings a musical edge to Pearl Jam that hasn’t been heard in years.

Even though Vedder hasn’t done any crowdsurfing on this tour, his behavior on stage is just as wild as it was during the Ten days. He dances with stagedivers, shares his bottle of wine with members of the audience, and has stopped hiding behind that huge mass of curly hair (which has been cut substantially).

As far as setlists go, the band pulls all the stops. The bands plays an equal number of songs from its five albums, although they usually play a few more from *Yield*. At least two of the Big MTV Three (“Alive,” “Even Flow” and “Jeremy”) make the list plus favorites like “Daughter,” “Betterman” and “Lumber”. The band sometimes treats the crowd to a rarity, which are usually songs the band covered years ago that are now popping up again. Among these are “The Who’s “Baba O’Riley” and “My Generation” and Neil Young’s “T----n U.”

Contrast to the last time I saw Pearl Jam in ’95, I was extremely impressed how well they have matured musically without forgetting about their past. They have overcome the burden of success and have actually begun to accept. The band is no longer focused on bucking Ticketmaster and the music industry, and they are once again doing what they do best: playing music.

Goodfella

The Dave Matthews Band crashes into Chicago

Three friends and I embarked on a voyage to the New World Amphitheater in Tinley Park, Illinois. We had all come to see one of the biggest rock groups of our time: the Dave Matthews Band. The crowd of probably 17,000 was getting over-anxious as the opening act Poi Dog Pondering ran through a modest set of funk and R&B tunes. When Carter Beauford, Stefan Lessard, Dave Matthews, Leroy Moore and Boyd Tinsley finally came out the crowd went nuts.

Matthews greeted the crowd with his trademark, “How’s everyone doing this evening?” and began to noodle around on his guitar. The modeling then turned into a song with the whole band coming in to play “Don’t Drink the Water.” Although this song is rather slow for an opener, the band played with an ultra-high level of intensity.

The next song, “The Last Stop,” drove the audience wild with Dave’s screaming vocals and Boyd’s Middle Eastern-influenced violin lines. “One Sweet World” came next, and even though it’s one of the group’s better songs, the crowd hardly reacted, most likely because the song was only released on an independent recording.

The greatest aspect of the Dave Matthews Band is their ability to jam with one another. They are one of the few bands that can turn 4-minute radio singles into 15-minute epics. One of the great examples of this ability shined through on “Jimi Thing” which was played near the end of the set. Each member got a chance to play solo culminating in everyone playing together.

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**ST. LOUIS**

Mark McGwire had a 509-foot answer for Anthony Sosa. After Sosa hit his 52nd home run earlier in the day, McGwire responded with No. 54 Wednesday night, a two-run shot that went to Roger Maris’ hallowed record in the St. Louis Coliseum. Th’s 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Florida Marlins.

McGwire now owns eight home runs in his last 21 games, and he struck out of 61 homers in one season, is the third player in NL history to do it.

Sosa has been hot and seems to have prolonged McGwire’s homer drought — roughly his season ratio — his power had been heightened up McHugh.

McGwire hit towering popups in the first and sixth off Marlins starter Kurri Ogna and took a called strike in the ninth, never taking the bat off his shoulder.

He has 30 games to reach Maris’ mark with 19 of those at home, where McGwire has obliterated the stadium record with 24 blasts this season. The previous mark was 18.

The hitter also has a two-homer off Spier, who has allowed four home runs in 11-2-3 innings, in a five-eight.

McGwire hit a two-run sacrifice spacer knocked down Brian Jordan with his first pitch after giving up his three runs and eight hits.

Marlins manager Jim Leyland was mad after home plate umpire Harry Wendstedt warned both benches.

**CINCINNATI**

Samantha Sosa finally made contact against Bret Boone, hitting a split-finger for his 52nd home run Wednesday night. It’s a huge slug in the Cincinnati Reds 9-2 to end a four-game losing streak.

Boone walked by a “screwball” in early August, having double-digit strike outs to end his last three games.

Sosa, who had struck out in six career at-bats against Trevor (11-10), hit a solo homer in the third inning that smashed an advertising panel on the facing of the third deck in left-center field.

The hitter, estimated at 434 feet, drew a standing ovation from roughly a quarter of the crowd of 20,515 and moved Sosa to within one of McGwire as they close in on Roger Maris’ record of 61.

Sosa has homered in each of the Cubs last 13. His 23rd homer on the road this season matched the club record shared by Frank Wilson (1950), Ernie Banks (1950) and Dave Kingman (1979).

Fifteen of Sosa’s home runs have come in Wood’s starts.

Gary Gaetti drove in four runs to help the Chicago Cubs rout the Cincinnati Reds 12-2 in 1990. He allowed three walks and three base hits to make it to Rock Deck.

In his four starts since clinching of the tired arm, Wood has struck out 10 or more in eight starts this season, including his record-setting 20-strikeout performance against Houston on May 6.

The Cubs gained a split of the two-game series by piling up 3-1 in the second off Tomko, a second-year pitcher who is fading as the season winds down. Gaetti doubled home two runs and eventually scored on Mark McGwire’s squeeze bunt.

Sosa, who struck out in his first at bat, came up with two outs in the third and took a ball.

After a mighty swing-and-miss on the next pitch, he backed out, shook his head, adjusted his batting gloves and composed himself. He homered on the next pitch.

The Cubs are the second-highest total for a Cub, trailing only Wilson’s 54 homers in 1930. The solo shot gave Sosa a career-high 131 RBIs this season, fifth-best in the National League.

The hitter was Sosa’s only hit in five at-bats. He also struck out twice.

Gaetti added a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning.

Aaron Boone hit his first major league hit and center fielder Lance Johnson threw into the third baseman’s glove in the Reds’ other run in the fifth.

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Bears will cut ex-Irish star this weekend

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. The No. 2 pick in the 1993 draft will be cut if the Chicago Bears can’t trade him by Sunday, Mark Hatley, the Bears’ vice president of player personnel, said Wednesday. The announcement came after the Bears and Miler failed to reach an agreement to cut Miler’s $10 million contract.

“I wish it would have worked a different way,” Hatley said. “We just decided we needed to go in another direction.”

Miler, who never threw a touchdown pass in a Bears uniform, had already left the Bears’ practice facility when the announcement was made and could not be reached for comment. When he left the field after spending another practice on the sidelines, though, he talked as if he knew his career in Chicago was over.

“I made it clear that if they choose to keep his team, I’m willing to help them if they want to get guys in here and then need the team,” he said. “I wasn’t going to go down a drastic amount to make the team unless they were going to make a commitment and I would have to be here more than just four or five days every week.”

“If they want to show me I will go. If not, I will go somewhere else.” Miler’s salary would have cost the Bears $3.2 million against the cap this year, and they’ll save $23 million by cutting or trading him.

He turned down two offers that would have paid him approximately $1.5 million. Hatley said, Miler wanted long-term security, something the Bears couldn’t give him.

The Bears have already called other NFL teams and Hatley said two or three have expressed interest in Miler — if he’s willing to take a pay cut. Miler’s agent, Maryn Jenoff, did not return repeated phone calls Thursday and Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Chicago started preparing for life after Miler on Tuesday, letting Steve Stanstrom run the No. 2 offense. Stanstrom spent practices on the sideline, a baseball cap on his head, and coach Dave Wannstedt said he wouldn’t play in Friday’s exhibition game against the New York Jets.

“Td going to take a chance on waiting a game and then him not being here,” Wannstedt said.

This was hardly what anyone expected when the Seattle Seahawks drafted him 23rd overall in 1993. He’d rehabbed from a season-ending Achilles injury and thrown for 33 touchdowns, numbers he said were “as good condition last year.”

Favre said the ballhawk will have his work cut out for him.

“Well, I know he won’t be ready. I mean, we have to be realistic,” Favre said. “We’ve been going at this for about five weeks now.” Amen, said Holmgren.

“I think any time a player, regardless of how much he’s played, sits out the entire training camp? Yeah, I think it’s difficult for him to start the season properly,” Holmgren said.

Packers expect Levens to report to camp soon

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Pro Bowl halfback Darrey Levens is apparently close to ending his holdout, and the bugging Green Bay Packers could sure use his help.

It’s just too bad he can’t play.

Packers expect Levens to report to camp soon and have rough edges to smooth on защит

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Mets retain lead in National League wild-card chase

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Hideo Nomo pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 as the New York Mets retained their lead in the NL wild-card chase with a 4-1 win Wednesday over the San Francisco Giants.

Nomo, returning to the park where he made his major league debut in 1995 and in which he came within five outs of a perfect game later that season, had the Giants swinging wildly throughout the game.

Nomo (6-11) did not allow a runner until Jeff Kent led off the fifth with a soft single to left. He struck out Barry Bonds three times, whiffed the side in the third inning, and walked only two.

Nomo, who had lost his previous three starts and failed to last more than five innings in any of them, got his third complete game of the year. The other two came for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lenny Harris led off the game with a homer off Orel Hershiser (9-9) and Brian McRae had a pair of RBI singles for the Mets, who broke a three-game losing streak.

The other New York run scored on a wild pitch. McRae went 3-for-4, with three singles.

Harris has hit all three of his homers this season in the past nine days. He was obtained by the Mets from Cincinnati on July 3.

The victory allowed the Mets to stay a game ahead of the Chicago Cubs, who won 9-2 at Cincinnati, in the wild-card standings. The Giants fell two games behind the Mets.
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Amateur Championship, after Thursday, match play at the United States Amateur Championship, after the rain-delayed second round was concluded Wednesday morning.

Ten players finished tied for the final nine spots in the 64-player match-play field. Connell's 146 total left him in a 20-way tie for 66th among the players that totaled 145 round and the 45th-best round of a day-night doubleheader. "We're still human; there's no doubt about that," Yankees reliever Mike Stanton said between games.

New York then wasted a 5-1 lead built largely by Homer Bush's first major league homer, a three-run shot in the fifth off Steve Sparks.

Jim Edmonds' second homer of the game, a two-run shot, pulled the Angels to 5-3 in the seventh. But Mike Fetters (2-7) walked Bush with a groundout. Jeter then singled to Darin Erstad that scored Bush. Then Erstad was out at second on a double play started by Tim Salmon's RBI single made it 6-4 with no outs in the eighth and chased David Wells.

Mariano Rivera (3-0), who has never gotten six outs for a save, then allowed an RBI single by Mike Piazza to lead off the ninth. But Mike Fetters (2-7) walked Jorge Posada leading off the bottom half. Scott Brosius sacrificed against Shigetoshi Hasegawa and Bush advanced the runner with a groundout. Jeter then singled to right.

New York, which wasted a 2-0 lead in the opener, has allowed 47 runs in its last six games and 283.0653 -1150 Mishawaka Ave.

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a national championship," said Boylan.

Sophomore transfer Michelle Graham and Lauren Steven will back up Boylan at setter. Veteran defensive specialist Andrea Duda will be an important server and leader for the Irish in the back row.

The biggest void for Notre Dame to fill will be among outside hitters, which both Harris and Lee played last year.

The duo handled about 90 percent of Irish passing last year, and one of the two led the team in kills in all but two matches. Lee is the only person on the top 10 career list for kills, hitting percentage, digs, aces, assists and blocks. They shared Team MVP in 1997, and Lee won Big East Player of the Year each of the last two seasons.

Garton will be heavily relied on for blocking and hitting, and junior Mandi Powell for passing beyond them. Jameson, sophomore Adrienne Shimel and newcomers Marcie Bumbuck and Emily Tarpoff will offer additional outside hitter options for the Irish.

The talent is there for the Irish, the only question is whether they can overcome their inexperience. Seven members of the Irish volleyball team this year were named to the national "Fab-50" list in high school.

"We're a young team but we have very good athletes with good skills — the only thing we lack is experience," said Browe. "The team could just keep getting better and will begin to gel as we get experience. And Troudwell's leadership will be a real key ingredient. This season should be very interesting, because so many things are up in the air."

One of the biggest assets for the team is Brown, who has a career winning percentage of .681 in 12 years as a Division I coach.

While at Notre Dame, the Irish squad has grown better year by year, with six straight NCAA Tournament bids. Brown, a former All-American and Olympian, has been named Big East Coach of the Year, as well as District Coach of the year while at Notre Dame.

The Irish have never lost a match in the Big East, with 76 straight wins. They will look to extend that streak this season, although the conference in steady improving. They will also be seeking to advance beyond the round of 16, where they have bowed out for the fourth time in the past five years.

Villanova, the only other Big East team to advance beyond the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament last season, may pose the biggest challenge within the Big East for Notre Dame.

"I think Notre Dame's always a strong program, but they did lose a couple of very talented young ladies," said Villanova head coach Heather Howrn. "I think in the Big East, we're going to have some surprising showings and be a little bit stronger conference than we have been in the past."

The first match for the Huns will be Tuesday at Valparaiso. Brown said, "We will just be looking to kind of establish a line-up and get our team used to playing. We need to play at a high level."

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**1998 Notre Dame Football Schedule**

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Irish begin season with same goal: the title

By BRIAN KESSLER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame's women's soccer team will get its first taste of competitive action this season as they take the field tonight at 7:30 p.m. in an exhibition game against Ohio State.

The Irish hope to continue the dominance they have enjoyed over the Buckeyes. Notre Dame has won all four contests against OSU, outscoring their opponent 18-1.

Once again, the Irish will be a formidable opponent for the Buckeyes. The Irish enter the season ranked second in the country. In addition, they return nine starters, including four all-Americans and three starters from the U.S. under-20 national team. Despite the loss of Kate Sobrero and Holly Manthei, Notre Dame still maintains a powerful attack.

The Irish should be solid at every position.

"We are going to put quality players on the field at every position, which is one of the reasons we have had success in recent years," said head coach Chris Petrucelli, who returns for his ninth season at the helm.

Juniors Laura Keysha Beene returns in goal for the Irish. Beene played every minute of every game for the Irish in 1997, giving up just nine goals all season. She shut out 18 of her 25 opponents and boasted a 0.36 goals against average.

Ohio State is coming off a rather disappointing season in which they finished seventh in the Big Ten with 3-5 record in the conference and a 9-9-1 overall mark. The team also lost three of its best offense players in Tiffany Tisdale (9 goals, 3 assists in 1997), all-American Jodie Stranges (9 goals, 2 assists) and Lisa Suttmiller, who holds 11 OSU records. Katy Traeger is the only returning striker for the Buckeyes.

The Irish open the regular season at Michigan on Sept. 1 and the outlook is very positive.

"We are going to be a very good team, one of the best teams in the country, and should have a chance to win the NCAA championship," said Petrucelli.

That championship run begins tonight on Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. when the Irish take on the Buckeyes.

Senior captain Monica Gerardo and her teammates look to see where they stand in tonight's exhibition against Ohio State.

Sophomore Kelly Lindsey will help anchor one of the toughest defenses in the land as the season opens at Michigan State Sept. 1.

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Netters aiming to reach next level in ‘98

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The 16th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team will be aiming to move higher into the group of elite programs in the nation this season.

The biggest challenges for the Irish will be making up for the loss of top duo Angie Harris and Jaimie Lee to graduation, and remaining consistent and confident despite the team’s youth.

"Because of our youth, one of the things we’re going to be working to maintain is consistency," said Debbie Brown, in her eighth year as the Fighting Irish head coach. "As in years past, we play a lot of nationally ranked teams, so that will be tough for us. Another challenge will be to defend our Big East title."

"But I put more pressure on myself this way," said Denson. "I think they’re going to be tough. They’re always tough," said Colorado Buffaloes head coach Phil Aiu about his team’s upcoming match with the Irish. "I think Debbie Brown is one of the best coaches in the nation. I don’t think pre-season rankings mean a whole lot. We’re two pretty similar teams playing each other that finished in exactly the same place last year.

"Top players for the Irish this year will be senior captain and middle blocker Lindsay Treadwell, sophomore setter Denise Boylan, and his presence left front player Christi Gerton. All are returning starters. Brown feels that junior middle blocker Mary Leffers will soon return to the court after rehabilitation from anterior cruciate ligament injury to her right knee late last spring.

Treadwell, besides being the team’s only senior, is a candidate for Big East player of the year and Academic All-America. She has Notre Dame’s best career hitting percentage (.298), has missed one match in three seasons and is the team’s top all-around player.

"Throughout her career, Lindsay has been very reliable because she does so many things well," said Brown. "She always seems to come up big in big kills in tough matches, is a great blocker, serves very tough and has developed into a primary passer for us. She also gets the job done when she has to set the ball and now is becoming a great leader for us."

Treadwell talked about the goals for this season.

"As a team, our goals are to get past the round of 16, stay undefeated in the Big East, and keep improving," she said. "There are no limits are my goals. I think that our goals are very realistic; volleyball really comes down to playing well on what day. Right now, we have a lot of skill, but need to fine-tune."

If Leffers is healthy, she will be a top middle blocker for the Irish. At 6-4", she averaged 1.26 blocks per game last season, has the fifth-highest career hitting percentage in Irish history and earned All-District honors last season.

Without her, the team will have to rely more heavily on younger players such as Jo Jamieson and Malinda Horalski.

By ALLISON KRILIA

Senior tailback Autry Denson has a firm hold on the starting tailback job this season.

Autry Denson likes to think he’s the kind of person who thrives on pressure.

Heading into the 1998 season, the senior tailback needs 990 rushing yards to become Notre Dame’s all-time leader. Denson also has sophomore Darcey Levy nipping at his heels, and the talented freshman trio of Tony Fisher, Terrance Howard and Mike McNair breathing down his neck.

"Coming in I knew it would be this way," said Denson. "But I put more pressure on myself this season. It’s my senior year, and it’s not supposed to get any easier.

According to running backs coach Desmond Robinson, the competition may be stiff, but Denson has secured the starting role.

"Autry Denson is set as the starter," he said. "He’s been in that position for two years, and he’s played well this fall."

As for Levy, solid spring and fall camps plus the departure of Clement Stokes and Tony Driver’s move to safety have paved the way to the No. 2 spot on the depth chart.

"Darcey is going to play," said Robinson. "He’s come out and had a good fall. He’s done some positive things during camp."

Although Levy did not see any varsity action in 1997, the 6-foot-2, 208-pound tailback adds another dimension of athleticism to the Irish rushing attack.

While Denson and Levy provided a solid base at tailback, the first-year triple threat of Fisher, Howard and McNair have provided the drama during this year’s pre-season camp.

"We’re pleased with all the freshmen right now, but the problem is you can only start one guy," said Robinson. "The names you hear in that freshman class, you’ll be hearing in years to come."

Names like Fisher, Howard and McNair.

"He’s a 6-foot-1, 205 pound back from Euclid, Ohio, carried the ball 189 times for 2,143 yards and 40 touchdowns during his senior year at Euclid High School," Fisher earned USA Today Player of the Year honors in Ohio, and was rated the 69th best player nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times.

Howard, a Ranocca Valley High School product, rushed 231 times for 1,450 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Goralski Boylan trained with the USA national program this summer under Coach Toshi Yoshika, who she referred to as one of the top defensive coaches in the world. She is considered one of the nation’s top young setters, and will be looking to be a greater leadership role this season.

"As a team, last year we made it to the sweet 16, so this year we want to make it further, and ultimately to win.

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