Big Ten membership for Notre Dame came one step closer last night when the Faculty Senate recommended that the University join the conference's academic consortium, the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC).

The group voted 25-4 during last night's meeting to approve a formal resolution advocating the change. The resolution will be sent to Notre Dame's officers and its Board of Trustees for final consideration.

"If we could join the CIC without joining the Big Ten, we would do it tomorrow. We can't do that because the two are coupled," explained committee chairman Greg Sterling, the resolution's sponsor.

Although the technically only an indirect result, CIC membership represents Notre Dame perhaps the greatest financial benefit to joining Big Ten athletics and would not occur without joining the conference.

The 12-member CIC includes the 11 Big Ten schools and the University of Chicago. The members cooperate on research and other academic programs, and the senate report labels the CIC "easily the most important intellectual force in the Midwest and one of the most significant in the country."

A report explaining the faculty's reasoning accompanies the resolution and its exclusion recommendation that Notre Dame try to join the CIC.

"The basis for the resolution comes from the academic affairs committee's attempt to look at the relationship between Notre Dame and the members of the CIC," Sterling said. "We do very well when comparing undergraduate programs. We do not fare well when graduate programs are considered."

CIC allies could share and network with Notre Dame to improve its academic reputation, supporters argued. For example, one of the most important credentials of a research university is membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU). Notre Dame is not a member, all members of the CIC are.

"It makes an extraordinary difference. Membership would certainly affect our academic reputation," Sterling said. "It gives us an opportunity to accelerate improving our graduate programs and research."

Increasing ties with the nation's leading research faculty and graduate students is another reason to join the CIC, Sterling continued.

"The sustained interaction of top faculty would be healthy in the long run for our institution," he said.

The report also addressed two common objections to Big Ten membership. First, it asserted CIC membership would not

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**NEWSPAPER**

**GSU president: T.A.'s will not form union, but voice concerns**

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

Hundreds of University of California teaching assistants returned to work Monday, ending a week-long strike over their right to unionize and engage in collective bargaining. Labor disputes such as this reflect a growing concern about the role of graduate student employees at a university, and while the potential academic liabilities to membership in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation appear relatively small; the academic benefits of conference membership are substantial.

The Faculty Senate Resolution

"Joining the Big 10's Academic Alliance: The Committee on Institutional Cooperation"

Whereas, there are a number of resolutions of real academic benefits for the Library, graduate students, undergraduate students, faculty, and the university as a whole; by the belonging to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation;

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame seeks to strengthen its research capability in graduate education;

Whereas, the potential academic liabilities to membership in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation appear relatively small; Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends to the officers of the University and the Board of Trustees that we enter into negotiations to become a member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

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**Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. As temperatures drop and a winter wonderland seems more likely, holiday decorations like this Christmas tree in LaFayette are beginning to seem less out of place on campus.
All we like sheep

This is the time of year when it is really hard to find a parking place.

The malls are overrun with frantic shoppers who know that there are only 16 days, six hours, eight minutes and 47 seconds of gift-buying time left before the Christmas holiday closes the stores. Airports are packed with inclement weather delays and disgruntled passengers. Grocery stores open early on Sunday mornings to accommodate the rush on 37-pound turkeys and cases of pumpkin-in-a-can.

Crowds are as much a part of the season as reindeer and eggnog, and putting up with them is all part of the mystical Spirit of Christmas.

This is the time of year when it is really hard to find a parking place at church, too. There is something about declaring a "major religious holiday" that brings people back to God. Last Christmas was a popular way to escape the last-minute preparation anxiety. The malls were open even after Christmas is over.

Church means more when it's not on only one or two days of the year. There is something wrong with dragging the herd to church when the spirit that brings the herd to church when the religious holiday" that brings people back to church on Christmas Eve.

Students speak up about racist website

DURHAM, N.C.

For a week, sexually explicit messages were exchanged on the web site's Venust feature, many of which targeted specific members of the black community. After a series of offensive comments were posted on an online Duke community message board, some black students are seeking a way to address the anger and pain these messages caused. Nearly 100 students attended a forum Sunday night about the issue that was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Fraternity, Inc., and the Black Women's Collective. The forum followed more than a week of postings to the now-closed Vent feature of DevilNet — a web site affiliated with The Chronicle which disparaged several black students by name and made racist comments about them. The website was down to an anonymous list posted on the web site.

"The bottom line is that the standards are still less than what we have on campus," Ross said.

University officials nonetheless applauded the deal as an important first step in eliminating collegiate binge drinking and its often tragic consequences.

"We fully support and applaud the efforts of these schools to address this issue and move in the direction that they are," said BU spokesman Collin Riley.

Texas A&M Convicted sexual assaulter is executed

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Daniel Lee Corwin, the Temple man executed Monday night in Huntsville, was apprehended as a result of information provided by the College Station and Texas A&M University police departments, Bob Witt, director of University Police Department, said. Corwin, for three 1987 offenses, was apprehended as a result of information provided by the College Station and Texas A&M University police departments.

"Technically the case is still open." Keeping the case open will prevent any information from being released to the public. The case was still open after the report is sent to the prosecuting attorney's office. The case was still open after the report is sent to the prosecuting attorney's office.

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Student's death still an open case

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

A five-month investigation prompted by faxes accuses Student Government officials of making illegal business deals with the eyewear company that now owns the popular eyewear company.

The problem was highlighted last spring by the death of MIT freshman Michael Brown, who was killed in a car accident on campus.

Good Christians are expected to go to church on Christmas Eve.

But aren't good Christians also expected to go to church even when it is not Christmas?

There is something wrong with dropping by during the holidays and checking the front yard or the house each year and watching the drool roll off his chin as he sleeps. There is something wrong with abandoning the spirit that brings the herd to church when the religious holiday" that brings people back to church on Christmas Eve.

Embracing God during the Christmas season is easy. He is lurking behind every Christmas Carol and church-led drive. Following the herd to church is also easy. There is no commitment in singing hymns and saying prayers only once a year. The challenge is finding the spirit that brings the herd to church when the calendar no longer reads December.

Church means more when it's not Christmas.

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A controversial proposal changing the nature of Student Union club funding will come up for debate at tonight’s Student Senate meeting, with fierce debate expected on both sides of the issue.

The proposal, written by Club Coordinator Ryan Harding, would establish a constitutional measure guaranteeing the Club Coordination Council (CCC) 39 percent of Student Union funds for allocation to student clubs and organizations. It would also change the timing of that allocation from the end of spring semester to late March so that the CCC has more time to divide up funds between the organizations.

“IT’S A VERY TOUGH ISSUE... NO MATTER WHAT WE DECIDE, SOMEONE WILL BE UNHAPPY.”

BRIAN O’DONOGHUE
SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIR

The proposal would lead to an increase in funding for the CCC. The 39 percent is three percent more than they received this year, and this increase would be off limits — thus decreasing the amount of money available for other programming groups.

“This is definitely going to have an impact on the Student Union budget,” said SUB board leader Ryan Strez. “We would lose a lot of money next year. If the CCC receives it, there will be less money for other groups to draw from.”

Harding sees the matter differently, noting that the CCC’s total funding far 1998-99, including the $17,000 allocated for the move to its new office, is 38 percent of the Student Union budget. The increase would not be substantially more than that, he claims. “It’s a shift in the budget of less than one percent,” he said.

Currently, clubs and organizations are guaranteed three percent more than they received last year. Under this proposal, they would be guaranteed $250,000, a $26,000 increase.

The proposal has been drafted by the Senate Oversight Group, which will likely require new members make these complicated decisions so early in their terms.

Ultimately, however, even this compromise may leave some members of the Student Senate unsatisfied. “IT’S A VERY TOUGH ISSUE,” said Senate Oversight Group chair Brian O’Donoghue. “No matter what we decide, someone will be unhappy.”

Snite plans Kaeser photo exhibit

A collection of works by the American photographer Fritz Kaeser, compiled by Stephen Moriarty, curator of photography at Notre Dame’s Snite Museum of Art, has been published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

The collection, entitled “Fritz Kaeser: A Life in Photography,” features 80 representative photographs drawn from a prolific and varied artistic career which spanned more than a half century. The photographs will be on view in the Snite Museum during an exhibition from Jan. 15 - March 14.

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gerontize Notre Dame and it pointed to Northwestern University and the University of Chicago as counterexamples. The greatest potential liability of joining the CIC is the possible loss of our identity as an independent, national university," the report said. "Would joining the CIC identify us as a Midwest university? We do not believe so."

The report also addressed the concern that Notre Dame's religious history would be adversely affected by joining the CIC. "The other major issue is whether membership in the CIC would affect the Catholic identity of our university. We do not see how it would in a direct way," the report said.

In other Faculty Senate news...
- The student affairs committee has chosen to formally oppose the two-year probation punishment given to the Women Resource Center group by the Office of Student Activities.
- We've been considering the WRC and we met with (administration) Joe Cassidy, Ann Firth and Sylvia Dillon," committee chair Ava Preacher told the senate. "It was an interesting discussion and on the basis of that and our discussion with the WRC's advisor Eileen Kolman and with WRC members, we are drafting a letter to Joe Cassidy asking him to rescind the probation.

The students may also appeal their probation but are unsure about the procedure, Preacher added. Procedural uncertainties are among the reasons causing the committee's action. "On what was the probation based? ... It was not clear what their violation was," Preacher said.

Another, equally significant reason for the senate committee's request stems from their concern about the censorship-like qualities of the WRC's probationary status. Specifically, some committee members have taken exception to the language of Cassidy's probation order. "The WRC may not possess or distribute material which directly promotes or is value-neutral on the issue of abortion," Cassidy's May letter ordered.

"Probation should not involve the kind of censorship that appears to be involved in the situation," said professor of philosophy Ed Manley.
- Professor of physics Ikaros Bigi updated the senate on his administrative affairs committee's unsuccessful attempts to look into circumstances of this summer's Joe Moore trial. In a letter that Bigi labeled "arrogant," Father William Broughamp declined an invitation to meet with the committee and discuss details of the University's handling of the trial. "We are unhappy with the reply," Bigi said.

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"There's a responsibility by the university and the faculty member to be monitors to the T.A.," Graham said. "That's part of the educational experience."

There are currently 1,3 official-identified unions of graduate student employees at American universities, including the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin. There are also movements to unionize in progress at a number of other schools, including the night in the University of California system. The Chronicle of Higher Education and the UCLA Daily Bruin contributed to this report.

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**Space station moves to higher orbit**

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON**

With the bulk of their construction work behind them, Endeavour's astronauts gave the new up-and-running space station a safe but shaky lift to a higher orbit on Tuesday.

The pilots fired the shuttle thrusters to climb to an altitude of about 248 miles, 5 1/2 miles higher than before. They'll soar even higher on Friday.

NASA wants to leave the international space station in as high an orbit as possible. Spacecraft gradually sink because of the naturally occurring drag of the atmosphere, and need to be boosted periodically.

The seven-story, 35-ton station swung a foot back and forth in Endeavour's cargo bay, its solar wings flapping, as the shuttle moved higher and higher. The astronauts kept close watch on the quivering stack during the 20-minute ride.

"Nice job," Mission Control said. Shuttle commander Robert Cabana replied that the boosting procedure "really worked sick."

After the previous night's 7 1/2-hour spacewalk to wire the Zarya and Unity station modules together, the astronauts took it easy Tuesday. It was their first break since rocketing into orbit last Friday.

Flight controllers took up the slack, monitoring all systems aboard the space station. Unity, the American-made side, came to life for the first time in orbit late Monday after spacewalkers hooked up 40 electrical connections.

The Unity connecting chamber was right around the freezing point when its heaters kicked on. The 36-foot cylinder should be warm enough by the time the six shuttle astronauts venture inside on Thursday, said NASA's lead flight director, Bob Castle. The astronauts will spruce up Unity and Zarya, and drop off clothes for the first permanent crew, due to arrive in early 2000.

Unity's fans and computers also were purring.

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**Clinton defense team gives testimony**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON**

President Clinton gained precious ground Tuesday in his struggle to avoid impeachment, winning support from one moderate Republican while a platoon of White House defenders argued his case before the House Judiciary Committee.

"As surely as we know that what he did was sinful, we also know it is not impeachable," White House lawyer Gregory Craig told a committee bristling with skeptical Republicans.

Other witnesses — including some who sat in judgment of Richard Nixon a quarter-century ago — argued that Clinton's conduct in the Monica Lewinsky affair was no Watergate, and thus not worthy of impeachment.

Ready by all accounts to muscle through at least one article of impeachment by week's end, GOP lawmakers are debating what next. They'll soar even higher on Friday.

"Do you have any opinion ... as to who's lying, because it seems inevitable one of those parties has lied?" Cole asked Craig, special counsel to the president.

"The president ... has testified about that kind of activity, and I accept his word about that," Craig said. He added that "it's an oath-on-oath, he says-he says situation."

Outside the committee room came the first indication that the White House campaign to build support among GOP moderates might be bearing fruit. Congressional sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Republican Rep. Amo Houghton of New York would announce on Wednesday he opposes impeachment and favors censure of the president.

Houghton is among the moderate Republicans whom the White House and Democrats hope can be persuaded to reject impeachment. The White House scripted its two-day presentation to the Judiciary Committee with that objective in mind.

Clinton's allies were hoping, particularly, that Houghton could show the way to others from New York, including Reps. Rick Lazio, Ben Gilman, Michael Forbes and Jack Quinn.

Under the direction of the committee's chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, the Judiciary Committee's staff has begun drafting articles of impeachment accusing Clinton of perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power. Committee votes are expected beginning Friday.

The White House defense effort unfolded inside a hearing room that has had its share of history. Constitutional amendments are born inside the ornate chamber. And a quarter-century ago, the panel voted to impeach Nixon.

Nixon, the nation's 37th president, resigned before the full House could vote on whether to impeach him and order a trial in the Senate.

Clinton has vowed to resist rather than resign, and unlike Nixon at the end of Watergate, he retains strong political support in the public at large and among lawmakers of his own party.

Outside the crowded committee room, preparations already were under way for a historic vote on the House floor next week. Several officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rep. Ray LaHood (R-Ill.), was the leading candidate to preside over the House during the debate.

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**Blackout hits San Francisco**

**SAN FRANCISCO**

A citywide blackout cut off power to nearly a million people Tuesday, halting trains, planes and cable cars, closing stores and offices and leaving pedestrians scrambling. The mess was blamed on a mistake by electrical workers.

"Chaos, complete chaos," said Ricky Farley, a security guard trying to bring order to a downtown square corner. Virtually the entire city and several suburbs to the south were blacked out, and neighborhoods were only gradually coming back on line this afternoon. The outage happened when a construction crew at a power substation in suburban San Mateo County made a mistake involving a temporary ground, said Gordon Smith, Pacific Gas & Electric president and chief executive officer. Other links in the grid shut down automatically to limit the damage, he said.

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**Swiss doctor found guilty**

**GENEVA**

A Red Cross doctor was found guilty Tuesday in Switzerland of supervising the injection of HIV-infected blood products to hemophiliacs and was given a one-year suspended prison sentence. A Geneva court ruled that Alfred Hauwieg, the 77-year-old former director of the Swiss central laboratory of the Red Cross, put people at risk through his activities in the 1980s, and said he had acted out of "pride and stubbornness." The case was brought after official complaints were made by eight infected Swiss hemophiliacs, four of whom have since died. Distric Attorney Bernard Bertonisa said that as a scientist, Hauwieg would have been aware starting in 1982 there was a risk blood products could transmit the AIDS virus.

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**White House counsel Gregory Craig testifies before the House Judiciary Committee during Tuesday's impeachment hearing.**
Vocation office helps students explore faith interests

By RUTH SNELL
New Yorker

Women in the United States are considering Catholic religious vocations at an older age, according to statistics from the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"The trends are the same as for marriage. Women are getting married and making life decisions much later," said Sister Veronica Wiedower, general counselor for Life Development for the Sister Veronica Wiedower, general counselors of the Holy Cross.

Most women are now in at least their late 20s when they decide to make religious devotion their life's work, whereas women used to enter the convent directly out of high school. Wiedower characterized the recent trend as a "second career move," much like a decision to change jobs later in life.

"For a long time, religious life wasn't a topic that was discussed much, but people are now looking for a deeper prayer life and how to be of service," Wiedower said.

The number of women entering religious life dropped sharply after Vatican II emphasized increased lay ministry and a second career role in the Catholic Church. Prior to the Church summit, only women in religious orders could really be involved in Church organization and programming.

According to Wiedower, interest in spirituality and religious life is constantly increasing, and some women have chosen to incorporate roles traditionally held by men into their daily lives as laypeople.

"Spirituality is much more visible in the media now.

Student prepares to become a Holy Cross Sister

By LISA MAXBAUER
In Focus Editor

When she was 10 years old she wanted to be a doctor. Now, 24-year-old Jenny Lim is working in hospice ministry during her candidacy year towards becoming a Sister of the Holy Cross.

Lim never pictured herself becoming a nun while doing her undergraduate experience at the University of Texas at Austin that she first "began to feel a real tug in the back of my mind," Wiedower said.

It was also at the University of Texas that she met her first Holy Cross Sister. Lim is now involved in her second year of a religious vocation program that can take over eight years to complete.

"Every step is a small decision," Lim said. "I'm really trying to live in the present." Lim is a student of sociology.

This year is focused on living the vocation of poverty, chastity and obedience. Lim is also attending one class in the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross campuses, in addition to her hospice ministry.

Lim feels her decision has been received positively by her family and peers. "Our friends are really supportive," she said. "I'm an only child so that really is a struggle for me, but I'm really lucky to have people who want me to be happy, in an ultimate understanding of my lifestyle and intention." Wiedower said.

Lim describes working closely with dying people as a "counter-cultural." "It's radical in the sense that it's not 'me' centered ... that for anyone to live out the gospel is counter-cultural," she said.

People always ask, 'How do you feel?'" Lim said. "I struggle for the words, but giving your life to God is a mystery so it should be a struggle for words."

"Ultimately a religious calling is not something that can be scientifically explained," she continued. "At some level it's not real logical, yet the call to love God deeply is in the very heart of me." Lim said some people try to point out what she will be giving up by becoming a nun. "I like to recognize what I'm gaining from this lifestyle," Lim said.

"My own prayer, who I am, and my desire to love God passionately are really nurturing by my time in the program so far," Lim said.

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"My own personal experience is that the Church could be more inclusive to live out the gospel message, but I don't feel I'm called to abandon the Catholic Church because it doesn't reflect that inclusiveness," Lim said.

Thinking about becoming a Sister has made Lim more aware of social justice issues that the Church addresses, however: "Instead it calls me to work in the Church to bring about justice," Lim said.

"I don't think I would have this experience if I didn't become a nun," Lim said. "I really believe that I would have this experience if I didn't become a nun."

"I won't pretend that we'll have this experience," Wiedower said. "I don't think I would have this experience if I didn't become a nun." Wiedower agreed with Lim. "Although the numbers of people are fewer, I really believe that the quality of people we are currently accepting is much higher," Wiedower said.

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By ERICA THESING
New Writer

As the role of lay ministers continues to become more significant in the Catholic Church, the need for lay men and women with professional credentials is becoming more significant, according to Father Mark Poorman, director of the Master of Divinity program at Notre Dame.

"It's a lay ministry that people are going to give their full-time energies to," he said. "We're in the business of offering some educational opportunities to provide credentials for their ministerial gifts."

But for some of the thirteen women in the program, who study alongside Holy Cross seminarians preparing for the priesthood, frustration is a common feeling.

Third-year student Dana Dillon, who is an assistant rector in Lewis Hall, noted that some of the women experience this frustration with the roles in the Church as they watch their male counterparts do the same, then go on to the priesthood.

"It is a big issue for me. I think it's a big issue for a lot of the women. It's an issue for some of the men as well. It's hard for the women in the course to see ourselves as very competent leaders. There is the question of Why not? Why can't we choose to pursue [priesthood] if that's where we feel called?"

While both Poorman and Dillon emphasized the variety of options available to women with this degree, including positions in parishes, archdioceses, youth ministry, campus ministry, hospital chaplaincy, teaching and direct service to the poor, Dillon noted that the differing roles for men and women within the Church raise theological questions about the equality of the genders.

The language of baptism calls for the same way that men do, she said.

"I really think its crucial for the Church to come to terms with how both men and women are in the image of God and image of Christ," Dillon said. "The Church articulates again and again that there are different roles for men and women. What does that mean in terms of salvation?"

Dillon emphasized that the Church must examine its position on women's roles.

"If the Church doesn't struggle with these issues, it risks becoming irrelevant in the lives of certain women," she said, explaining that a loss of women's support would create a domino affect on Church membership as women often set a spiritual example for their children.

Despite the aggravation that some women in the program experience, Dillon said that it is a worthwhile experience.

"There's some sadness, and also anger and frustration," she said. "But we've come this far in the degree program and there is a real love of the Church."

Poorman noted the importance of women's involvement with the program.

"We offer a great perspective on women's issues, a lot of the same qualities that both the lay men and seminarians do: a deep love of the Church, a strong desire to serve, a dedication to the gospel."

He emphasized that the talents women bring to the program are a necessary part of the Church's ministry.

"I think there's an increasing openness to accepting women's gifts, especially within lay ministry, as an important contribution to the Church," he said. "I think that trajectory is going to continue because so many of them are proving to be effective ministers of the Church."

The Notre Dame Master of Divinity program is a three-year program offering 24 full tuition scholarships to lay persons.

[The program] combines the academic requirements of a master's in theology with some professional training," said Dillon. "It helps you form your faith in addition to a ministerial identity."

**Sisters of the Holy Cross**

**Membership profile**
- 569 members in the U.S.
- 60 members in Bangladesh
- 21 members in Brazil
- 17 members in Uganda

**Age distribution**
- 36 Sisters between ages 20-29
- 98 Sisters between ages 30-59
- 165 Sisters between ages 70-79
- 1 Sister above 100

**Ministry profile**
- 200 volunteering for service and prayer
- 98 working in fields of education
- 79 working in health care
- 41 working in social work

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**Holy Cross Sister Agnes Anne celebrates 50 years of support to her community and the world**

**BY JESSICA DELGADO**

This summer Sister Agnes Anne Roberts will celebrate her Golden Jubilee praising her 50-year commitment to the community's standard of justice. After graduating from Saint Mary's Seminary, Roberts began a colorful journey through her faith. These adventures, now existing as photographs and stories of past chapters, stand as constant reminders of the positive effects of her vocational life.

One of Roberts' most memorable experiences occurred while in Haiti in April 1995. She and eight employees of Saint Alphonsus Medical Center traveled to the Caribbean destination on a six-day mission.

"The mission was part of Project Haiti, a program of Saint Alphonsus which provides desperately needed pharmaceuticals, equipment and medical care to the Haitian hospitals," explains Mission magazine, sponsored by the Holy Cross Health System.

It was during this time that Roberts poignantly witnessed human injustice through the marginalized people she was sent to aid.

Roberts and her team traveled to their sister pediatric hospital, "a 100-bed hospital built for two doctors," explains Mission.

The tasks performed by the group included assisting in clinical care and medical record consulting, washing linens and holding babies. "It all boils down to being properly nourished and unfortunately that is something that they are not," explains Roberts.

The same compassion Roberts exhibited in devastated Haiti over that six day period, is mirrored in her daily responsibilities at the convent in South Bend. Pioneering a degree in nutrition, Roberts is in charge of the dietary needs of all the sisters and employees in the congregation.

Roberts also channeled her energy into remodeling the living areas of the convent for her fellow Sisters. Her goal was to create a "homey" environment for these women who have taken vows of poverty.

"There is so much of God's beauty around us and when we were renovating the convent I wanted to make sure the sisters had every chance possible to enjoy it," explains Roberts.

She diligently worked with the crew during the restructuring of the halls utilizing a new renovation to ensure that everyone is comfortable.

She ensured that the numerous Sisters functioning in wheelchairs could continue to do the many activities the community offers by installing two more elevators, relocating the laundry chute to a more accessible area of the space. By connecting the halls of the buildings with indoor walkways she felt the extreme weather would no longer become a barrier to many of her peers. Roberts also created and decorated more leisure rooms for the sisters to relax with their families.

Regardless of where Roberts is fulfilling the original mission of her congregation, it is apparent that she strives to ensure that everyone is comfortable.
Reception held to unveil new MIS lab

Representatives from Andersen Consulting, Notre Dame faculty and the student body gathered for a reception to celebrate the unveiling of a computer lab in the lower level of the College of Business Administration for students majoring in Management Information Systems.

Notre Dame alumni at Andersen Consulting gave the University a $160,000 gift in January for the development and ongoing operation of the lab.

The lab, which will open second semester, will consist of a stand-alone network of 20 computers with a dedicated server. The lab will give MIS majors the computing server. The lab will give MIS majors the computing environment and ongoing operation of the lab.

"The Million Penny March is the first of many planned activities that will underscore our commitment to this cause," said Sgt. Rufus Jackson, who initiated the program.

The fundraising program, which has been running since Nov. 7 until Dec. 14, is structured around the collection of pennies in large canisters placed all around campus. Canisters were placed in all the dorms. LaFortune, Defortino and Alumni-Senior Club, as well as at Saint Mary's.

"In collecting a million pennies, we will not only saturate the public with our canisters, it will also remove a million pennies out of circulation for a few days," said Jackson.

 quizzes and to test hardware and software configurations in a manner not currently possible on the University network.

Students will be able to gain experience managing client/server networks, using groupware products such as Lotus Notes, accessing a Webserver and secure intranets, and working with alternative network operating systems and server platforms.

The lab will also be used by other students and faculty in OBA who have special computing needs, such as in database marketing, and to conduct behavioral research experiments, including the study of human-computer interface and group decision making.

Web-OPAC Replaces UNLOC in January 1999

The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) informally known as UNLOC has been converted to a Web-based OPAC. Access to it can be gained by using any Web-browser such as Netscape. Any machine capable of running Netscape 3.0 or Internet Explorer 3.0 (or higher) can access the Libraries' Catalog. If you have any questions as to whether your equipment can run Web-OPAC, please consult your departmental computer support personnel or the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) Help Desk (631-8111). Access to the library catalog can be found at:

http://www.nd.edu/~ndlibs
(The University Libraries home page)

http://www.nd.edu/~ndlibs/alephintro.html
(Direct access)

Searching in the new OPAC will be different from searching in UNLOC but because it is Web-based, little need for training is anticipated. However, an introduction to the unique features of the new catalog will help you use it to its fullest advantage.

Training sessions will be offered through a multitude of opportunities and venues:

• Each day of the week (Monday-Friday) for the first half of the spring semester, training sessions will be offered in Room 222 Hesburgh Library from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

• The OIT Computer Education Program

• Subject Librarians and Liaisons to individual departments and Colleges will offer faculty training sessions.

• At peak research times during the academic year, specially hired and trained student personnel will be available to offer individual assistance within the Reference area on the 1st floor of Hesburgh Library.

• Special sessions can be arranged upon request through the Library Instruction Program coordinated by Patrick Hall (telephone: 631-7673) or through any public service desk in the Branch Libraries or Hesburgh Library.
Federal judge overturns ban on late-term abortions

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A federal judge today overturned a New Jersey law banning a controversial late-term abortion procedure.

U.S. District Judge Anne Thompson declared the law unconstitutional because its wording was too vague and it placed "an undue burden on a woman's constitutional right to obtain an abortion."

Thompson said the law threatened both patients and providers with "irreparable injury" because women might be denied access to "the most conventional and safest abortion procedure:"

Lawyers for abortion rights advocates maintained the law's language was so sweeping and vague that it described all abortions. They saw it as a thinly veiled attempt to ban common abortions.

The lawyer for New Jersey legislators, who passed the ban in 1997, argued the law applied only to a specific late-term abortion procedure, known as "intact dilation and extraction," or D&X.

In that procedure, which opponents dubbed "partial-birth abortion," the doctor pulls the fetus -- feet first -- partway through the birth canal and punctures the skull with a sharp instrument so the head can pass through the cervix.

The stage for the trial was set in June 1997, when state lawmakers passed a bill banning "an abortion in which the person performing the abortion partially vaginally delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery."

The wording sent abortion rights advocates reeling. They interpreted the bill to ban any abortions in which the fetus starts out living, passes through the vagina and dies.

But Gov. Christie Whitman vetoed the provision "in the interest of a patient's health and safety." The Legislature overrode the veto.

The law was then challenged in federal court by Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey, which provides 900 abortions annually, and three doctors who perform abortions.

Soon after, Judge Thompson allowed a temporary restraining order blocking the ban's enforcement until she reached a decision.

Whitman decided her administration would not defend a law she had opposed. That forced the Legislature to hire its own attorney.

Lawmakers retained Richard F. Collier, a Somerset County attorney, known for representing abortion opponents.

During the trial, Collier argued if a fetus dies while at least partially in the birth canal, then it is no longer an abortion, it is "infanticide."

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We, young people, are idealists. We believe in things like justice, ethics and moral values. When we mention them, we make indignant by people’s attitude.

Gabriel Martinez

Weary-eyed cynics answer: “you can’t change the world.” That is the cowardly excuse of those not willing to fight for change. Yet young people also have their feet on the ground. We want space to grow as human beings; we look for opportunities to work honestly. We want to be generous with our children and the children they will have, who will live far away in the middle of the next century. We want to feed their bodies with good food, their minds with a good education and their souls with virtues and with truth.

With that in mind, we want to participate in the life of our country. We want to be one of those giving employment, one of those who will work productively, one of those who will serve in public office. We want a job in accordance with our human dignity in honest businesses. We want to be one of these politicians who will help build that tomorrow about which so much is said and so little is done. We want to do it ourselves, we do not want the alms of papa state. But not weary-eyed cynics

Some of the young will respond. Some would rather applaud than boo. Some would rather laugh with Christ than at Him. When they frown in indignation, the best of them respond by kneeling and praying: “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners...”

Gabriel Martinez is a graduate student in the Department of Economics. His column appears every other Wednesday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

I don’t even know what street Canada is on.

— Al Capone
While walking my dog, Potamus, around the U.S. Capitol grounds, I encountered a dog named Potamus. He was the only person I saw that day, and a few others were Present Committee colleagues. I was surprised to see so many. The Capitol was busy with activity, and I noticed that the acoustics were excellent. I began to wonder if this was the same Capitol that Abraham Lincoln had spoken in dozens of years ago.

I was also surprised to see so many dogs. One, in particular, caught my attention. It was a large golden retriever, and it was playing fetch with a man. The man was22 years old, had long hair, and was wearing a white shirt and black pants. He was playing with a Frisbee, and the dog was chasing it around in circles. The dog seemed to be enjoying itself, and it was wagging its tail as it played. I wondered if this was a typical Capitol tradition, or if it was something new.

As I continued to walk, I noticed a woman sitting on a bench. She was reading a book, and she seemed to be enjoying herself. I wondered if she was a Capitol staff member, or if she was just visiting. I decided to sit down and have a rest, and I began to think about the history of the Capitol. It was a fascinating place, and I enjoyed being there.
decided that each of these is a must for stock­
ing starters. Not only Cole's "The Christmas Song" is most well known for the titled song that he made famous, but that almost everyone has tried to, without success, copy some Christmas albums. Since I doubt any of you are able to make the kind of com­
mmitment it takes to buy the Hanson Christmas album, I will advise you on some clas­

tics albums to invest in so you don't have a blue Christmas.

Now I am not taking away from any artist that has had the intestinal fortitude to try and sell a song that countless others have sung before them, but I wanted to limit my selection to four greats of caroling - Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis, Nat King Cole and of course, old blue eyes, Frank Sinatra. I will be discussing one album of each singer in order of my preference from least to most.

One of the most popular Christmas albums of all time is good ole White Christmas by Bing Crosby. Now quite frankly, the music on the album isn't really that good, even with the presence of the Andrews Sisters. Some of the tracks are only appealing because of Crosby's voice, which oftentimes reminds me of my grandfather on Christmas after he has dipped his cup in the eggnog one too many times. Crosby isn't one of the most cheery sounding fellas, but his voice does have great nostalgic appeal; it bring s a kid of the high priced presence of the Andrews Sisters. Some of the album isn't really that good, even with the Christmas sprit by each song.

Johnny Mathis also has a nice combination of cheeri­ness and warmth in his voice that is very invit­
ging to listeners. Also on the album is one of the closing tracks like "Christmas in Killarney" (Go IRISH) and "Mele Kalikimaka." You also can't go wrong with classic Christmas tracks like "Christmas in Killarney" (Go IRISH) and "Mele Kalikimaka."

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Next on my list is the album Merry Christmas by Johnny Mathis. If you don't know who that is, he is the old guy car­
ing in one of those GAP ads. In comparison to Crosby, Mr. Mathis is high on what ever it was that made the midnight clear, getting more into the Christmas spirit by each song.

With the music backing of Perry Faith and His Orchestra, the music is considerably better that that of the Crosby album. Mr. Mathis has a very smooth voice that brings back memories of sitting around the fireplace and relaxing as snowflakes gently fall outside. It is that peaceful quality of the album that makes it such an endearing album.

Deciding between the last two artists, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra, was rather difficult. I

One thing that when the entire family gets together to celebrate the Christmas season. Now what would Christmas be without some Christmas music?

Christmas before I Was Dead" or Marilyn Manson create an album called "Christmas With Satan?"

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Geoff Rahie
‘Tis The Season...

...to buy some lovely Christmas albums

Hanson
Snowed In

A Charlie Brown
Christmas

How the Grinch Stole
Christmas

Neil Diamond
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of Christmas

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The Devils dominated at the beginning, but it was waved off when Martin Brodeur missed the puck that popped off the air. Brodeur batted the puck into the cage to close out the second period and the Devils started the third period with a 1-0 lead.

Tommy Salo, who came 20 feet before Osgood gloved it.

Avalanche's best scoring chance was found to have occurred when it was waved off when replaying the shot from the blue line left off an Ottawa defender and former Bill Russell after the Lightning scored.

The Lightning got within 2-1 at 14:21 when he tipped in Smolisko's slap shot from the right side.

The Senators regained the two-goal advantage when the Lightning scored a goal on a deflection from the slot at 11:33.

Ottawa defensemen Jim Lalukken made his first appearance this season follow­ ing his recent clear­ ance surgery and a groin injury.
Iowa upsets Kansas

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kent McCausland hit two 3-pointers in the final 1:40 and Iowa ended the longest homecourt winning streak at 62 games by beating No. 10 Kansas 85-81 Tuesday night.

Iowa (6-1) fought back from an 18-point, second-half deficit behind McCausland, who hit four of his five 3-pointers in the second half.

Kansas' streak, while a school record, wasn't among the top dozen runs in college basketball history. Kentucky set the record of 129 between 1943 and 1955.

McCausland hit a 3-pointer and gave Kansas (5-2) a 76-74 lead.

Bradford, gave Kansas a 59-41 lead with 12:50 remaining. But Iowa survived a season-high 31 turnovers — double its average — and a season-high 18 steals.

The Jayhawks managed just two field goals in the next seven minutes, and Iowa went up 70-69 on Jacob Jaacks' two free throws with 5:14 left. Free-throw shooting helped keep the Hawkeyes close in the first half, despite 14 turnovers. They were 9-12 from the line before the break, compared to 1-for-4 for Kansas.

Kansas was without forward Joey Range following a season-high 31 turnovers.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Joe DiMaggio made a dramatic turnaround from a serious lung infection just after doctors told his family and friends to prepare for the worst.

"We called the family because, frankly, we thought we were getting down to the last road," Dr. Earl Barron said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "Today, there's a little more hope." DiMaggio, recovering from lung cancer surgery, fought off a 102-degree fever, pneumonia in his good lung and an intestinal infection that developed during the weekend.

His condition was so grim at that time that doctors gathered DiMaggio's family, including his brother, Dom, and even discussed signing a "do not resuscitate" form for the 84-year-old Hall of Famer.

"We talked about that, but they did not feel comfortable with that," Barron said.

The former New York Yankee center fielder has shown a remarkable ability to fight back from several serious setbacks since the cancerous tumor was removed from his right lung on Oct. 14.

"He's going to be here a lot longer," Barron said.

But he also cautioned: "Don't walk out of the hospital thinking he's 100 percent, this is a guy who has had fluid drained from his lungs several times. His blood pressure dropped so rapidly on Nov. 16 that a Catholic priest was summoned to administer last rites.

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Doctors inserted a tube into DiMaggio's trachea on Monday to suction the infected material.

"He perked up immediately," Barron said.

"I lose an awful lot of sleep. I'm constantly thinking about everything else," he said.

"Machines are keeping him alive. He's been in the ICU for 58 days. He's got every hook-up known to man. He's been fed through tubes," Engelberg said.

"He does a sensational job with him. I don't think he could have gotten better care," said Jody Ewing, his roommate on the team.

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Tom Osborne, Bo Jackson highlight Hall of Fame selections

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SPORTS

NEW YORK

Tom Osborne, who coached Nebraska to a 157-31-4 record and won two national titles and shared a third in 25 seasons with the Cornhuskers, and Bo Jackson, whose two-sport career was cut short by hip injuries, played for the Tigers in 1985-86; defensive back A1 Brosky (Illinois, 1964-66); running back-defensive back Johnny Roland (Missouri, 1962, 64-65); center Jim Ritcher (North Carolina State, 1976-79); running back Jerry Rhone (SMU, Tulsa, 1961, 63-64); center Jim Ritcher (North Carolina State, 1976-79); running back-de­fensive back Bill Stanfill (Georgia, 1966-68); (Northwestern, 1946-48); and defensive tackle Bill Stanfill (Georgia, 1966-68). McMahon threw for 9,536 yards and 84 touchdowns for the Cougars. The quarter­back who earned the nickname "Punky QB" for his brash behav­ior in the NFL led the Chicago Bears to victory in the 1986 Super Bowl.

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The foundation also honored 17 athletes who will receive an $18,000 postgraduate fellowship. In Division I-A, the hon­orees were: quarterback Alex Pinnonosis (Youngstown State); and kicker Alex Sirk (Princeton).

In Division II: linebacker Lee Daily (Benderson State) and defensive tackle Bart Johnson (Moonhead State)
Tyson plans return to ring

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If Mike Tyson is concerned about a possible return to prison, he wasn't saying Tuesday.

Looking fit in a black muscle T-shirt and wearing a crimson beret, Tyson appeared for a news conference called to announce what promoter Dan Goossen called the worst-kept secret in boxing — that Tyson will face Francois Botha on Jan. 16.

The 12-round bout at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, to be carried on Showtime Event Television Pay Per View, will be Tyson's first since June 28, 1996 when he bit Evander Holyfield's ears in their heavyweight championship bout and was disqualified in the third round.

Shortly thereafter, the Nevada Athletic Commission stripped Tyson of his boxing license and fined him $3 million. The commission reinstated Tyson's license in October.

Even before Tyson spoke at the packed Hollywood Athletic Club news conference, adviser Shelly Finkel informed attending reporters and fans that questions wouldn't be answered regarding "any pending litigation."

The first questioner asked Tyson how he felt about a possible return to prison, and was shouted down by others on the dais.

Tyson has a 45-3 record with 39 knockouts, while Botha is 39-1 with 24 knockouts. Botha's only loss came on Nov. 9, 1996 when he was stopped by Michael Moorer in the ninth round for the IBF heavyweight title.

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NBA All-Star game canceled, season at risk

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The All-Star game is the latest casualty of the NBA lockout. The only thing left to save is the season itself.

Ending a 47-year-old tradition of bringing its top talent together for a special showcase, the NBA on Tuesday canceled the All-Star game, which had been set for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

"This is just a result of the inexorable march of the calendar," commissioner David Stern said. "There just isn't time left to have a season with an All-Star game."

"We apologize to the city of Philadelphia, but we promise to bring the All-Star Weekend back as soon as possible," Stern said.

Stern called Mayor Edward Rendell to break the news, but it really didn't come as a surprise. With collective bargaining negotiations at a standoff and the outlook increasingly bleak, the biggest question now is whether there will be a season at all.

"If we can't make this deal, I don't think there's hope for the sport itself," Stern said in one of his most pessimistic comments to date.

The cancellation meant Philadelphia would lose an estimated $35 million in business associated with the game.

The NBA had held an All-Star game every year without fail since 1951, and this season's version would have given the 76ers a chance to show off their new arena, the First Union Center, and perhaps even their best player, Allen Iverson, if he had made the Eastern Conference team.

The city would have been back at the center of the basketball universe for the first time since that provided most fans with their best opportunity to get an up-close taste of the festivities, had already been canceled.

Stern also shed some light on the type of schedule the league would have if the lockout is lifted, saying it will not be feasible to have 56 games with every team playing every other team twice.

"You'd see more of a conference-type schedule with some mixing of intra-conference games, but no team is going to see every other team at home. That's going to be virtually impossible," Granik said.

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BCS leaves Kansas St. high and dry

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Imagine building a team from the ashes. "From beneath the ashes," Imagine taking a winless, hapless college football program and turning it around from an 0-11 season into a football powerhouse a mere decade later. Imagine coming into the season as a contender for the national championship. Imagine defeating Nebraska, limiting Texas' Ricky Williams hapless college football program and turning them around from an 0-11 season into a football powerhouse. Imagine a team that offers a playoff-like atmosphere is already in place. Imagine taking a winless, Nebraska plays someone of Mississippi State's caliber (which is not as bad as one might think).

Nevertheless, the BCS system is the best solution put forth by college football's minds. A playoff system based on the BCS would be more desirable, but extremely difficult. As for Kansas State, we can look once again to Coach Snyder for insight..."If the BCS system is adhered to, if you do things the way they're supposed to be done, then the system will work for you." Kansas State lost to Texas A&M in a game they should have won. Perhaps more importantly, their strengths of-schedule (a portion of the BCS equation) was a weak because three of their first four games were against Indiana State (yes, Division I-A Indiana State), Northern Illinois and mighty Northeast Louisiana.

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The national championship game, however, will be played between the Tennessee Volunteers and the Florida State Seminoles. Tennessee had all but lost to Arkansas until Arkansas forced themselves into a safety via a botched punt snap, and after recovering the ball and having to do nothing more than kneel down, managed to fumble "not only fumble, but quarterback Clint Stoerner actually placed the ball on the ground for Volunteer defenders to grab, and allow Tennessee to run them over in a manner they were unable throughout the game. Florida State, like Kansas State, has suffered a defeat. While the Wildcats lost in double overtime on one magnificent play, the Seminoles were drubbed 24-7, by...the North Carolina State Wolfpack. Oh, yeah, and The Pack didn't manage to beat teams like Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado like A&M did, although they did prevail by three points at home against football powerhouse Duke.

So if the BCS is going to pit two teams like Tennessee and Florida State against one another, and this is unfair, what is the right solution? Well, I've mentioned a playoff system in other articles. However, in lieu of the fact that the events that transpired the past weekend — the SEC and Big 12 Championships coupled with the "Hurricane Bowl" between UCLA and Miami — it seems as if a system that offers a playoff-like atmosphere is already in place. So, what's the answer? Sometimes there is no clean answer to any such questions, and this is one of those times. College football's conference and history will forever be a playoff between teams that have earned the right to play. For example, the top eight teams according to the BCS rankings, would get to pay one another in a playoff system because of their allegiances to their respective conferences. While Kansas State-Texas A&M was a preview of what such a matchup would be like, it is unfair that the Wildcats must play the Aggies while Tennessee plays someone of Mississippi State's caliber (which is not as bad as one might think).

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That's all it took. One play. Had Parker dropped the pass, A&M would likely have lost, but they kicked a 47-yard field goal to force a third overtime. To have a whole season of success, taken away from them on one play is the nature of sports. Kansas State lost the one, and rightfully so, but they lost a lot more in that five seconds; they lost their pride and their honor, and that loss cannot be quantified to any sport.

Instead, it had to do with the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and the sham that it is. After going 11-1, finishing fourth in the BCS rankings and having more players on the "BCS All-America First Team" (5) than Tennessee, Florida State, and UCLA combined, the BCS rewarded Kansas State with a trip to...the Alamo Bowl? To play the Purdue Boilermakers? Wildcat Head Coach Bill Snyder may have put it best: "You'd like to be able to say life is fair, but obviously that's not the case." That game should be about as close as the Vikings Boats game Sunday night, and about as rewarding for the Wildcats as a slap-in-the-face on a first date.

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Despite the two aforementioned reasons, Kansas State deserves to be in a better bowl than the Alamo Bowl and should face a better opponent than Purdue. The fact that the popularity and name recognition of some teams — especially Florida, with ten conference losses — locks them into the BCS while it locks out a program risen from the ashes such as Kansas State explains the politics that come into play in college football. It also explains why we will never truly have a perfect system in terms of teams, rankings and bowls.

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Knight outburst works to Kentucky's advantage in OT win

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky - Heshimu Evans had 22 points and nine rebounds as fifth-ranked Kentucky beat No. 11 Indiana 70-61 in overtime Tuesday night in a game that featured a kicking outburst by Hoosiers coach Bob Knight.

Knight's blowup came with 3:45 left in overtime and Kentucky leading 56-51. Angered by a traveling call on Indiana's Kirk Haston, Knight kicked a piece of red plastic facing on the front of the scorer's table and referee Gerald Boudreaux immediately whistled a technical. As Kentucky's fans roared, Knight kicked the plastic again, leaving a dark streak.

Kentucky (8-1) led by nine with 1:28 left in regulation, but Indiana (8-2) made three straight 3-pointers — the first two by Luke Recker and the third by Dane Fife with 1.7 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 51.

Recker led Indiana with 18 points, while A.J. Guyton added 15 for the Hoosiers. Scott Padgett scored 17 points for Kentucky, which opened the overtime with a 3-pointer by Padgett and a layup by Wayne Turner for a 56-51 lead.

Haston was then called for traveling, triggering the outburst by Knight, who was coaching his 1,000th college game.

Padgett made one of the two free throws on the technical. Evans was fouled and made two free throws on the Kentucky possession that followed, giving the Wildcats an eight-point lead.

Knight is the 16th man to coach 1,000 Division I college basketball games. His record is 728-272 in 33-plus seasons at Army and Indiana.

The win was the fifth straight for Kentucky in the annual neutral-site series, which alternates between Freedom Hall and Indianapolis' RCA Dome. 

Evans scored 18 of his 22 points after halftime, including three crucial 3-pointers. The third of those broke a 40-40 tie with 5:50 left and sealed Kentucky on an 11-2 run that ended with a dunk by Evans that gave Kentucky a 51-42 lead.

Kentucky shot 26 percent from the field in the first half and just under 40 percent for the game, while Indiana finished at 38 percent.

All the misses translated into a lot of rebounds — 43 for the Wildcats to tie Indiana. Michael Bradley had nine for the Hoosiers to tie Evans for the team lead.

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fast-paced breakaway offense that started at the game’s onset.

Freshman forward Swintayla Cash erased the only Irish lead of the contest a little more than two minutes into the game when she broke up an Irish mid-court play with a steal and fastbreak that gave the Huskies a 4-2 lead. “They looked to press a lot,” said Irish captain Sheila McMillen. “They didn’t want to setup their offense.”

The only offense the Huskies needed was off of the press, as they kept the Irish from moving the ball effectively. The lone bright spot for the Irish came from outside, as McMillen was a perfect 5-for-5 from three-point range. She led the team with two blocks.

The Irish came out in front of all eight assists on offense and four steals on the other end of the court. “We really wanted to take advantage of our inside game tonight,” said Auriemma. “We felt like we had more bodies, and we told the guards that we wanted to pass the ball inside as much as possible.”

That task was led by Amy Duran from the point, who finished the game with eight assists on offense and four steals on the other end of the court.

‘WE DIDN'T HANDLE THE PRESSURE AND WE PANICKED.’

MUFFET MCGRAW NOTRE DAME WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH

We collapsed mentally,” she said. “I don’t think we were tired. We didn’t handle the pressure and we panicked.”

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makes them tough to stop.”

“They definitely have more depth. In the past they’ve had one great player,” McGraw said. “Now they don’t have just that one great player. I think Abrosimova is a great player, but it doesn’t really matter if she is on the court or not. They are all capable.”

McMillen was the lone bright spot for the Irish, as she scored 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting and was perfect from downtown. She had all 5,102 fans on their feet after she drained each of her five three-point field goals. The Irish faithful, however, didn’t see the women at their best.

“This is one of those games where you want to get up in front of the nic and apologize to the crowd,” McGraw said. “I think Connecticut is a great team and they made us play very poorly, but I also thought we made ourselves play poorly. We are a much better team than we showed tonight. “These girls were so excited to have a big crowd that when they came out in front of all these people, all they wanted to do was please them,” McGraw continued. “They wanted to do everything right and have these people come back.”

Hopefully, they will come back. Despite the loss, Notre Dame (6-1) is still off to one of its best starts in school history. Their current sixth ranking in both polls is also the highest ever for the program and the Irish already have wins over three ranked opponents, including two that were in the top 10. If Notre Dame continues to play the way it has over the past few weeks, another showdown with UConn is sure to boom somewhere down the road. Maybe then, the time will finally be right.

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Jackets rallied from a 12-point deficit in the final 13 minutes to perennial rival Georgia.

1. The Irish and the Jackets have one common opponent on their schedules: Big East team Boston College. Georgia Tech started their season with a 41-31 loss to the Eagles, while Notre Dame lost a last-minute goal-line stand to preserve a 31-26 victory.

2. If this year's Gator Bowl is anything like the last time the Irish played in it, fans have reason to be optimistic. In 1976, 13th-ranked Notre Dame defeated No. 20 Penn State 29-10 to finish off their season with a 9-3 record.

3. Led by quarterback Rick Slager, the Irish scored twenty unanswered points to take a commanding 29-3 lead at halftime.

4. Running back Al Hunter rushed for 102 yards on 26 carries to become the first back in Notre Dame history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Hunter, who scored two rushing touchdowns in the first half, was named the game MVP for his efforts.

5. On the other end of the ball, a determined Irish defense led by linebackers Bob Golic, Doug Becker and Steve Heinkiefer did not allow the Lions to score a touchdown for the course of the game. While Slager and Hunter went on to other things, the core of the team returned to claim the 1977 national championship the following season.

6. With this team’s future told, one thing’s for sure: only time will tell.

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Men's Basketball

Freshmen lead Irish to win over Providence in league opener

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Troy Murphy scored a game-high 30 points to lead Notre Dame to an 83-80 win over Providence College on Tuesday in the Big East opener for both teams. Providence (6-3), which had its six-game winning streak snapped, pulled to within 81-79 on Corey Wright's 3-pointer in the closing seconds. But Murphy was then fouled, and his two foul shots with 8 seconds left clinched the win for Notre Dame (4-5), which was 68 percent from the field on 15-of-22 shooting in the second half.

Murphy, who was 11-of-16 from the field and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds, tied the highest point total by a freshman in a Big East opening game. Sean Connelly and Jamal Thomas each had 21 points for the Friars.

Providence broke out to a 13-2 lead in the opening minutes sparked by three consecutive 3-pointers, one from Jamal Camah and two from Connelly. Notre Dame then went on a 32-7 run in the next 11 minutes, with a combined 28 points from David Graves, Harold Swanagan and Murphy.

The Friars closed the deficit to 29-31 at halftime. Graves finished with 17 points and Swanagan with 13.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Changes in a living quarters may appear impossible for now. Give things a chance to settle down. You may feel surprised and result is in your advantage. 00000

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**FOOTBALL**

Gator Bowl win could set '99 pace

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

It's that time of year.

College football fans from all over the nation will be turning on their television sets to celebrate the new year by rooting on their favorite teams. The situation will be no different for fans of Fighting Irish football, as 18th-ranked Notre Dame will face off against No. 12 Georgia Tech in the Toyota Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1999.

While bowl games are familiar territory for the Irish over the decades, the past few years have been nose to nose to fans of the Gold and Blue. Following a 24-21 win over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame has gone 0-3 during the holiday season. Last year, a 27-9 loss to LSU in the Independence Bowl ended a five-game winning streak. Three years ago, a fourth-quarter rally by the Florida State Seminoles from 12 points down gave them a 31-26 victory over the Irish. Two years ago, the team declined offers of postseason play following a 27-20 loss to USC.

Watch the Gator Bowl at 12:30 p.m. EST on Jan. 1 on NBC.

These facts still dwell in the hearts and minds of the coaches and players, but a question that lingers minds of most fans is much easier to decipher: Will quarterback Jarious Jackson be fully healed by the time the Irish take the field? Fortunately, from the looks of things, the answer to that question is yes.

Despite suffering an MCL injury in the closing minutes of the LSU game, it is reported to be recovering well, and should be back at full strength by the time the team travels to Jacksonville on Dec. 26. For the rest of the team, serious preparations for the game will begin following the end of final exams.

While Jackson's possible return is welcome news, he will have to start his comeback tour against a Georgia Tech squad that is greatly improved from its 17-13 loss when the two teams met last year. Led by experienced quarterback Tim Hamilton, the Yellow Jackets went 9-2 this season to tie for first with Florida State in the Atlantic Coast Conference. After falling 7-34 to the Seminoles, the team swept their last four games of the season, capped by a 21-19 victory over

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish hoopsters can't keep up with No. 1 Connecticut

Huskies press dominates game

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

Coming into last night's game with their best-ever season start of six-straight wins, Notre Dame went to the Joyce Center with a No. 6 ranking and their best chance to snap their 0-8 series record against Connecticut.

But the Huskies, who lead the national rankings, remained undefeated 17-0, with a convincing 106-81 win in both team's first Big East game.

The Huskies built three 14-point leads in the first half including the 21-37 halftime lead on a defense that prevented the Irish from getting underneath the basket.

Connecticut relied on an unrelenting press of Notre Dame from passing the ball inside to 6-foot-5 center Ruth Riley. The sophomore came into the contest averaging 12.8 points per game but was unable to land a point from the floor in the first half, shooting 0-for-4.

"I thought if we could get some pressure on and guard up front in the backcourt, that might make it difficult to get [Riley] involved in the offense," said Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma.

Despite going 0-for-4 from the charity stripe, Riley took only two more from the field in the final half. The defensive pressure allowed the Huskies to create a

The No. 1 Connecticut women's basketball team used a balanced attack to defeat Notre Dame, which lost its first game of the season. The Huskies were led by Big East pre-season player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova's 23 points, but its bench also contributed 48.

**IRISH INSIGHT**

The time hasn't come

By BRIAN KESSLER
Associate Sports Editor

This was supposed to be it. This was going to be the game in which Notre Dame finally got the monkey off its back and burst into the national spotlight with its first-ever win over Connecticut.

Not so fast.

Last night, UConn proved why they are the top-ranked team in the nation as they defeated the Irish for the ninth consecutive time in just four years. The Irish put forth a valiant effort, but the Huskies quickly took the fight out of the Fighting Irish and rolled to a 106-81 victory.

"I think we knew we had a good chance and this was our best chance, but we didn't get it done," captain Sheila McMillen said. "They played aggressive and I think we came out and played okay, but their press really killed us in the first half and got us down."

The Irish committed 21 first-half turnovers and 31 for the entire game. Big East pre-season player of the year Svetlana Abrosimova lit up the Irish for 23 points of 5-of-16 shooting.

"She's outstanding," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I definitely think she is in the play­er of the year right now... after one game."

The Huskies also got 48 bench points.

"I think overall they are better (than they have been in the past)," McMillen said. "They are more balanced then they have been in the past and that