Winter weather keeps Security on toes

By MICHELLE KRUPA
News Editor

Over 40 inches of snow and sub-zero temperatures posed the biggest problems for Notre Dame Security/Police during the University’s winter vacation. "The break was pretty uneven," the department’s assistant director Chuck Hurley said. "There was so much cold and snow that most people didn’t even venture out."

Students began returning to South Bend on Sunday, snow-covered automobiles and undeniable car batteries have kept officers busy helping on-campus residents.

"We can jump-start your car. We can provide different numbers to help you if that doesn’t work," Hurley said. "Rarely do we come across a car that can’t be jump-started."

Students can acquire shovels to unearth cars buried in snow from the Security building near the D6 parking lot. Hurley also noted that Security can contact the grounds department to aid any student having difficulties clearing his or her vehicle.

Most streets just outside campus boundaries have been designated as secondary priorities for snow clearing, according to Stacy Kirkendoll, South Bend Streets and Sanitation dispatcher.

"The first priority is the main drags, which we did [Monday night]. We’re working on the secondary streets [Tuesday morning]," Kirkendoll said.

"We’re mostly doing the secondaries at night."

City plows and salt trucks have encountered difficulties when servicing residential areas where cars are parked on streets, according to Kirkendoll. Any vehicle impeding the plowing of streets or violating signs denoting city snow ordinances will be ticketed.

"The plows will go down the streets even with cars there, and then once the cars are moved, they’ll plow again," he said.

Off-campus students should not expect complimentary help from Notre Dame Security/Police, since their residences fall outside the department’s boundaries. The South Bend Police Department does not offer any services for jump-starting, towing, snow removal in private areas or de-icing of frozen locks.

Turtle Creek Apartments, like most other local apartment complexes, provides parking lot plowing for its residents, but cannot offer other services like towing or lock de-icing for liability reasons. About 10 parking spots have been covered by plowed snow in the Turtle Creek lot, according to manager Beth Hoffman.

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Both Hoffman and Kirkendoll said they see cars that cannot be jump-started. Students should contact the Grounds department to aid any student having difficulties clearing his or her vehicle.

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Shepherd says that more help is program’s capabilities, student government site’s chasing — greatly exceed the who claimed that Rapagnani come through,” said Shepherd, computer knowledge to set up some­ needed. To further develop the investments. Rapagnani not be abandoned by future stu­ dent governm ent a d min istra­ tions after the University had been receptive and willing to do what it could to help but that after making the request stu­ dents did not contact him again. “We have historically expended money to help students do things on the web,” he said. “The problem is that there’s no commitment with student govern­ ment officers.” Rapagnani explained that an book sale was established three years ago, but that due to a lack of communication between administrations, students continued to see him year after year to establish a system already in existence. Finally, when the student development administrators approved the redesign, the pre-existing program was deleted. “When student governments transition, all of the work we had done was on hold. If we’re going to put effort into developing pro­ grams, there has to be a com­ mitment to carrying these things over,” he said. “I’m not willing to spend resources to develop the same thing again.” If there’s no methodology to carry this on, what happens to it?” he said. “The whole concept of underground book-selling is a very valuable idea. One would hope that stu­ dent government would see this as a value-added service and continue to support it.”

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4:25-5:25 Cardio Combo T/Th $22
5:30-6:45 Step II & Sculpt T/Th $30
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6:35-7:20 Step II M/W/F $35
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Alcoholic treats scar parents

WASHINGTON

Former vice president Dan Quayle, a likely GOP presidential candidate, said today that national security should be a major issue in the 2000 campaign and offered a critical assessment of President Bill Clinton's foreign policy.

"No presidential candidate should be taken seriously unless he or she understands our nation's military capabilities," Quayle told the conservative Heritage Foundation. He refused to critique potential rivals, but said in an interview afterward what he asked about Texas Gov. George W. Bush. "He didn't agree with people doing drugs," Quayle said. "I think he was going to take that seriously." Clinton administration "frittered away" the 2000 campaign and offered a critic a l

Tensions renew in war-torn province

YUGOSLAVIA

In an abandoned schoolhouse in the northern mountains of Kosovo, patched with plastic sheeting and heated by a wood-burning stove, Yugoslav officer Dragun Jugovic crusts out a cigarette and stares at the wall.

"We are waiting for things to happen," Jugovic tells visitors. "We know nothing." Since last Friday, Jugovic and seven of his men have been hidden in bare, less than 25 miles north of Pristina, Kosovo's capital. They are captives of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army — and the focus of the latest flashpoint in the separatist province.

The KLA is demanding that some of its members held by Yugoslav forces be released in exchange for the soldiers — something the army is reluctant to do.

International mediators said Tuesday they have negotiated the sol-

One-cent stamp causes commotion

WASHINGTON

Customers across the country are jamming post offices clamoring for them, sometimes demanding thousands at a time.

And they are only worth a penny.

On Sunday, the postal rate of a basic first-class letter increased from 22 cents to 33 cents, making 1-cent stamps a hot ticket.

"The lines are out the door," said Danny Cashen, station manager at the Oak Lawn Post Office in Dallas on Tuesday. "It's very, very strange." Cashen said his office sold 40,000 of the 1-cent stamps on Saturday. On Monday, he picked up another 40,000 from his local distribution center. By Monday afternoon, it needed to replenish again.

"I didn't realize how quickly they would go out," Cashen said.

Cashen is surprised at how long people are waiting to just pick up some 1-cent stamps. One customer even came in and bought 10,000 of the penny stamps, probably anticipating a shortage, he said.

And many buying on behalf of their businesses have picked up sheets and stacks of the stamps. Demand is so high that the U.S. Postal Service has witnessed spot shortages in some places.

"We want people to buy as many 1-cent stamps as they need," said Roy Betts, Postal Service spokesman.

"There's no need to stockpile 1-cent stamps. They'll always be there.

The Postal Service is resupplying 1-cent stamps to those offices that are running low. Betts said.

With 2.5 billion 1-cent stamps printed just for the rate increase, there are plenty to go around, he said.

"It's not a question of supply," Betts said. "There's ample supply."

The rate increase, the first in four years, may have caught some people off guard, even though the first 33-cent stamps went on sale last week. It's the Chinese New Year stamp commemorating the year of the hare, in addition, millions of undenominated "H" rate stamps are available at post offices to cover the 33-cent rate.

But at the Grand Shelby Post Office in Detroit, the buzz among customers was all about the 1-cent stamp.

"They need to board them," said George Kagan, manager for customer ser-

Wednesday, January 13, 1999
Midden: Four candidates remain for SMC VP spot

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

The pool of candidates for the position of Saint Mary's vice president and dean of faculty has been narrowed down to four, according to student body vice president Nancy Midden at Tuesday night's Board of Governance meeting. Candidates' names have not been released. The final four were chosen after a search committee of eight faculty members and Midden interviewed candidates during Christmas break. “It’s still an ongoing process,” Midden said. “It’s been very exciting and very tough. They are all very qualified candidates.” During the next two weeks, various BOG members and other students will meet and interview the four possible replacements. The students will complete evaluation forms with their opinions. “Every opinion carries equal weight,” Midden said. Georgeannia Rosenbush, director of Student Activities, who also encouraged any students interested in meeting and interviewing the candidates should contact her.

The search committee was formed at the beginning of the year to replace Dorothy Feigl, who has been dean of the College for 13 years and previously a professor of chemistry. In other BOG news:

• Rosenbush announced that Saint Mary’s will host 28 colleges and universities during the Annual Play of the Mind conference, marking the highest attendance for the conference. Sixteen of the schools are co-educational institutions, while the remaining 12 are women’s colleges.

• Rosenbush said that hosts are still needed for Play of the Mind, which runs from Jan. 21 to Jan. 24. The theme this year is “Global Citizenship and Intellectual Life.” Instead of the traditional keynote speaker, the conference will open with “a multi-media conglomeration reader’s theatre” which highlights “the influences of other cultures.” Rosenbush said.

• The elections committee is preparing for the upcoming student body and class elections. Bridget Heffernan, elections commissioner announced that informational sessions will be held at 9 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 21 in the Haguar Game Room.

Students will have an opportunity to meet the class representative candidates on Feb. 22 before the Feb. 25 elections. A “meet-the-candidate night” will also take place Jan. 20 and 21 for student body candidates before students cast their votes on Feb. 4.

The elections committee is

WASHINGTON

Clinton pays Paula Jones

The Associated Press

President Clinton mailed a check for $450,000 to Paula Jones on Tuesday to settle her sexual harassment allegations, officially ending the sensational legal battle that cast his presidency into crisis.

In the week his Senate impeachment trial was to resume, the president drew about $375,000 from his and Hillary Rodham Clinton’s personal funds and got the rest of the settlement, about $800,000, from his legal bills, the official said. Still unclear is how much money from the check will make it into Jones’ bank account. As the settlement was reached in November, Jones still faced an outstanding claim by Joseph Cammarata and Gilbert Davis, the two lawyers who won her case last year and filed an $800,000 lien against any settlement in order to collect legal fees.

“I don’t think it’s been decided yet” how much Jones will receive, said her friend and adviser, Susan Carpenter McMillan.

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Two new species of near-human beings were discovered: the Homo Nescius and the Homo Osseus. As the glaciers of the Ice Age receded, scientists find more and more vestiges of what life was like eons ago. Dr. Francine Müllen, the leader of the discovery team revealed yesterday that she and her colleagues had been able to find, not far north of the Tropic of Cancer, a frozen city, where an ancient H. Nescius every so often, to his cojones, as a noted Nescius journalist, because the H. Nescius tried to climb the top of his head, directly communicating with the cranial orifice came out of the mouth, the excess of calcium were great mistakes. The other species, the Homo Osseus, worshiped intransigence: the H. Osseus's defin- ing characteristic is the solidity of their body, as a noted Osseus journalist of the time proclaimed with pride. The other species, the Homo Osseus, is also remarkable in its anatomy. He had no joints. The skeletal structure of the H. Osseus was a solid bone from head to toe. But the excess of calcium also reduced his vocal abilities, and the words "compassion," and "tolerance" were unpronounceable; more, they were unintelligible. The H. Osseus showed a surprising lack of flexibility. Privileging adherence to, and debate over minute details of the letter of the Law, especially in matters of liturgy and art. In doing so, he ignored the harder parts where the practice of the Law cannot be written down but must be learned in the living of it. Just as the H. Nescius worshipped civilization, the H. Osseus worshipped intransigence: great pleasure and in reaction to Neustrian's selective intolerance. Dr. Chu notes that while the lack of flexibility of the H. Osseus made him socially sub-optimal, he actually believed in something, while H. Nescius did not. This alone would have made this curious specimen's society more long-lasting, since it worked better — well, less badly. "When the Ice Age overtook these species, it put an end to their bickering and their senseless- ness, and now they are perfectly preserved for our muse- ums. Let's not repeat their mistakes. The proud people who were our ancestors thought they were great because they thought they could think, and so they called themselves Homo Sapiens. We are Homo Animus, for we have been made in the image and likeness of God."
Crime is the Problem, Activism is the Answer

It has been reported in the press for the last few years that crime is down by so many percentage points in the United States. Let us take a closer look at this phenomenon that has plagued our homes and streets for the last few decades. If so, why are we building more jails, prisons and detention homes for troubled youth. Why more police - even in school corridors? We are virtual prisoners in our homes and dare not venture after dark because of the risk factor involved. The number of car jackings is on the increase. The increased number of assaults against women and children, both mental and physical in their homes. At 76, I was a victim. No witness. No crime. No statistic are all vulnerable no matter our age or condition. Or, the hundreds of harassing, obscene or threatening phone calls that are made each day across the United States, and some may never be reported and are related to un­timel­ess crimes? Can there be such a thing? As an aside, we are instructed by a brochure published by The Bell Telephone Co., which can be obtained upon request, that in the event of any type of threat, such as harassing calls, obscene or threatening phone calls, threats to one's life or property, bomb threats, threats to inflict harm or injury, threats of kidnapping or any type of threat, we are advised by the brochure to hang up IMMEDIATELY, and note the time and the date and call the police IMMEDIATELY and follow their instructions.

What can we, the ordinary citizen, do in this crisis? I first and foremost, think of love in the home and in the family. We have no time for our children. We have no time for each other. Love lives in homes, and the lack of love causes so much suffering and unhappiness in the world today. Sen. Dan Coates (Rep./In.), remarks: "Broken homes lead to broken lives and broken lives lead to lives of crime." First and foremost, the date and call the police IMMEDIATELY, and note the time and circumstances.

CRIME STOPPERS, Call 288-STOP. It works, and 911 in case of necessity. Join Christmas in June, rebuilding homes in deteriorating neighborhoods. Clean up the environment and beautify America. Praise and thanksgiving to the many Fraternal, Civic and other groups that are walking the highways and byways of America picking up trash, putting it in plastic bags by the side of the road for the highway department to take to the dumps in their trucks. So, pitch in.

Don't forget to vote and write letters to the editor, public officials and syndicated writers expressing your opinions for this or that issue. Work closely with men or women in law enforcement and men and women of the cloth. Attend the church of your choice and work with your Pastors for there is LIFE IN THE SPIRIT. Let us all work together in our crusade against crime and the battle can be won if we do so. We will pray for all concerned beseeching Divine Providence to assist us in our efforts for the common good of our people and country.

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.
Columbia Hall
December 27, 1998

Louisville, Ky.

Throughout the country many universities have been faced with tragic situations affecting the lives of students and the community. Many of these tragedies have been a result of alcohol or other drug (AOD) use. When do we react? How do we react and who is responsible?

These are the questions that are being debated throughout the university and community. The most recent debate at the University of Louisville is: "Should the University go dry?"

First and foremost, the University or any segment acting alone will never solve the problem. Everyone shares some sort of responsibility. If the University made the decision to go dry without also creating a comprehensive program, we will all lose.

We need a system of referrals for all violations of the AOD policy similar to the state DUI law. For the individual this allows a professional assessment of their AOD use and for the University it provides a system of fairness. We need everyone to support the programs that are already in place at the University. Also, the faculty and staff need to be educated regarding AOD prevention. But most of all each individual has a responsibility in this dilemma - Alcohol and drug addiction is a lifestyle-related health issue. How much and how often we choose to drink are critical to our future health.

People with a family history of diabetest adjust their behaviors to reduce the risk. Even people without a family history of diabetes realize certain actions contribute to the development of the disease.

With the disease of addiction few people realize the risk associated with certain choices. Fifty percent of college binge drinkers will eventually develop an addiction. Educational programs are available that could help students make the best choices for their circumstances.

Awareness programs and "just say no" messages are limited approaches for prevention.

As University of Louisville alumni, we would reflect on the educational and civic efforts. Other alumni lost to tragedy may have been deterred from referral programs. Our vote as alumni is not for or against a dry campus but to improve everyone in getting involved in AOD prevention in a meaningful way.

Carl Ilors and Rick McFadden are alumni of the University of Louisville. Their letter, which originally ran in the The Louisville Cardinal on Jan. 12, has been reprinted here courtesy of the U-Wire.

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Cake

Prolonging The Magic
Capricorn Records

★★★★ (out of five)

Cake's latest release, *Prolonging the Magic*, continues along the same road as their previous releases. It's silliness gone haywire, put to that rock/country melody (with horns) that Cake is famous for. As always, lead singer John McCrea lends his stylistic "oh you, all right" to the end of his verses (now accompanied by the occasional "oh no").

Cake began in 1994 with "Motorcade of Generosity", and the single "Rock 'n Roll Lifestyle," which mocked the life of concert-goers world-wide. In 1996, Cake made it big with "The Distance," and, perhaps their most popular song so far, a cover of "I Will Survive," both from Fashion Nugget. Now in 1998, they've kept their style (all the way down to the album cover), and kept it all simple.

*Prolonging the Magic* has its own immediate smash hit in "Never There," a McCrea lost-love ballad. "Never There" features a telephone introduction and a funky background beat which make it one of the more experimental songs on the album. "Never There" has once again jump-started the band into mainstream radio, and held *Prolonging the Magic* as MTV's 120 Minutes Album of the Week for the last month.

As a whole, *Prolonging the Magic* is less melodically complex than "Never There." "Satan Is My Motor" exemplifies the Cake style (both in melody and lyrics) and has a seriousness underlying McCrea's wit. "Mexico" follows along the same lyric path, with McCrea contrasting "I had a match, but she had a lighter" and "You say you want me, but I have my doubts." This mixture of the inane and serious flows throughout Cake's third album. In "Guitar," McCrea explains "the way you treat me like the only / slightly brings me down a lot." "Sheep Go To Heaven" manages to take it to even another level. Its lyrics express a depressed state ("I'm not going to smile today / I'm not gonna laugh"), while the refrain is ultimately silly ("Sheep go to heaven / goats go to hell"), creating the perfect Cake contrast.

*Prolonging the Magic* also includes a few Cake-style absurd songs. "When You Sleep" analyzes where it is "your fingers go," when you fall asleep. "Let Me Go" is a love song gone crazy, where the woman involved explains "let me go, and I will want you more."

But, let's not forget Cake's serious side. In songs like "Where Would I Be?" and "Alpha Beta Parking Lot," McCrea attempts a serious, saddened tone, but only manages "as serious as Cake can get." Still, these songs shine in McCrea's "failure."

*Prolonging the Magic* is Cake as Cake's always been: simplistic, silly and downright good.

Tim Donohue

Afghan Whigs

1965

SonyMusic

★★ (out of five)

Eleven songs, forty-one minutes. Pre-release word regarding this album spun its release as the biggest thing since The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. I never cared for "Sgt. Pepper," so I hoped that this might be what the other wasn't. The first single, "Somethin' Hot" gave me my first disappointment.

Singer/scribe Greg Dulli's lyrics on this album's opening track establish an insulting tone which is felt throughout the entire album. The primary focus of the album seems to be Dulli's insatiable sexual desires and the might of his prowess. If one thing can drag down an album, it is lyrics so self-involved that they cause the listener mental and physical illness. Additionally, Dulli's narrative style is neither interesting nor original.

The Afghan Whigs might be a much better if they were to dump Dulli in pursuit of a less irritating lyricist. The album's music has a nice thick quality that holds solid throughout. The best music can be found on "66", "Citi Soleil", "Neglected" and "The Vampire Lanois."

Exactly what the connection between this album and its patron year is remains to be seen. It certainly fails to form a musical or lyrical connection to my ears. As far as the link to *Sgt. Pepper* is concerned, I have failed to find anything in this album either revolutionary or more than vaguely interesting. Those looking for a good dose of self loathing will do better to stay with Nick Cave.

Stuart Smith

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Generally speaking, when one thinks of ska music, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones almost always come to mind. Along with the Toasters and Let's Go Bowling, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones were one of the first American ska bands to make it big following the ska explosion in Britain. The Bosstones, Boston Natives, formed the band some 13 years ago and the rest is history.

After some five albums, three EPs, countless compilation appearances and years of non-stop touring, the Bosstones have become one of the most recognized and popular ska bands around. Their ska-core sounds—traditional horns with a heavy rock ‘n roll to punk sound has redefined ska music and influenced many of today’s punk and ska greats. Bands like Mustard Plug, 1120, the Voodoo Glow Skulls and MU-330 all list the Bosstones as a primary musical influence.

With the huge success of their album Let’s Face It, many expected the Bosstones’ follow-up album to be more of the same. For their eighth album, however, the Bosstones did not record a bunch of new studio tracks. Instead, Live from the Far East is a collection of 22 live songs recorded by the Bosstones over a five day stay at the Middle East nightclub in Boston last Christmas.

The album itself contains hits from all the Bosstones albums, including “Let’s Face It” as well as great songs from the Bosstones older albums like “More Noise,” “Other Disturbances” and “Devil’s Night Out.” Highlights of this album include a cover of the classic Angry Somin song “Light’s Out” as well as other Bosstones classics such as “Hope I never Lose My Wallet,” “Dr. D” and “Devil’s Night Out.” The album also has newer Bosstones hits like “Someday I Suppose” and “The Impression That I Get.”

Despite all the good things about this album, I think that it’s only average when compared to the other Bosstones albums: and below average when compared to other live recordings such as NOFX’s I Heard They Suck Live, The Urge’s Fat Babies In The Mix and Let’s Go Bowling’s 18 Lanes. Besides that, the album doesn’t capture the live sound of the Bosstones very well and all the songs have been edited to make the CD kiddy friendly. If you want to hear the Bosstones live, then you would be better off going to a Bosstones concert than buying this CD. I’m still a fan of the Bosstones, but think a would-be listener would be better off buying a few of the older Bosstones albums then buying this album.

Brian Kornmann

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Jackets stun Irish comeback

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

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Coach George O'Leary and Co. had another idea. O'Leary, Notre Dame's Coach of the Year, commanded his team to a 5-28 win, bashing a Notre Dame comeback.

"Anytime you win a bowl game, you go into the offseason on a positive note," O'Leary said.

O'Leary ended his season with a 10-2 record and establishing Georgia Tech as a reputable program. The Yellow Jackets jumped out to an early lead when quarterback Joe Hamilton pitched to tailback Joe Burns who then completed a 3-yard touchdown pass back to the quarterback. The play marked the first completion for Burns and the first reception for Hamilton.

Determined to quarterback his 10th win of the season, Jaurus Jackson marched his team down to the nine-yard line on his second offensive series since coming back from his knee injury. Then Anthony Denson worked his magic and got the Irish on the board, making the score tied at seven a piece. The drive was highlighted by the 33-yard Bobby Brown reception, marking Jackson's longest pass of the game.

"I thought it was a game where you waited for good things to happen," Georgia Tech's O'Leary said.

O'Leary didn't have to wait too long for more good to come in the second quarter. Georgia Tech built a two touchdown lead off of a nine-yard Hamilton pass to an open Mike Sheridan. The previous drive was capped by a two-yard Phillip Rodgers run.

"At some point, we had to stop them and we never did," Irish head coach Bob Davie said.

By half, the Georgia Tech attack amassed 250 yards on 40 carries. Notre Dame gained 129 yards on 28 carries. Overall, Davie evaluated the Irish's performance as poor. Determined not to go down in the fourth quarter, Georgia Tech's win with his second big play.

The Irish ended their season with a 9-3 record, which is the longest pass of the game.

This was the closest Notre Dame would come to dismissing Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket Dez White's 44-yard touchdown reception killed any Notre Dame momentum left at the end of the third quarter. As he boosted the team to a 28-20 lead.

Notre Dame attempted to rally off the Demon touchdown and two-point conversion early in the fourth quarter which tied the score.

As if the first touchdown wasn't enough, Georgia Tech's White scammed into the end zone in the fourth quarter on a 55-yard reception, sealing his team's win with his second big play.

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the class of 1999 struggled to finish its career with a bang. Georgia Tech appeared intent on lifting its program to new heights at the expense of the Irish, and managed to spoil Jackson's comeback. While split end Malcolm Johnson echoed the sentiments of many of his teammates, telling a group of reporters, "at Notre Dame there are no moral victories," the day's frustrations overshadowed some outstanding career-ending performances.

Since setting foot on campus in the fall of 1995, Autry Denson may have seen the farthest of any player. Beginning his career on special teams and as a cornerback, Denson moved to the offensive side of the ball, and never looked back. The school's all-time leading rushing attack was a mammoth effort and developing cohesion. "I think the program is in good hands with the coaches, the guys that are coming back," Rosenthal said of the future. "They are guys that know how to work, know how to win and how to get things done. They've had a taste of what it's like to be a part of that and we can't."

Denson spoke of sacrifice, commitment, and dedication to the weight room while Rosenthal discussed everyday effort and developing brotherhood. "This symbolizes the resurrection of the Georgia Tech program," Simson said.

"With this bowl game and this season, we've put together a lot of progress but it stings right now," Rosenthal said. "I think the program is in good hands with the coaches, the guys that are coming back," Rosenthal said of the future. "They are guys that know how to work, know how to win and how to get things done. They've had a taste of what it's like to be a part of that and we can't."

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Jordan
continued from page 1
anything else is speculation.'
And there's been a consider­
able amount of that ever since
Jordan hit the final, thrilling
shot in Game 6 of the NBA
Finals in Utah to lock up the
Bulls' sixth championship of the
decade. That speculation inten­
sified last week, when the NBA
players and owners reached a
settlement to end the six-month
lockout.
Jordan turns 36 next month.
The five-time league MVP led
the NBA in scoring 10 times and
sided last week, when the NBA
decade. That speculation inten­
1993, and says he accomplished every­
thing he wanted to in basketball and
planned to devote more time to his family. Instead, he
spent 1994 playing minor league
baseball for the Double-
A Birmingham Barons, a farm team of the Chicago White Sox.
The budding outfield prospect
left baseball in the spring of
1995, rather than get caught up
in another labor squabble between owners and players, and
returned to the game he loved.
While his skills were still con­
siderable, Jordan quickly learned he could no longer
dominate the game the way he once did. The Bulls were
knocked out of the postseason in the Eastern Conference semi­
finals by Orlando.
But then, just as he had in
every previous offseason, Jordan went back to work. He
added a nearly unstoppable fadeaway jump shot to his ar­
senal, and after a rigorous weight-training and condition­
program, he came back the next season better than ever.
The Bulls then set off on another three-peat that reigned
last June in Utah with Jordan
stealing the ball and making the
game-clinching shot in the final
seconds — one of the most
memorable sequences of his
memorable career.
It was precise­
ly the lack of off­
season work this
past summer that made many
of Jordan's teammates doubt he would return.
He prepares as well as any­
body but from all I hear, he's
been playing golf and going to
the Bahamas, teammate Steve
Kerr said recently. "Unless he's
working out in a hidden gym
somewhere down in the
Bahamas, I don't think he's
truly preparing to play."
Jordan had always vowed to
leave the game on top, and in
private moments, he would con­
fide that watching Willis Mays
against him, "If he's finished, we're the
ones who are at a loss, the fans who enjoyed him and the play­
ers who played with him and
against him," Suns owner Jerry
Colangelo said.
"But, Colangelo added,
there are several other fac­
tors that may have weighed on
his decision. Jordan fooled with
general manager Jerry Krause
for years and, at the end of the last season, when Phil Jackson
said he wouldn't return, Jordan
said he wouldn't play for anoth­
er coach.
During the summer, the Bulls hired former Iowa State coach
Tim Floyd and introduced him
at a news conference as the
team's vice president for bas­
ketball operations. But Floyd, a
longtime favorite of Krause,
was widely thought to be the
coach-in-waiting, and his hiring
may have further aggravated
Jordan's relationship with the
team.
For whatever reason, his
decision to retire leaves the
NBA in the lurch. Coming off a
divisive labor fight that left
fans more apathetic than angry,
Jordan was the one drawing card that could have helped the
league's popularity.
He refused to be labeled
the league's caretaker, but when he came back the first time, Jordan said
it was partly because he wanted to teach some of the younger
players how to comport them­
selves — both on the court and
off.
"If he's finished, we're the
ones who are at a loss, the fans who enjoyed him and the play­
ers who played with him and
against him," Suns owner Jerry
Colangelo said.
"I do believe the game is very
resilient. Having been in the
league for 32 years, I've seen
everything. But I've seen a
resurgence. I've noticed when
they were reel clips and when they were
packaged on sports programs, the league's popularity soared
along with the players.
Jordan also pulled players
salaries into the stratosphere as well. He made more than $30
million in each of the last two
seasons and players like Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin
Garnett rode his coattails to sell
over $100 million deals.
Last June, Fortune magazine
tated what it called "The
Jordan Effect," putting his
impact on the economy, since joining the NBA in 1984, at $10
billion. It calculated he sold an
extra $165 million in tickets for the league, and delivered an
extra $366 million in revenue
money from endorsements and
the sale of merchandise such as
jerseys, hats and posters.
Nike, among the most promi­
inent of the dozen or so compa­
nies who hired him as an
endorser, has sold more than
$2.6 billion in Jordan-related
products.
At the start of his career, the
team began a string of sell­
outs that reached 54 consecu­
tive games.
Irish stun top-ranked Sioux, climb to fourth in CCHA

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

After 1998 ended on a down note with four straight conference losses, the Notre Dame hockey team began the new year looking to get back on track. The only problem was, it had the daunting task of having to right the ship in the worst possible place. The Irish were in North Dakota against the top-ranked Fighting Sioux.

Furthermore, they would have to take on North Dakota minus defensemen Ryan Clark and left wing Dan Carlson. Clark's season ended prematurely on Dec. 23 when he underwent surgery to repair a dislocated shoulder; Carlson missed the series in North Dakota to play with the United States Junior National team.

In the first game against North Dakota, Notre Dame's first contest in nearly a month, the team came out flat. As a result, the Fighting Sioux put the game away early with three goals in the game's first 1:41. Notre Dame rushed 44-16 by the end of the 8-1 thrashing.

Following the first game, the previously ninth-ranked Irish found themselves in the aftermath of their fifth straight loss.

"We were down 3-0 a minute and forty seconds into the game," head coach Dave Poulin said. "We saw things we hadn't seen in two years. The question we all asked each other after the game was, 'Was it an aberration or wasn't it?'

"He [Coach Poulin] wanted some answers," senior captain Brian Urick said. "He thought we were intimidated by our number one ranking. They came out flying and we were caught standing around watching them."

Following the team's worst loss since January 1996, they had something to prove to themselves and to the nation.

The second game against North Dakota started out much like the first. At the 3:58 mark, the Fighting Sioux jumped out to a 1-0 lead after a power play goal by Jay Panzer, one of two power play goals on the night for North Dakota. As Brian Urick put it, the Irish were able to "weather the storm" as they entered the second period only down by one goal.

The second period started off right, as Urick managed to tie the game. Later in the second period, John Dwyer, David Hummel and Chad Chipchase each netted goals within a span of 3:15 to give the Irish a surprising three-goal lead.

"Coming into the weekend, both games were 'must-wins,'" said Urick. "We had less four straight in the league and we needed to get back on a roll. We came in thinking that anything less than four points would not be good enough."

As Carlson returned to the lineup, he made his presence felt early on as he set up sophomore Ryan Dolder's first period goal to give the Irish the early lead. After Bowling Green tied the game on the power play, senior defenseman Benoit Cotnoir scored what turned out to be the game-winner on the power play at the 10:43 mark of the second period.

Cotnoir also added an empty-netter to ice the game as the Irish cruised to a 4-1 road victory.

On Saturday night, Notre Dame played the Red Hawks of Miami (OH). With their 2-0 win, the Irish managed to remain unbeaten at home, with a record of 6-0-1. The Irish clearly dominated the play through the first two periods, but the game went scoreless into the second period despite Notre Dame's 29-11 shot advantage. Captain Urick's power play goal at 3:40 of the third period broke the scoreless tie, and junior Ben Simon's goal with just under four minutes to play iced the win.

The four conference points earned last weekend vaulted Notre Dame back into fourth place in the CCHA. If the Irish finish in the top four by season's end, they will earn home ice for the best-of-three first round series in the CCHA playoffs.

The Fighting Sioux scored a goal late in the second period and another one late in the third period. They never managed to tie the score, thanks to the brilliant play of the Irish defense and goaltender Forrest Karr, who finished the night with 32 saves on 38 shots.

Their forwards had great speed going wide and our defensemen played their angles well," said Urick. "Forrest made some great saves and he covered up the rebounds.

The win in North Dakota stands as the biggest win in the history of the Notre Dame hockey program, as it was the first time the Irish ever defeated a No. 1 team.

Following a short week of practice, the Irish resumed their conference schedule by finishing up a seven-game road swing in Bowling Green last Friday night.

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Freshman Murphy earns Big East rookie of the week

By ALAN WASILEWSKI
Sports Writer

It shouldn't come as a surprise that the Notre Dame basketball team has had an up and down month. The John MacLeod era has been filled with such moments in the last few years. The Irish now enter the portion of the schedule that will determine whether they can continue the solid play they have shown at times or begin the familiar chant of "wait till next year."

As the Irish still try to come to grips with the loss of the season last year against Syracuse on Dec. 29, and the Notre Dame win streak came to an end in a hard-fought battle 75-63. The Orange men held Murphy to just five points, but fellow freshman David Graves picked up some of the scoring punch with 15 points.

The win streak was over but the Irish would continue their solid play for at least one more game. Pittsburgh came to visit on January 5th and Notre Dame dominated them 87-64. It was one of the biggest Irish victories since they joined the conference and the immediate future looked bright with beatable Villanova next on the schedule. The match-up seemed to favor Notre Dame, but the let-downs didn't stop there. Murphy has been named Big East rookie of the week five times during a freshman season.

Unfortunately, Murphy had one of his worst games of the season against Syracuse at home, beat Providence on the road, and easily handled Eastern Kentucky, Stetson, and Seton Hall. Francis in N.Y. at the JACC during break.

Freshman Troy Murphy established himself as one of the best players in the Big East during the win streak. His 20 point performance in his first Big East road game at Providence tied a conference record by Allen Iverson in 1994. Murphy broke another record by scoring 30 against Pittsburgh, becoming the first freshman in Big East history to score 30 points in two games during a freshman season. The impressive resume doesn't stop there. Murphy has been named Big East rookie of the week five times since the season began.

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Last night, the Irish sought to build on their success in Miami as they took on No. 1 Connecticut. It was the second time this season that Notre Dame has faced a top-ranked opponent. Duke beat Notre Dame 111-82 in the Great Alaska Shootout on Nov. 26. Notre Dame once had a proud track record against number one teams. The Irish have beaten the top-ranked team in the Associated Press poll on nine occasions, two more times than any other school.

Could Notre Dame pull off another classic upset? They started off foured and ready. The UConn full-court press was being broken, and the Irish hung with the Huskies until just before half-time. Trail by 14 but not out of the game, the last 2.7 seconds sucked the hopes of the Irish.

The ball held the ball on their own endline and attempted a full-court pass. The ball sailed out of bounds and UConn was given the ball under their own basket.

Wyche was whistled for a holding call on All-American Richard Hamilton who was awarded two shots because the Irish had committed ten fouls. Notre Dame assistant coach Fran McCaffery was assessed a technical foul for arguing the call on Wyche.

Hamilton stroked all four free throws and to throw salt in the wound, Kahild El-Amin drilled a three pointer at the buzzer to put the Huskies up 21 points.

Notre Dame was out of it after half-time. UConn would eventually build the lead up to 25 points, the Irish were in double digits, they couldn't stand up to the game.

The Irish have flashed the ability to be one of the best in the Big East. They are now 9-8 overall with a 3-3 record in the conference. The Irish have their signature bounce-back in a grudge match at Villanova on Saturday.

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Irish enter rest of the season with new resolutions

By ANTHONY BIANCO
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Despite faltering in the Big East throughout December, the Irish came into 1999 with a new set of resolutions.

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad turned a 1-2 start in the Big East — with losses to Connecticut and Boston College and needed a last-second shot by Danielle Green to down Villanova 63-62 for their only win — into a three-game win streak to slide them up to fourth-place in the conference standings.

"The sign of a good team is how they respond to a loss," said McGraw after the 93-61 win at Georgetown on Jan. 2. "I think we responded today." The Irish responded to the 78-65 upset at Boston on Dec. 30 with a bang against the Hoyas, ushering in a return to the dominant game they began the season with. Team captain Sheilla McMillen started things right for the Irish. A 6-of-8 performance from 3-point range helped her pickup 22 points as the Irish led from start to finish at a 93-61 finish.

Green and McMillen combined a game later on Jan. 7 against West Virginia in one of the highest scoring offenses Notre Dame has ever played. Green led with a career-high 28 with McMillen right behind with 26 as the 111 points the team scored was just two points short of setting a school record for points in a game.

A bigger, faster, more dominant Irish squad not only out played Georgetown but also its last two opponents at home, with sophomore Ruth Riley leading the way and earning honors for it. The 6-foot-5 center's performance against West Virginia and Providence, gave her this week's Big East player of the week honors. After starting the new year with just 13 points against Georgetown, the sophomore raised her game in the last two, averaging 29.5 points and 10 rebounds.

Riley's biggest cut of the spotlight came last Sunday against a Providence team playing without their leading scorer, 6-foot-5 Danni Trippa, who has missed most of this season with a stress fracture. Without their leading scorer, the Friars lacked the power to stop Riley, who amassed a career-high 36 points on route to her seventh double-double of the season along with the 13 boards she pulled in.

"With the size advantage," said Riley after her career game. "My teammates were looking for me more and they gave it to me more the whole game." The stretch began on Dec. 32 with the Irish counting on another player to step up and literally put the game in the basket. Green's shot with just 15.7 seconds on the clock allowed the Irish to tie a game that Villanova succeeded in slowing down the quick-paced Irish attack. Despite that, Green finished with 18 points and McMillen added another 12 to the Irish cause.

Coming off of the Connecticut game played just days before in which both teams relied on a fast-paced sprint up and down the court to win, the Wildcats caught Notre Dame off guard with its gameplan. "With Connecticut, we expected a fast-paced game, and against Villanova, we knew they wanted to slow down the game a lot," said McMillen. "It's kind of hard to get our game going because we like the fast-paced game."

McGraw's team succeeded in handling its next two opponents on the road, South Florida (83-63) and Michigan State (75-64) before ending 1998 without a ring at Boston. After the Eagles came out to a 9-2 start, they never looked back, leading by as much as 16 in the second half.

With the week off until their next game, a conference matchup at Pittsburgh this Saturday, the Irish are looking towards the new year momentum. The Irish will concentrate on improving their defense as they begin a stretch of four road games in their next five.
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Gemini (May 21-June 20): Love is mounting, situations are confusing you, and problems involving the right person are evident. Take three steps back and look at the attributes both potential mates offer.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Let me be straight with you. The worst is yet to come. You will be appreciated for your efforts. Consider what you want.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Once you are over your concern today, you will have a tendency to overwork. Don't turn money or possessions over to others. Don't take on other people's responsibilities or make promises you can't possibly keep.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO

For six months, Michael Jordan teased, taunted and tantalized a nation awaiting his answer.

At last, he appears to have one.

The greatest player in NBA history and the most popular athlete since Muhammad Ali is expected to announce his retirement Wednesday, a source with close ties to the NBA told The Associated Press on Monday night. The Bulls scheduled a news conference for noon EST Wednesday. If so, it would be the second time in five years that Jordan has walked away from the game.

"I knew Michael wasn't coming back," Bulls free agent Dickey Simpkins said today at the team's training site in Deerfield. "He dropped hints last season and last summer that this would probably be his last go-around."

"Ending on top was how he wants to do it and that's about the best way you can do it."

Just as with Jordan's first retirement, a number of factors — his age, a picture-perfect ending to last season, a fractured beginning for this one — appear to have influenced his decision. And just like last time, Jordan could change his mind and return at some point.

"We look forward to seeing him sometime in late March when he makes his return again in Market Square Arena," Pacers coach Larry Bird said.

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