Students, administrators and ROTC representatives attended the tri-military Veteran’s Day Retreat Ceremony Thursday at Stonehenge.
Groovy activism

Despite the many ideological differences between people on this campus, most of us agree to disagree with the conditions of many U.S. factories in foreign countries, affecting workers known as sweatshop workers. While our objections might have different reasons behind them, we would all like to see safer, more humane treatment of sweatshop workers. It's only logical to therefore question the role of the University with regards to the products of Notre Dame clothing and other products purchased at Notre Dame clothing and other products purchased by the University. The administration has a hand in the decision, one that will involve really nice guys with business know-how. Even Ben and Jerry and Jerry's, as well as the activists rightfully protested Notre Dame's role and called for monitoring the University. Now the administration is said to be part in a monitoring agreement with the Fair Labor Association, with monitoring by — guess — PricewaterhouseCoopers. You can imagine how much this steamed many activists, who do not trust corporations in the first place.

Thrice homemade bombs explode at MSU

Nine homemade bombs were found outside of Phillips Residence Hall at Michigan State University Wednesday morning. Three of the bombs exploded some time between 11 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to Police Detective Tony Willis said. The bombs did not injure anyone, Willis said. He explained that the bombs allegedly were constructed with household chemicals in 2-ounce plastic Gatorade bottles. A Philips resident discovered the bombs in the courtyard between Philips and the connecting Snyder Residence Halls. A staff member in Philips then informed MSU Police of the exploration.

The police arrived at the scene Wednesday at 5 a.m. with the Michigan State Police bomb squad, which operates out of Lansing. MSU Police evacuated residents living in the basement and the first floor of the residence whose rooms were adjacent to the courtyard.

Wills said police have no suspects, but he explained that MSU Police will first focus its investigation on Philips residents and expand from there. In addition to determining what chemicals were used to make the bombs, MSU Police are attempting to identify a suspect by using fingerprints found on the bottles.

Hate slurs found at Dartmouth

Hanover, N.H.

The Hanover Police and Safety and Security are investigating a string of anti-Semitic slurs repeatedly discovered on a student's door in Topliff residence hall over the past two weeks. At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, a Topliff resident discovered the slur "KKK, Kill Konner Eykees" written with a dry-erase marker on the message board of Charles Gussow — the undergraduate advisor of first-floor Topliff. On Tuesday, Gussow returned from his morning class to find the phrase "Hitler was a great man" written on his board. On Saturday, Oct. 30, two other Topliff residents discovered the slur "Jews Suck" on Gussow's board. Following the discovery in October, Gussow — who is Jewish — contacted Safety and Security, who began investigating the incident. Safety and Security notified the police on the afternoon of the second incident, and both departments are currently conducting independent — though cooperative — investigations. No suspects have been charged in the incidents, and it is not yet determined whether the three incidents are related.

Students to pay $1,400 for food fight

A damage bill of $1400 was given to the Hall Presidents' Council by University Food Services to cover expenses for a food fight in which 800 Notre Dame students participated. The bill was to cover the cost of broken dishes, wasted food and paying employees to clean up. No matter how the bill was divided it all came from the student body, said student body vice president Laurie Brink.

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

Student Union ticket office robbed

November 15, 1972

A robbery cost the Student Union over $200 in cash. A $1500 check was also taken, but it was cancelled. There were no suspects. The money was taken from a desk during office hours and the door was not locked.

Jim Schneid of the Student Union said that they had narrowed the time of theft to a 15-20 minute period between 3 and 4 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Three homemade bombs explode at MSU

Any suspect found guilty of making the bombs could be charged with a felony offense of possession and creation of an explosive device, which carries a minimum sentence of four years in prison.

Mohamed Pedram, who lives on the second floor of Phillips near the courtyard, said the bombs were "horrible, like gimmicks." Phillips resident Ashley Dehr said the idea that the bombs were placed in the courtyard, where many students often play football, concerns her. "It doesn't make us feel safe," Dehr said. "It makes us have to be more careful."

Wills said yesterday's discovery is not connected to prior incidents at Phillips. On Oct. 20, a female student at Phillips was assaulted when a man tried to force her into an unlocked residence hall room.

HATE SLURS FOUND AT DARTMOUTH

When Branford senior Gregory Norris last saw his mother and father, on Parents' Weekend in mid-October, he was anxious about what he was going to do when he graduated. He was unsure about his future. His father suggested he travel or perhaps join the Peace Corps to help collect his thoughts about how he wants to spend the rest of his life. "His time at Yale slipped by a lot quicker than he thought it would," his father, Jerry Norris, said from his home in Omaha, Neb. Perhaps Norris has taken his father’s advice to heart. The economics major, who was running since Halloween and although friends say he may have considered harming himself, they said this week they feel he will return eventually. "Something just snapped and he ran away," his father said. "Kids do that sometimes." School officials confirmed Wednesday that whatever has happened to Norris he has done to himself and has not been the victim of a crime. "I hope he picks up the phone and calls someone, but until then it's all on his terms," said his sister Carrie Norris, a sophomore at the University of Arizona.
The labs — developed mainly for at-risk students without access to extensive science equipment — are taught jointly by a professor and Saint Mary's biology and chemistry students. The labs, held weekly, have taught students everything from how a frog's heart beats to how many calories are in a pound.

"Because they're so excited about everything, it helps us realize why we're doing science," said junior Christine Diana, a teaching assistant.

"It gives them the chance to do things they don't normally do, like performing hands-on experiments with common, everyday things they can relate to," she said.

The grant comes from Ely Lilly, an Indiana-based drug company. Ely Lilly had a substantial profit from the sale of Prozac and wanted to use the money to help Indiana students. The company's main goal was to get Indiana residents in college and keep them in Indiana after graduation. The students from St. Adelbert's are seventh and eighth graders who come on Thursday mornings to learn chemistry, see the College and even enjoy dining hall lunches.

"We don't have this much science equipment at school," said junior Emily Coehle, a teaching assistant. "It's amazing how far they've come," agreed junior Emily Koehle, a teaching assistant.

"William [a St. Adelbert's student] said to me, 'Why do our experiments get easier every week? I told him that they were understanding it so much better,'" she said. "They love it. They have so much fun."

"The labs are not the only facet of this endowment. As part of the outreach, the Saint Mary's community hopes to get as many students and teachers involved as possible."

During the summer, Saint Mary's hosts the Saint Mary's Science Teacher Institute. One- and two-week sessions are held to introduce elementary school teachers to new scientific curricula and experiments they can use in their classrooms.

Denise McCarthy, Joseph Bellina and Doris Watt, professors from the College, ran the sessions this summer. The elementary school teachers performed college-level experiments as well as experiments they could use in their classrooms. At the end of the sessions, each teacher received a kit of materials and tests valued at $300.

"What we wanted to do was to make [the teachers] be in the exact position their students would be in to create empathy for them and an understanding of what this science-based inquiry is," McCarthy said.

"This is showing them, especially through mentoring, seeing the professors and the TAs, that You could do this."

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World News Briefs

Compromise plan rejected

Belfast

Northern Ireland's major British Protestant party, narrowly voted Thursday against a compromise package designed to make the Good Friday peace accord work. The Ulster Unionists' second 14-13 vote marked a severe setback at a critical moment for Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, who has spent the past two weeks trying to salvage the party's confrontation with the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party. The weekend was a triumph for American diplomat George Mitchell, who held on to a conciliatory but noncommittal statement offered by the Irish Republican Army. According to Ulster Unionists sources, the ousted group's statement expressed commitment to its 1997 cease-fire but made no overt promise to disarm as the Ulster Unionists have long demanded. Talks among Mitchell, Trimble and Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams resumed after the vote.

Banner doesn't fly with NAACP

Columbia

The NAACP stood firm in its plan to boycott South Carolina until the Confederate battle flag is removed from the Statehouse dome, snubbing the governor who offered to fight for a bill. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday may be in jeopardy on accounts of the boycott. The boycott will begin with the new year and "will be augmented by other action as necessary," the NAACP said in a written statement. At least 60 groups have canceled conventions and meetings in the state since the boycott was announced. South Carolina is the only state to fly the rebel banner above its Capitol. It's opponents maintain the banner is a symbol of racism and slavery. Supporters say it represents Southern heritage. Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges proposed the holiday-for-boycott swap Wednesday during an Equal Opportunity Day banquet.

Afgan men protest U.N.

Islamabad, Pakistan

Scores of Afghan men rallied against the United Nations and the United States Thursday in a second day of protests against pending economic sanctions, officials said. Bearded men shouted slogans in the capital of Herat province Tuesday, condemning U.N. sanctions, which will go into effect Sunday unless the Taliban religious army turns over suspected terrorists. Osama bin Laden had gathered local support for the demonstration. The demonstrations were also held in the western town of Farah and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst were also held in the western town of Farah. The Taliban and U.N. staff in the eastern town of Khowst.
South Bend-bound plane crashes

Associated Press

A small plane carrying three passengers crashed into Lake Michigan immediately after takeoff Thursday, aviation officials said.

Divers were searching the submerged plane for survivors late Thursday. It crashed upon departure from Meigs Field, a single-runway airport near Chicago's Loop.

The King Air 200 twin-engine turbo prop went into the water at about 8:30 p.m., a Coast Guard petty officer said.

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Memories are created to serve many purposes, good and bad, said Steve Stern in a lecture Thursday. Memories fluctuate, tear down, unify and settle, he said.

Stern, who hails from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, visited Notre Dame to speak about the image of Chile under the Pinochet regime.

"Memories are a process. They are the bridges that people build with the past," Stern said.

This process, which started in 1973 when the Pinochet regime came into power and continued until he stepped down in 1998, has resulted in many conflicting aspects of the period.

Stern pointed to three divisions of this time period, which each represent different ways of thinking about the past.

"Between 1973 and 1983, in the 10 years following the military coup, emblematic memories were tried out and pushed into military memory," Stern said. "This conflict makes reconciling past and future very difficult for the people of Chile."

"How many of these crises of memory can the culture withstand while making their democratic transition?" he asked.

The nature of memory and the different ways of viewing the past have created a paradox in Chilean culture, he said. The people create an ordinary, tranquil, amnesia-ridden culture where the truth and tumult of the past are denied. A few weeks later there is a massive convulsion of the people in reaction to factual memory, he added.

"Methodologically, it's the human performance, the reactions that give us our picture of Pinoche's Chile," Stern said.

Stern's lecture, "The Memory Box of Pinoche's Chile: Truth Struggles and the Age of Politicize," 1973-1998, was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute.

Alumnae provide career advice

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

As a small women's liberal arts college, Saint Mary's College offers the advantage of strong alumnae relations with students.

"Alumna networking is very valuable," said director of Alumni Relations Bath Heery. "Although we don't have a percentage, we know a good number of students get a job through an alumna." Researchers say the benefits of working with a small college.

The interaction with alumnae is particularly helpful for a college looking for a comfortable start-up base, but also companies of alumnae looking for qualified graduates.

"It's extremely important because students feel comfortable with alumnae and are familiar with Saint Mary's and can give the information and support that comes with alumnae activity," said Jeanine Searfoss, associate, Crowe Chink and Company LLP.

"Ambition plays a big part in it. Don't stress for the good job you want," said Joanne Searfoss, an associate for Goldstein and Company LLP. "We have that well-rounded student who is interested in interacting with the community.

"I believe that the alumnae took a genuine interest in the concerns of the attending students and provided them with useful advice," said student Shanice Jackson, who helped organize the panel. "The alumnae did an excellent job of providing interested students with insight as to what they encountered upon graduating and entering the work force as well as things they encountered after starting out in the job field.

The alumnae spoke about the importance of good communication, persistence and responsibility. When entering the work force, speakers advised students to set priorities and to stay involved with activities outside of work.

"You can have an academic degree, but it takes more than that to be successful," said Joanne Searfoss, an associate for Crowe Chink and Company LLP. "Ambition plays a big part in it. Don't stress for the job you want."

"I would say in order to be successful, you need to first realize what success means to you," said Erin Emig, who works with AIDS Ministries. "You have to have ambition and perseverance. No one is going to hand it to you."

"I think it's important to contact as many people as possible when investigating a certain job," saidתח "try to get interviews and try and contact alumnae," said Howe, who works for Lilly and Company.

"The Counseling & Career Development Center is working hard on this," said Pelic. "We have alumnae who are excellent in writing and communication skills.

"We have a small roundness that some other colleges lack," Pelic said.

Many students, as well feel that alumnae interactions are helpful. Jen Pelic, a 1999 graduate of Saint Mary's, now works for Arthur Andersen and accounting and consulting firm. Since Arthur Andersen works directly with Saint Mary's, she did not have to contact alumnae about the job.

Instead, when they found out about the job, they were interested in working for the company, the alumnae contacted her.

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Celebrate a friend’s 21st with a birthday ad.
Wedding trial key to Church future

♦ United Methodist Church charges minister for marrying gay couple

By KEVIN OHANION Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — As the Rev. Jimmy Creech prepares to be tried a second time by the United Methodist Church for performing a gay marriage, many feel the future of the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination hangs in the balance. "It is not about me. It's about principle," Creech said. "The issue is expected to be decided Creech's fate this time by the United Methodist Church rules.

The issue is expected to be debated at the annual General Conference of the denomination, which is to meet next year in Cleveland. The conference includes clergy and lay delegates from across the nation, and is the body that sets church policy. "It's going to be a very critical time by the United Methodist Church," said Rev. Kathryn Johnson, of the Methodist Federation for Social Action in Washington D.C. Creech said he will defend himself this time around. "If we don't have it, you can't get it!' "The trial is an act of violence against gay and lesbian people." Creech said his supporters say that if the church does not become more open to gays and lesbians, it may lose as many as 9.5 million members who could leave, possibly forming a new denomination. "It's almost impossible that someone is going to be gone," said Bishop Joel Martinez. "The other side has been saying the church is going to be great — you have to go." Creech said he did not plan on leaving church either. "This is the time by the United Methodist Church," said Creech. "The issue is expected to be considered by the church's General Conference, which is to meet next year in Cleveland. The conference includes clergy and lay delegates from across the nation, and is the church that sets policy. "It's going to be a very critical time by the United Methodist Church," said Rev. Kathryn Johnson, of the Methodist Federation for Social Action in Washington D.C. Creech agreed. "If the General Conference does not begin to change the church's rules, then a whole lot of people are going to be leaving. That's going to be a very critical time by the United Methodist Church," Creech said. "We believe it's wrong to deny rights to gays and lesbians, the Church's Social Principles state: 'We affirm the sanctity of the marriage covenant that is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment and the commitment between a man and a woman. The trial is an act of violence against gay and lesbian people.'"
Officials agree on Medicare increase

WASHINGTON

An agreement reached by White House and negotiators on $11 billion in Medicare payment increases for health care providers includes provisions that would also impact the pocketbooks of some beneficiaries.

As hospital outpatient depart­

ments get extra money from Medicare under the deal, for example, there would be a new limit on the out-of-pocket costs that beneficiaries must pay for outpatient tests or surgery.

For people who have big bills it could be an important change," said Patricia Smith, a lobbyist for the AARP, the nation's largest organization of older adults.

Medicare hospital outpatient copayments currently vary, often exceeding the standard 20 percent that beneficiaries pay for most other services. That disparity was already scheduled to be fixed, with the government gradually paying more over the next few decades.

Under a tentative agreement reached Wednesday by lawmakers, outpatient copayments also would immediately be limited to the same amount as the deductible for inpatient hospital care, $776 in 2000.

Details are still being worked out, but lawmakers have dis­

cussed a July 1 date for the change to take effect.

Another part of the overall Medicare deal would lift annual caps on Medicare's rehabilita­

tion therapy coverage.

The annual caps — a com­

bined $1,500 for physical and speech therapy and a separate $1,500 for occupational therapy — took effect this year and have created financial hardship for some elderly and disabled patients whose needs quickly exceeded the limits.

Under the agreement, the caps would be lifted for two years while a study of patient needs is conducted.

Other changes with a direct impact on beneficiaries include extended coverage of anti-rejec­

tion drugs used after organ transplants and increased pay­

ments for Pap smears to ensure that women covered by Medicare have access to the lat­

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The agreement comes after months of heavy lobbying by caregivers, who argued that changes imposed by Congress in 1997 to help balance the federal budget have put too big a squeeze on the fees they get to care for the elderly and disabled.

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Gore uses holiday for U.S. leadership push

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Warned about isolationist trends sweeping through Congress, Vice President Al Gore is using the holiday season to sharpen his position as the Democratic presidential nominee.

Gore uses holiday for American leadership push

In his Christmas Day speech, Gore laments increased military spending, new congressional caps on Medicare and what he argued were troubling trends in Congress.

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Group works with farmers to become ‘Partners in Progress’

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FARGO, N.D.

It started as a challenge to his neighbors over a cup of coffee eight years ago. Sitting around a table at a morning prayer group, Levan Nelson told his friends they needed to do something to help struggling farmers.

“There were four or five farm families in our area that were looking at going out of business and I said, ‘We've got to help them. What do we do?’” Nelson said.

The challenge in 1991 soon became Partners in Progress, a nonprofit group of farmers who volunteer their time — and often their own cash — to help other farmers stay afloat.

“We've had an amazing amount of success,” said Nelson, a full-time Mayville farmer who also works at two area banks. “I think it has a lot to do with the fact that the people who provide most of the help understand the tremendous need others have at a certain time in their life.”

Since its inception, he says, Partners in Progress has helped more than 240 farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota turn their operations around, saving several dozen farmers from foreclosure.

Like state agricultural mediation services, Partners in Progress works with farmers to help them better manage their farms. Those who can afford to pay for the services are expected to do so.

But Partners in Progress goes far beyond what a farmer would get from mediation services. Its roots deep in the spiritual beliefs of its founders, the group seeks out farmers who can afford to help those in desperate need of financial assistance.

In eight years, other farmers — often total strangers — have loaned their own money or co-signed for loans totaling more than $2.8 million.

“They're putting themselves on the line often for total strangers,” Nelson said. “They're putting up money they've earmarked toward retirement and other things.

“That's really miraculous is that of all that money farmers have loaned, they've not lost a penny,” Nelson said. “Not one farmer has missed a payment.”

What the non-denominational group expects in return is simple.

“When you get back on your feet, you're expected to make your own contribution,” he said. “As proof that this type of thing works, the people who receive the help are very anxious once they're on their feet to offer help themselves.”

Three years ago, four different farmers came together through the program to help Arnie Woodbury, who farms near Wyndmere. “I was overextended,” he said, “too much in debt, couldn't pay my bills.”

He met with Nelson, who recognized that Woodbury had potential to be a profitable producer but needed help turning his finances around.

“We make the money available to the ones we think can be turned around,” Nelson said. “We're not going to throw good money after bad.”

The organization found two farmers to co-sign bank loans that Woodbury couldn't get on his own because of his debts. “One guy I sold a bull through 20 years ago came forward and co-signed a loan,” he said.

Two others loaned their own money directly to Woodbury at low or no interest.

The program, Woodbury said, gave him the chance he needed. Woodbury continues to pay the loans back and has joined Partners in Progress as the president of the board of directors, doing his part to help others.
'Old Sparky' under siege

Associated Press

STARKE, Fla. Florida lawmakers, who have an almost religious devotion to the state's electric chair, may try to protect "Old Sparky" from a U.S. Supreme Court review by giving condemned inmates the option of death by lethal injection.

Ghoulish images of executions in Florida's electric chair have led the nation's high court to consider whether the state's method of execution is cruel and unusual punishment.

The court is scheduled to hear arguments in Florida, where Florida House Speaker John Thrasher, a Republican, has said if the state gives death row inmates a choice, the Supreme Court may drop the case.

When the court agreed to consider the constitutionality of California's gas chamber a few years ago, it dropped the review when the state added the lethal injection option. Lawmakers are even considering calling a special legislative session to address the issue.

The electric chair, which has been used in Florida to execute 240 men and one woman over 75 years, carries a deeper meaning than other forms of execution, said Deborah Denn, a Fordham University professor and death penalty researcher.

"Execution methods are symbols of bigger things. The electric chair is a symbol of retribution and extreme vengeance," Denn said. "The electric chair is 'death penalty plus.'"

Electric chair opponents cite several examples of what they consider "botched" executions in the last decade. Flames shot from the top of Jesse Tafero's head in 1990 and from behind the face mask of Pedro Medina in 1997. Photographs taken in July of Allen Lee Davis showed a large blood stain covering his white burial shirt.

Pictures of Davis' swollen, bloodied face taken after his execution were posted to the Florida Supreme Court's Web site, resulting in more than a million visits. The Davis pictures are evidence in the Supreme Court appeal.

Old Sparky was replaced before the Davis execution with a new chair that, like the 1920s original, is made of oak and has the same electrical system.

New rules alter organ allocation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Controversial new rules changing the way scarce organs are allocated for transplant will take effect by January under an agreement reached by the Clinton administration and members of Congress who originally hoped to delay the changes.

The rules issued by the Department of Health and Human Services would force the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the transplant system, to send organs to the sickest patients first, no matter where they live.

The current system is hobbled largely on geography and supported by many transplant centers whose lucrative programs depend on locally donated organs.

The network and its allies have strenuously fought the changes since they were first proposed nearly two years ago. But now the network plans to go along with the new rules — and propose a new way to distribute donated livers by early next year.

"We're prepared to honor the time frames and the provisions of the regulation," network spokesman Joel Newman said Thursday.

Without congressional action, the new rules would take effect next week. Under the agreement struck late Wednesday, they will take effect after 21 days of public comment and another 21 days for HHS to review those comments.

The clock will begin once the spending law is enacted, possibly as soon as next week, meaning the regulation would take effect near the end of December or in early January.

The agreement was struck late Wednesday after HHS Secretary Donna Shalala came to Capitol Hill to personally press the case and make clear that she would not budge. She was backed in the negotiations by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who represents transplant programs in Pittsburgh that are likely to benefit from the new rules.

But the key, participants said, was Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., who chairs the Appropriations subcommittee that governs HHS. Porter now supports the HHS plan after vigorously opposing it last year. He changed his mind after Illinois got into a nasty dispute with Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas over Wisconsin's neighbors did not want to share their livers with Illinois, even for the sickest of the patients, as the network had promised.

"The dispute prompted Illinois state officials and transplant centers to change their position and support the HHS rule, and Porter followed suit," Rep. David Obey, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, also was backing the wishes of his home state of Wisconsin in trying to stop the regulation. He said Porter's switch made that impossible.

"The White House wasn't going to give, Shalala wasn't going to give, so we lost," Obey said Thursday.

Originally, the regulations were supposed to take effect last year, but Congress delayed them twice. Last month, HHS hoped to address some of the concerns by issuing revisions making it clear that organs would not be wasted by being shipped coast-to-coast or futilely transplanting them into dying patients.

However, the new version still gives the HHS secretary ultimate power to approve or veto any allocation scheme, and it still requires an overhaul of the current system.

But the fight isn't really over. Legislation pending in the House could strip HHS of most of its authority to oversee the transplant network, and if it became law, it could nullify these new rules.

Shalala has said she would work with the House. Also, Louisiana has tried to stop the HHS regulations in court in a case that could be revived. South Carolina has threatened a lawsuit as well.
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**Schools that bar ROTC keep aid**

**By MIKE WERESCHAGIN**

**MINNEAPOLIS**

A recent change in a federal budget provision allows colleges and universities to bar ROTC units and military recruiters from their campuses without fear of losing federal student aid. But officials say it is unlikely the University of Minnesota will act on the change and remove military staff or programs from campus.

The military recruitment provision was tucked onto the U.S. Department of Defense fiscal-2000 budget late October. It nullifies the most controversial part of the Solomon Amendment of 1996. The amendment required federal agencies to cut all funding to colleges and universities that bar military recruiting from their campuses.

Under the new provision, federal student aid is no longer at risk. Federal research grant money, however, can still be refused to colleges that violate the federal policy.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., added the language to the spending bill because he said ratification of the Solomon Amendment as it stood was a mistake.

"Punishing students for a university's policy is completely unfair," Frank said. "In most cases, they have very little say in how their college deals with military recruiting."

A spokesman for retired Congressman Gerald R.H. Solomon said the amendment author was pleased the correction was made last month. He added that the original budget stipulation was never intended to punish students for a college's actions.

Entire FAFSA available on Internet

**By TINA HONG**

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.**

A Department of Education plan is encouraging more college students to apply for financial aid online by enabling students to send in their entire Free Application for Federal Student Aid form electronically.

Tony Starks, Federal Student Aid representative from the Department of Education, said that although the online FAFSA form has been available for four years, this is the first year electronic signatures could be used to fill out the application completely online.

The new Electronic Access Code can be used by applicants as a personal identification number acting as a signature.

University Financial Aid Director Yvonne Hubbard said that previously online applicants "still had to print out a signature page, sign it and send it out."

Hubbard said the University's Office of Financial Aid advocates online financial applications for a variety of reasons.

"The key here is that the online financial aid applications make it very fast," she said. "The paper FAFSA took four to six to eight weeks to process because the information was keyed in. "Sometimes the information was written in incorrectly. Online, it is incredibly accurate and edits can be made right there," she added.

"This is all part of making financial aid easier to apply for. This is a response by the Department of Education to expectations of today's students," she said.

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Interviews November 16th
Live each day as if it were your last

The recent death of my friend Father Robert Griffin coupled with such tragic and sudden incidents like the crashes of Egyptair 990 and the Mexican Tensa flight have made this November’s Thanksgiving season an introspective one. What must we do for those loved ones if they had one more chance to speak to them?

I regret that I have not spoken to Father Griffin for years. I can only wonder what I might have said had I seen him during my visits this past football season. I can barely speculate about what we said when last we spoke years ago. I had a few opportunities in the past few years, but did not venture across the quad to greet him when our paths crossed. Now that “Griff” is gone forever, I will never be able to share a story with him about my dog, Potamus, or tell him of my experiences in the past few years, but did not contemplate the event and was ready for the news every time the phone rang at some strange hour. Some of my college friends had met her and felt her energy. She had “brown sugar.”

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Capital Comments

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Injustice sentence tests legal system

Under the heading, “Taliban’s abuse of women’s rights is not peace” columnist Nakasha Ahmad (The Observer, Nov. 11, 1999) gave a wrong picture of what I had said. In my presentation on Oct. 29 at the Heinz Center concerning the coup in Pakistan, Ahmad attributed that I am supporting the policies of Taliban in Afghanistan vis-a-vis the women population of that country. To put the record straight, while expressing my views about the Taliban rule in Afghanistan I had said that, “we tend to overlook the situation in Afghanistan while undermining the fact that since 1995 till the present, more than 90 percent of Afghanistan which is under the control of Taliban is peaceful.”

I was trying to prove the fact that, unlike when the Soviet troops had occupied Afghanistan and in the post-Soviet withdrawal period when infighting among warring Afghan factions had played havoc by killing millions of Afghans, one can see peace and stability in that country.

Whether the peace is the “peace of the grave” like a good death was not discussed by me. To be precise, I was simply narrating the fact that Afghanistan of today is more peaceful than it was couple of years ago.

Similarly, I did not discuss the issue of the violations of human rights or the rights of women by the ruling Taliban. Moreover, in my presentation I had made it clear that I don’t support the policies of Taliban, particularly those implemented by them against religious minorities and women.

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The days of saying that women
Everyone uses restrooms. But not everybody has the pleasure of using nice restrooms. Yes, not all bathrooms are nice.

The male perspective: Best and worst of restrooms at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

There is one sure-fire way to revive a lagging conversation on this campus, at least among men: "Football?" you might say. Maybe. I shrug. "Ah, that is the question, say I, and the answer is simple. Restrooms."

From the youngest of freshmen, to the most ancient member of the administration, there is a common thread that weaves between us all, and it all lands squarely in the toiler.

I know, I realize, that many are reading this and thinking, "Oh that is just gross. This is just beyond worse reading. What is Cappy Gagnon going to think about this?"

And maybe you're right. Maybe you're right. But maybe you're wrong.

You see, the restroom is something so much larger than it initially seems. The restroom holds the mirror up to the world and says, "This is who you are! This is who you value!" and sometimes, "This is what we want to look over at the toilet paper holder and read that some stranger is, "Hot to lick low-hangers.""

The Best at Saint Mary's

You are over at Saint Mary's, you are a man, and you need to go real bad. Pardon, you are largely out of luck, but if you do have to choose, I suggest that you head over to the first floor of the Moreau Center for the Performing Arts. Plenty of spacious stalls and numerous sinks, and an adjoining room designed for changing clothes and applying stage makeup, should the need arise. Not a great restroom, but believe me, you can do horrendously worse.

The Worst at Saint Mary's

Holy Cross Hall: As long as Saint Mary's is in the focus, attention should be turned to one of the worst bathrooms in North America. It is actually a bathroom that is it is a toilet suite box. When one opens the door to this toilet suite box, located in the lobby of Holy Cross Hall, the hot breath of Hell rushes out and smacks you in the face.

You expect to see large men in towels seated inside, but realize they have to melt. A pipe inside the tiny box is apparently the source of hot water to the entire campus, and a fella has to pretty much curl up and do that into a pelican! Especially now that I've pointed it out. Secondly, there are no dividers between the urinals, and as they are the jutting, low-placed pelican mouth variety of urinal, there is little chance of hiding anything, if my drift is captured. And believe me, I am not raising the complaint out of my own insecurity. It's the self-esteem of the rest of the guys on campus I'm worried about.

And, to top it off, the rest of the bathroom is prison-like, particularly in the windowless first-floor location, where everything is crudely painted, and a fella has to pretty much curl up in the toilet bowl to get the stall door open far enough to leave the foul thing.

Honorific Mentions

The Eck Visitors' Center: Always one of the best-cleaned facilities on campus. LaFortune: The hypochondriac special — so full of sensors that if you manage to open the door with your feet on your way out, you haven't had to touch a single thing that wasn't yours in the first place. Deane Hall: Neat, tunnel-like enclosure leading to urinals.

Dishonorable Mentions

The Hesburgh Library Basement: This is touchy, risque, but it cannot be avoided. During your freshman year at Notre Dame, at one time or another, at least one person will tell you to never, ever use the restrooms in the basement of the library. These people are not mistaken. It has a reputation that now plays a more distinct and unclouded role in Notre Dame lore than Father Serin or the image of .

And people, the bathroom is a sacred place. Men and women, hetero- and homo-, it makes no difference. We're all brothers and sisters, and we all know this that the bathroom is for evacuating our bowels and emptying our bladders. When I'm getting ready to do my business, I do not want to look over at the toilet paper holder and read that some stranger is, "Hot to lick low-hangers." No. I don't. I can't. I am not going to think about this?"

The Worst at Notre Dame

The Hesburgh Library Basement: This is the only public bathroom on campus, perhaps in the world, that actually made me feel cleaner having seen it. Bright white lighting and tiles, delightful wood paneling on the stall doors, a small gold ornament between each pair of hot and cold knobs on the sinks. A water fountain right inside the restroom itself! To be frank, Heaven with ut-
Did you ever notice those checkmarks on the back of restroom doors? Filled with some manager's dutiful check marks at breakneck speeds, you didn't notice it was some efficiency boost for that restaurant, shopping mall, wherever.


Those check marks, those initials - they make the bathroom what it is.

Notre Dame doesn't play those reindeer games. The women's bathrooms are always clean. In the same way moving to the country lulls you out of lock-the-car-door mode. Notre Dame breaks you of checking for toilet paper before you choose your stall. It's there. Really.

Not only are there paper towel dispensers, there's usually a roll hanging out by the sink for the lazy and/or near-sighted. And right next to it is a hand dryer, so you can customize which resource you want to squander. Best of all, we don't need to rely on the check marks of strangers to boost our confidence; it also frees this reviewer to focus on what really matters...

**Most Slapstick Restroom**

Forgiveness and cat-like reflexes help a lot when you frequent the second floor women's restroom in O'Shaughnessy Hall. Things can get dicey in the three-foot vestibule and often, in that brief moment when I take that one step after the first door closes behind me and I prepare to face the post-bathroom world, I think of that great old Soul lyric: "Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide, nowhere to run..."

Why? Because when the other door swings in, I am living it. Those initiated know. You can't pin your back against either wall — you'll get hit in the face. If you jump back against the door you just exited, it too will swing inward and you will probably land square on your tail-bone and skid across the really clean tile floor.

This isn't to say I don't like it. Sure I've ever yearned to travel through time to wherever sophisticated ladies gave their timetables dates the slip by saying, "I'm going to powder my nose," you are not alone.

Ah, the thought of retiring to the "lounge" equipped with all the things we modern women associate with bathrooms, plus a snazzy extra room with tiny couches and lighted vanity mirrors! You could just sit and gossip with your new bathroom friends, re-apply your lipstick, even smoke a cigarette (how unladylike?). Okay, these days, few of us smoke and certainly not in campus buildings, and when we do run into our friends in the bathrooms, we generally grant something about being busy, then move on. But these museum-like spaces do exist, even if it would take stringing yet another pipe through them to get us to sit down.

The women's restroom in the basement of the library has a lounge area, so does the one-staller just inside the main entry of O'Shaughnessy. My favorite, though, is the one that actually has "Women's Lounge" on it. It's written right on the door! It's near the English Office on third floor of O'Shaugh.

It's mostly for women who work in the offices nearby, so the door is usually locked. You just have to believe me on this one.

In addition to two toilet-and-sink combos, there's a wooden table with chairs around it and two Nagahide-covered "chaise lounges," if you will, that sort of reminded me of where I woke up after I had my wisdom teeth yanked. Bring your Hot Pot and you can live there.

**Action Restroom**

Not all restrooms can be about serenity and making new friends, though. Some require athletic prowess, like the women's restroom in the Hammes Bookstore. It really is a nice bathroom: tasteful but not intimidating, clean and often ambitiously fresh-scented, like that store at the mall that wants you to think you are at a farmer's market, even though you are buying bath gel. The faucets are automatic. Comforting, but it, knowing you don't have to touch any germ-ridden handles to get that water?

Things get a little trickier: the toilets are also self-flushing, a concept that sounds even more thoughtful than the no-touch faucets. It is, until the water really starts whirling. Honestly, my first experience with this bathroom had me admiring the vigor of that flush. I thought: whirlpool. I thought: fountain. A second later, a thin jet of clean, but still water casually shot out of the toilet, a few drops hitting me on the shoulder.

Moral of the story? Scramble away. It's no fluke, either; it happens all the time. By now, I guess you could say I respond automatically.

**Celebrity Wanna-Be Bathroom**

If you love celebrity magazines like I love celebrity magazines, you also love features on dreamy stars and their digs. I've been "at home" with so many actors and musicians, I drool like Pavlov's dogs every time I see brushed-stainless steel used in decorating kitchens and bathrooms. So sleek and cool, but somehow so not like the industrial kitchens where I've slung many a burrito in my time, the dull gleam of expensive appliances and counter-tops paints my heart gunmetal gray.

I guess that's why I pick Reckers' women's restroom as my very favorite. I also love the faux-rough tile walls and the fact that this space is very dim for a bathroom. It's the un-bathroom and the one I admire most. Ironically enough, on the back of the door there is a check-list that I all but declared superfluous earlier in this review. Maybe it exists in some parallel Notre Dame universe where bathrooms contain no '80s flashbacks, no chaise lounges, no Jerry Lewis.

On second thought, that's crazy.
LSVAG

Pak puts way to one-strike lead

by dumping swing coach David Leadbetter and firing her Korean manager, turning over her affairs to her sister.

"Everything is perfect except for last year," she said.

And, as always showed Thursday, she can still play.

She lost only six of her nine puts birdies as she started off the tee, and had nothing more than a 9-iron for approach shots on the back nine.

"Just every hole, I do my best," she said. "Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. But today, I just feel so good." 

Pak has felt good all year. Along with winning six times and getting her first major championship victory in the U.S., she has won a big tournament outside the top 10 in three of her 24 tournaments this year.

The result is a 69.45 scoring average, a mark so astounding that Webb could afford four rounds at 71 and still break record of 69.29 set by Annika Sorenstam last year.

"Now I can shoot an 85 one day," she said. "I'm not really trying to do too well. I just want to have fun."

Obviously, I want to play well with a low score on the way to the course and stay on the course and know how long it lines for someone to break it."
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Boggs calls it quits after 18 seasons

Associated Press

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rather than pack his bags and leave home again, Wade Boggs decided 3,010 career hits were enough.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays didn’t offer the 41-year-old third baseman an opportunity to play for them again next season, so he accepted a chance to move into the front office with duties as an advance scout and evaluator of young talent.

Boggs played 18 seasons in the majors with the Devil Rays, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees. He became the 23rd player to reach 3,000 hits on Aug. 7, homering off Cleveland’s Chris Haney just a half-hour’s ride from where he grew up playing Little League ball.

A month after reaching the plateau, the 12-time all-star and two-time gold glove winner had season-ending surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

The Devil Rays faced a deadline Wednesday to exercise a $1 million option on the contract he signed two years ago when he returned home to help Tampa Bay launch an expansion franchise.

He entered discussions with the team last month, thinking he still had a future as a player. But Tampa Bay’s interest was to exercise a $250,000 buyout, pushed for his help in head in another direction, clearing the way for the team to upgrade at third base through a trade, free agency or younger players within the organization.

“See you so many players who try to hold on and try to stay in the game,” Boggs said.

For one reason or another, they were not as fortunate as I was to obtain a World Series ring or something along those lines to allow me to walk away.”

Boggs was selected to 12 consecutive All-Star games from 1985-96, the year he finally won a World Series championship with the Yankees. He also was the only player this century with seven straight 200-hit seasons, set an AL record for hitting .300 in his final season, and was named American League Manager of the Year award for the Boston Red Sox in 1998.

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Williams earns AL Manager of Year award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jimy Williams is a lot better at managing than he is at talking about what he does.

“I just try to be honest to our kids, not talk at them or to them,” he said Thursday after winning the American League Manager of the Year award for leading the Boston Red Sox into the playoffs.

“It’s a two-way conversation. I let my eyes evaluate what I see.”

Despite the loss of Mo Vaughn, Williams led Boston to the AL wild-card berth. For that, he received 20 of 28 first-place votes and five seconds for 115 points from the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

“As far as I’m concerned, this is a team award,” Williams said. “It’s pretty special.”

Oakland’s Art Howe was second for keeping the Athletics in contention until September despite a $25.2 million payroll, 24th among the 30 major league teams. He got five firsts, 19 seconds and three thirds for 85 points.

Joe Torre of the World Series champion Yankees, last year’s winner, was third with 21 points, followed by Johnny Oates of the Texas Rangers with 18 and Mike Hargrove, fired by the Cleveland Indians after being to Boston in the playoffs, with 13. Hargrove will manage Baltimore next season.

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Williams wouldn’t look ahead to trying to catch the Yankees next season.

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Trade deal returns
Ashby to Phillies

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PHILADELPHIA
Andy Ashby was returning to Philadelphia as an opportunity to take care of some unfinished business from earlier in the decade.

"The thing I look at most is to come back and try to redeem myself," said Ashby, acquired by the Phillies late Wednesday from San Diego for pitchers Carlton Loewer, Steve Montgomery and Adam Eaton.

Ashby returns to the Philadelphia organization that signed him as a non-drafted free agent in 1986. He spent the last six-plus seasons with San Diego and posted a career-

DANA POINT, Calif. The great Griffey chase goes on, at least to Anaheim and the winter meetings, and maybe beyond.

The general managers' meetings ended Thursday with Ken Griffey Jr. remaining the prop-

erty of the Seattle Mariners, who are attempting to comply with the slugger's wish that he be traded closer to his Orlando, Fla., home.

Three big trades were made this week, including Thursday's five-player deal

sending 1996 AL Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen from Toronto to the St. Louis Cardinals. Others, GMs said, helped fill the groundwork for future deals, many of which could come at the winter meetings Dec. 10-14 in Anaheim.

"It's been a pretty interesting couple of weeks. But I'm happy it's over with. I'm happy to be back in Philadelphia," Ashby said.

Ashby stands to make a base-

salary of $5.5 million in 2000 and can become a free agent at the end of next season. However, he hasn't given much thought to his contract status.

"Right now, I'm just glad to be with a team," said Ashby, "I really haven't had the opportu-

nity to become a free agent. The past two weeks I know what it feels like, though. The past couple of days, it's been pretty crazy. Right now, I'm just trying to get my feet wet and get back and do what I have to do to get ready for spring training,"

Griffey wants to be closer to home

Associated Press

Seattle GM Pat Gillick said he had three conversations regarding Griffey on Thursday, but none were as good as an apparently intriguing offer that the Mariners rejected on Wednesday.

"We told them at the time that we rejected it, Gillick said. "We kind of reflected on it overnight. It's interesting. "I think we can go back and restart it," he said.

Gillick wouldn't be more specific, other than to say the team that made that offer had met previously with the Mariners.

The four teams believed to have the most serious interest are Griffey's hometown Cincinnati Reds, the New York Mets, the Cardinals and the Houston Astros, although the latter two are believed to be on the periphery.

Cincinnati GM Jim Bowden said Wednesday that Seattle would want all the Reds' best players for Griffey, effectively making them non-competitive after coming within one victory of the playoffs.

But Bowden clearly is intrigued with the prospect of landing Griffey. The Reds are said to have made five offers to the Mariners here, all of which were rejected. The Reds, who rebuffed three Seattle offers, did not speak with the Mariners on Thursday.

So where do the Mariners go from here?

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Master P wraps up deal with Stingrays

Associated Press

Friday, November 12, 1999

Thursday to a one-year contract

Name is Percy Miller, agreed

to play for the new International Basketball
League.

Earlier this year, country music superstar Garth Brooks
joined the San Diego Padres, for spring training.

"It's not about the money, they say. It's about playing ball."

"If it brings publicity to San Diego and their professional
league, that's good," said Miller, a 6-foot-4 guard, has
been told by doctors he
will probably play in the IBL's inaugural season Nov. 26,
which includes franchises in Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Trenton, St. Louis, Richmond and Baltimore.

Miller, 29, said he always wanted to play basketball, but he got into "gangsta rap" after "losing my brother to the streets" and to support his family.

Miller built an empire that earned him a Forbes magazine
eranking of the 10th wealthiest entertainer in 1998. "— $56.5 million, a couple of million more than
Brooks." He's here, he'll help the Stingrays, he'll help the community and he'll help himself.

IBL contracts are for one year, with an option. The maximum salary is $100,000. Simms wouldn't discuss Miller's salary, but he said it would be near or at the maximum. However, the money will go to the IBL's college tuition program.

Miller, who has an endorsement deal with Converse, has also agreed to supply sneakers
for all eight IBL teams, he said.

Miller's so serious about making
the big leagues he's giving up music to focus on basketball.

"I'm ready to work just like anybody else," said Miller, who wore the rapper uniform — to Thursday's
media day in San Diego.

"I'm doing this because it's my
hood dreams of playing profes­
sionally," said Miller. "It's not about the money, they say. It's about winning. Backing away is
how intense Troy is," Staubach said.

"I should and one who said
"Besides, he's still playing
great. He has another Super Bowl or two in him."

Staubach was still playing
well in his last year, 1979, but he was concerned by the
number of concussions he'd suffered over 11 seasons.

With backup Danny White
still replacing him, Staubach did what he thought was best.

"I told one doctor who said I should and one who said I should retire why I should. But I felt it was
time," said Staubach, who led Dallas to four Super Bowls, winning two.

Aikman became a Cowboy a decade after Staubach left, but the two have become good friends. They've talked about lots of things, including the circumstances around Staubach's retirement hasn't been a recent concussion.

"We've never discussed anything about it," Staubach said.

Staubach has had bad that dis­
cussion in recent works with Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback who has been told by doctors he
should retire after long-lingered effects from his most
recent concussion.

"But what my thinking process was, what I was thinking, my feel­
tings were, how much I missed it," Staubach said.

"Aikman became a Cowboy a few days after he took a hit and he was no more from Indianapolis' Jeff Barrass on Oct. 31.

"I talked strictly philo­

sbically about dealing with seriously when you're incon­
sistent," Staubach said.

"I told him it is reminded me of the 72 season when we made the
Super Bowl and won it and went to the Super Bowl." The hit by Barrass left Aikman more susceptible to another concussion when he
played

Minnesota on Monday night. Sure enough, Jerry Blatt dumped Aikman on his head and the headaches and dizziness returned. Only this time, they were intense.

Staubach advises
Aikman to stay put
Nolan comes under fire for Redskins’ poor defense

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Nolan is asked the question so much it probably sounds like a broken record: How could the Redskins’ defense, a potentially dominant unit featuring six former No. 1 draft choices, be ranked among the NFL’s worst?

“The perception is that when you pay guys a lot of money ... you try to get a return on what you pay for,” Nolan said.

“But you have to play together, no matter what you pay somebody. It’s my responsibility and the responsibility of the other coaches on defense for us to get them to play together.”

That’s where they’re falling short.

The Redskins (5-3) have been carried this season by one of the league’s best offenses.

But they’re allowing 402.3 yards per game, nearly 50 yards more than any other team except the expansion Cleveland Browns, who are at 399.7. In Sunday’s 34-17 loss to Buffalo, the Bills, who had been struggling offensively, amassed 413 yards.

The Redskins have yielded 3,218 yards. By continuing on that pace with eight games left, they would finish 257 yards below the NFL record set by the Baltimore Colts in 1961.

Opposing runners are finding cracks in a Redskins starting defensive line composed entirely of first-rounders: Marcus Coleman, Kenan Childs, Dana Wilkinson and Dana Sablefield.

Inconsistency is one problem. In the past month, the Redskins played poorly on defense in losses to Dallas and Buffalo, while putting forth solid efforts in victories over Arizona and Chicago.

“You can’t play good one week and terrible the next,” Lang said. “That just doesn’t happen.”

Nolan said the pass coverage, primarily on third downs, needs to improve. The Bills converted nine of 15 third-down opportunities, controlling the ball for 41 of 60 minutes.

“Against Buffalo, there was a lot of one, two and minus-yard run plays,” Nolan said. “But then all of a sudden they’ll complete a pass to the tight end down the middle and the ball’s back alive. You get them in third down and the quarter-back runs and gets a first down and keeps it alive. You kind of shot yourself in the foot when that happens.”

Hall of Fame linebacker Sam Huff, the team’s radio analyst, questions why middle linebacker Derek Smith is being pulled in third-down passing situations.

“You’re best hitters and tacklers are linebackers, and Smith is out of the game,” Huff said.

“We’re in an age of specialization, and he’s standing on the sideline. You can’t make tackles from there.”

Criticism is nothing new for Nolan, son of former NFL coach Dick Nolan. He’s heard tons of it since the season opener, when Dallas recovered from a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Redskins 41-33 in overtime.

Speculation that Nolan’s job was in jeopardy intensified when the Redskins hired 72-year-old Bill Arnsparger four weeks ago.

Nolan is hanging on with the help of coach Norv Turner, who reportedly has asked trigger-happy owner Dan Snyder several times not to fire Nolan.

NFC East

Iowa stuns UConn in Classic upset

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Iowa, with a new coach and a new whole new team from last season, stunned top-ranked and defending national champion Connecticut 70-68 Thursday night in the opening round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden.

The Hawkeyes looked like the veteran team, opening a 16-4 lead on the way to a 36-21 halftime advantage as the Huskies shot just 26 percent and had twice as many turnovers (16) as field goals.

In the second half, Connecticut looked more like the team that returns three starters from the national champions, and even took the lead once.

But the Hawkeyes refused to fold.

Iowa will meet No. 13 Stanford in Friday night’s championship game.

The Cardinal beat No. 10 Duke 80-78 in overtime Thursday night.

Jacob Jacon had 20 points for Iowa. Dean Oliver added 14 and Kyle Galloway had 11.

Khalid El-Amin of a newspaper story earlier in the day about a possible NCAA violation involving a borrowed car, had 26 points for the Huskies, but two in the second half.

Connecticut beat Iowa 78-68 in the second round of the NCAA tournament last year. The Huskies went on to win four more games and the national title, while Iowa didn’t play again until Thursday night.

The Hawkeyes’ start had a sellout crowd of 19,548 silent.

The noise level picked up along with the Huskies’ defense and shooting in the second half, but Iowa wouldn’t fold.

Albert Mourning’s 3-pointer with 7 minutes, 6 seconds to play gave Connecticut a 55-53 lead, but sophomore Kyle Galloway, who missed last season with a back injury, hit a 3 with 6:33 left and Iowa didn’t trail again.

El-Amin scored on a drive with 57 seconds left to get the Huskies within 67-63, but Jacon hit one of two free throws with 32 seconds left. After two missed 3s by Connecticut, Ryan Luehrsmann made two free throws with three seconds to go. Kevin Freeman’s 3-pointer with 5 seconds left only made it closer.

It was the 22nd consecutive season-opening victory for Iowa and the second time in four years the defending national champion lost its opener. Kentucky lost to Clemson to open the 1996-97 season.
Harrington scores 17 in fourth to put Pacers over Magic

Reggie Miller scored 21 points and reserve Al Harrington had with 22 points, while Indiana had six players finish in double figures. Jalen Rose and Travis Ford contributed 17 each.

The game was tied 10 times and there were eight lead changes before Indiana moved ahead to stay 62-60 on a book shot by Ike Smith.

The Pacers led by as many as nine points in the third quarter and took their first double-digit lead as Orlando went nearly three minutes without scoring to start the fourth quarter. A 2-pointer by Miller ignited a 14-3 run by Indiana to start the final period. Harrington had seven points in the run.

Orlando's only points came on a 3-pointer by Chucky Atkins with 9:16 to play.

With Harrington leading the way, the Pacers went on to lead 99-82 with 6:39 to play. Orlando, which had won three straight, never got back into contention and trailed by as many as 21.

Seattle 109, Cleveland 103

Gary Payton had 37 points and nine assists and Vin Baker scored 24, leading the Seattle Supersonics to a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Payton, who needed medical treatment for a tight back at halftime, scored 12 points in the third quarter and hit a key jumper in the final three minutes as the Sonics held off a Cleveland rally.

Baker, able to push his way around inside against the smaller Cavs, added 13 rebounds and Horace Grant had 10.

Shawn Kemp led Cleveland with 22 points despite 8-of-23 shooting and Andrew DeRuer had a career-high 19 points.

The Cavs had won 27 straight games when scoring over 100 points, but couldn't catch the Sonics down the stretch because of some costly turnovers and poor shot selection.

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Detroit raigned again in the third, pulling to 88-78 before Chris Webber's 3-pointer ended the run.

Toronto led 98-87 after three quarters, and put the game away with an 8-3 run at the start of the fourth.

Miami 128, Dallas 105

Jamal Mashburn, a first-round pick of the Mavericks, scored 34 points and the Miami Heat beat Dallas for the 15th straight time.

Miami, which has won three in a row overall, has not lost to Dallas since a 114-110 defeat Dec. 10, 1991, at Brunson Arena.

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NASCAR

NASCAR enjoys ride as ratings soar

Associated Press

The moonshine-running Good Ol' Boys could never have imagined that the sport, born on dirt tracks in the backwoods of the South, is now worth $2.4 billion in TV rights.

During the '90s, television ratings for NASCAR have risen while those for other sports have fallen. Sponsors have paid up to $12 million to racing teams to have their logos emblazoned on their cars. There have been no holdouts, lockouts or strikes to turn off its wildly enthusiastic fans.

Thus, it's no surprise that NASCAR has quadrupled TV income and will get $400 million annually under the new six-year deal with Fox, NBC and TBS announced Thursday.

"This sport has taken gradual steps up and along the way there have been some big leaps and bounds. This is one of those," said Jeff Gordon, NASCAR's biggest star.

"But this is probably the biggest leap it's ever taken," he said. "It's next to be part of it. I'm enjoying the ride.

NASCAR fans cross just about all demographic lines and include those who rooted for Richard Petty, the retired driver known simply as "The King," all the way down to the younger generation's idols such as Gordon and Tony Stewart.

Their interest has fueled a building boom in the sport that has added gleaming new speedways in Texas, Las Vegas and Los Angeles and expanded and refurbished others.

"NASCAR has shown explosive and huge growth on the upside. It is the success story of the '90s," said David Hill, president and chief operating officer of NASCAR, the historic TV agreement was made possible by the sport's longevity and continuity.

Hill said the sport, which was formed in 1948 by the late Bill France Sr., has outgrown its bucolic image.

"All that evolution has debunked that old redneck stereotype," he said. "I think we can stand pretty tall and feel good about the age range, economic level and the male-female balance that we have now. It all comes from exposure."

Bill Crousdale, media buyer for Western Initiative Media, agreed that NASCAR's audience has grown beyond its Southeastern roots in recent years. "It's started to catch on everywhere," he said.

The races are particularly appealing for young men between ages 18 and 35, a group that is difficult to reach via television.

The deal, which begins in 2001 and runs for six years with NBC and TBS eight nights with Fox, is about four times what NASCAR is making under its current agreements.

Those cover many separate deals for races, most of them brokered by the tracks on which NASCAR races, with CBS, ABC, ESPN, TNT, TBS and NBC.

Sunday's inaugural Daytona 500 race at Homestead-Miami Speedway will be the first ever broadcast by NBC, while Fox has yet to show its first NASCAR race. TBS televised races earlier this season at Pocono International Raceway and Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

In 1985, NASCAR received just $3 million for the TV rights to 28 races. In 1995, total TV revenues were estimated at $100 million for 34 events.

"This puts us in line with the other major league sports. It should have happened a lot sooner," said seven-time champion driver Dale Earnhardt.

The new deal gives NASCAR more money annually than baseball and hockey get from their national TV deals, but less than the NFL and NBA.

The NFL is in the second year of an $18 billion, eight-year deal with CBS, Fox, ABC and ESPN; the NBA has the second year of its $2.64 billion, four-year contract with NBC and Turner Sports; baseball just completed the fourth year of a $5.1 billion, five-year deal with Fox, NBC and ESPN; and the NHL is in the first year of a $240 million, five-year contract with ABC and ESPN.

Baseball, the NBA, and NHL also receive millions of dollars annually in the television deals.

If there has been any knock on NASCAR in the recent past, it has been that the races have been spread too far across too many outlets, often making it difficult for fans to figure out where and when the races were being telecast.

"The change for NASCAR fans is it will be easier to find races each week on network television," said NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol.

In fact, France noted that, although a precise schedule is yet to be determined, beginning in 2001 "about 70 percent" of the races will be on network television.

With the races consolidated under one TV contract, advertisers will be more likely to buy multiyear packages which will let them appear on all of the races.

Fox, along with cable partners Fox Sports Net and FX, will get the first 18 weeks of the NASCAR season, while NBC and TBS will split the second half.

The season-opening Daytona 500, the sport's premier event, will alternate each year, with Fox getting it even years and Fox in odd years.

Hill said he sees no end in sight for the spectacular growth of NASCAR.

"What we have in our favor, in an odd kind of way, is we're taking our sport from rural areas to urban areas," he said.

TENNIS

Williams wins in semifinal round

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. Venus Williams overcame a slow start to roll past 16-year-old qualifier Daniela Bedanova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-1 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Avanta Championships.

Williams, seeded third, will meet unseeded Sandrine Testud of France on Friday.

After falling behind 4-2 in the first set, Williams swept the final four games, coming out to net force a play, and capturing the first set when Bedanova's forth hand sailed over the baseline.

Williams jumped to a 2-0 lead in the second set, before having her service broken for the second time in the match. She broke back when Bedanova double-faulted, then wasted little time finishing off her hard-hitting but overmatched opponent.

"I just dropped my serve a couple of times," Williams said. "But I've been in that situation of being down a break before. I was able to keep my calm and take my time.

"She was definitely hitting hard, but I was definitely volleying better. After the U.S. Open I worked on my volley. I don't think I missed one tonight."

"It was a good match for my first time," Bedanova said. "I learned I can play with such a player like her.

"But I have to do a lot of improving — in everything. I have to move better to play in a baseline match like that."

Earlier, Nathalie Tauziat of France rallied from a 5-2, third-set deficit to beat Jennifer Capriati 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the second round. Tauziat, seeded fourth, meets local favorite Lisa Raymond of Wayne, Pa., on Friday.

Testud beat seventh-seeded Dominique Van Roost of Belgium 6-4, 6-4. Amy Frazier beat 17-year-old Belgian Justine Hennis 7-5, 6-4 to keep alive a slim hope of making the W-seaman field for the upcoming Chase Championships in New York.

Frazier must now beat the top player in the world and No. 1 seed here, Martina Hingis, on Friday night to bump Aranta Sanchez Vicario from the field.

Capriati's loss to Tauziat, after she seemed in command in the first set, officially eliminated her from contention for the Chase.

"At 5-2 on her serve, I had a really bad line call go against me," said Capriati, who beat Tauziat the previous five times they played. "From that point on, she didn't miss a ball."

"She played really well. It wasn't like I didn't have chances or was playing terrible. That's just the way tennis is. It has a snowball effect," Capriati said.

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Bates Battaglia scored the only goal for the Hurricanes, who have won four of their last five games, and still have the best road record (5-4-3) in the Eastern Conference.

Ron Francis had an assist for Carolina, while Garth Snow set a new league record with his 11th goal of the season.

Battaglia put the Hurricanes ahead 1-0 with a power-play goal 1:42 into the first period after the goalie bumping the off the left skate of Kevin Dineen.

The Flyers pulled even one minute into the second period when Lindros one-handed a shot from the dushirk that snuck past the outstretched glove of Carolina goaltender Artie Irbe.

With Philadelphia on a power play, Lindros fed Desjardins with a cross-ice pass and the Flyers' defenseman one-timed the puck past Irbe's glove side at 11:16.

Zelpekun, playing his 500th NHL game, triggered Philadelphia's third goal of the period.

Poniewozik lifted a puck up deep in the Flyers' zone and fed Emery, who sent a cross-ice pass to Desjardins, his third start of the year, made a nice feed from Jan Hlavac and slid the puck past Mighty Ducks goalie Guy Parent.

The Flyers took a 2-0 lead 4:37 into the second period and one against Anaheim with a fast break from the doorstep that skidded past the outstretched glove of Anaheim goalie LaFontaine.

The Mighty Ducks outscored the Canadiens 2-0 and 1-0 in the third.

All three goals were scored as strength on referee Dan O'Halloran's call that three minor penalties in the game, too many in the period and one against Anaheim in the third.

Boston, Toronto 3-3

P.J. Axelsson scored with 1:02 remaining in overtime and Dave Andreychuk scored two third period goals, to rally the Boston Bruins to victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Axelsson took a pass from Darren Van Impe, and backhanded a shot over the left shoulder of Leafs goaltender Curtis Joseph.

Dave Andreychuk tied the game at 3 with just under four minutes remaining after converting a pass from Jason Allison and beaying Joseph.

Ray Bourque added three assists for the Bruins, who have won five straight at home and are unbeaten in their last seven home games.

Andreychuk is tied with Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh for the league lead in points goals in 17 games and is only two shy of his total from last season.

The Bruins trailed 3-1 in the second period but a flurry of shots by the Bruins 17th on the career goal-scoring list passing Maurice ‘Rocket‘ Richard.

With the Bruins trailing 3-1 and on the power play, Andreychuk knocked a shot past Joseph while falling down, cutting the Maple Leafs lead to one goal.

Andreychuk, spoiled the return of former Bruin Dmitri Khristich, who scored two goals last year, and was second on the team on the power play.

The Bruins were 2-6 on the power play.

The Canadiens took a 2-0 lead to 2-1, when he picked in a rebound off the stick of Mikko Tuhkanen.

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The Irish need wins against Georgetown and Villanova this weekend to secure the top spot in the Big East.

**Irish look to net two wins against Hoyas, Wildcats**

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team has already secured a place in the Big East tournament, playing in regular-season games this weekend against Villanova and Georgetown.

With two wins, the Irish can claim first place in the Big East.

The Irish (16-6, 9-0) head into the weekend with a six-match winning streak, led by junior outside hitter Christi Girton, who was named Big East Player of the Week last week, after impressive match averages against Illinois State and Mary Leffers.

Girton is the team leader in kills per game and digs per game, while second in hitting percentage.

On Saturday, the Irish face a Villanova team in search of its first conference win of the season.

The Wildcats (9-18, 0-9) have not beaten the Irish in six tries. Villanova is led by middle blocker Breen Fiddinger, who averages 4.15 kills per game.

The Georgetown match figures to be the opposite for the Irish. Georgetown (23-3, 8-1) is only one loss behind the Irish in the conference standings.

This match is important for both sides. If both teams win their first matches this weekend, the Georgetown-Novite Dame contest will determine the Big East tournament's top seed and whether the Irish win the regular season conference title.

Last year, the Hoyas shared the regular season Big East title with Connecticut and made it to the championship match, where they lost to Notre Dame. The Irish hold a perfect 7-0 mark against Georgetown, including two victories last year. That record will be on the line Sunday afternoon, as will the Hoyas current nine-match winning streak.

Yulia Vyturina and Kiran Gill, players who led Georgetown a year ago, also lead them this year. Vyturina, named the preseason Big East Player of the Year, is first on the team in kills per game with a 4.91 average. Gill was also a first team all-Big East selection in 1998.

"We are going into this weekend expecting to win both matches," said sophomore outside hitter Kristi Kreher. "We want to go out with enthusiasm. Georgetown is probably the hardest competition for us this year and we have really worked in practice on shutting down their two outside hitters. Our focus has been on defense and our side of the court.

Kreher will contribute to the Irish defense with her average of 2.34 digs per game. She has also been an offensive force, averaging 3.06 kills per game on a .366 hitting average this year.

Two more players the Irish depend on reached milestones in their careers last week. Mary Leffers reached the 1,000-career-kill mark against Illinois State, becoming the 10th Irish player ever to do so.

Her co-captain, Denise Boylan, also totaled her 3,006th career assist against Syracuse. The junior setter has 3,905 assists and needs just 28 more to pass former Irish player Taryn Collins for second all-time.

The Big East tournament begins next Friday in Pittsburgh, where the top six teams compete for the title. Both Notre Dame and Georgetown will have first-round byes as the top two teams in the conference.

The winner of the championship receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The 1999 Division I women's volleyball selection show will take place on Sunday, Nov. 28.
Irish goal of top NCAA spot rests on district meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Friday, November 12, 1999
The Observer

Irish goal of top NCAA spot rests on district meet Nov. 1:1 — comes berth in the NCAA championships. If either one of the top two teams in each district meet. The added distance may help the Irish in competition. Both districts and national races are run on a 10,000-meter course, while their regular season races were 8,000-meters.

"We've trained all year long for the 10,000," Piane said. "I just want to be top five to top 10." Watson said. "Obviously our performance at the Big East Championships, Wisconsin is one of the best teams in the nation. Other teams which pose a threat include Michigan, Michigan State, Butler, Akron and Marquette. "I think if you look at the teams in the race, Wisconsin is clearly the top team in the race," Connelly said. "And then there are three or four teams that can compete for the next spot." I think realistically the teams we have to worry about are Michigan and Michigan State," added Connolly. "If we run well as we did at the Big East, we have a good shot at finishing second.

Ryan Shay looks to lead the Irish in the district meet this weekend and secure an NCAA championship meet berth.

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The top two teams in each district receive automatic spots at nationals, while several at-large teams will be selected to run out the field, based on their performance Saturday and throughout the season. The men should have no reason to worry about being left out of nationals, as they are ranked eighth in the nation. "Our goal, honestly, is to be in the top three," said Irish men's head coach Joe Piane. "If you're first or you're third, the reward is exactly the same — going to the NCAA's." Notre Dame's men's squad has beaten some of the top teams in the nation this year.

The Irish captured the Big East Championship, took sixth in the Pre-National meet and won their own Adidas/Notre Dame Invitational.

However, two teams in Notre Dame's district are ranked ahead of the Irish. Wisconsin is sixth in the country, while Michigan is seventh. "Basically, our main goal is just to qualify for nationals and however we can do that is just the main objective," said sophomore Luke Watson.

Junior Ryan Shay has paced the Irish all season long, his role should be no different this weekend.

"He can certainly be in the top five," Piane said. "He could be even higher than that.

"What we don't do is for one guy to win it," added Piane. "We need four to five guys to run well.

The added distance may help the Irish in competition. Both districts and national races are run on a 10,000-meter course, while their regular season races were 8,000-meters.

"We've trained all year long for the 10,000," Piane said. "Our goal is to finish in the top two at districts to earn the right to continue their season at the national level.

"Our goal is to finish in the top two in order to get an automatic bid to the NCAA's," women's head coach Tim Connolly said.

"We need four to five guys to qualify for nationals and some of the slack on the team must be taken over," Connolly said. "And she's running better than ever."

Rookie Jennifer Handley has shined for the Irish this season, but may be missing from the lineup Saturday due to an injury.

"It's up in the air a little bit because of Jennifer," Connolly said about the lineup. "Patty Rice and Erin Looby will join Klemmer in the race for an NCAA berth, as well junior Chrissy Kuenster. The other spots have yet to be determined, but among the possible contenders are juniors Valerie Siqueira, Bridge O'Brien and Erin Olson, and senior Nicole LaSelle.

Saturday's race may be the end of the line for the 1999 Irish, or just a pit stop on the way to a national title.
**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Notre Dame rested after bye, ready to take on Dayton

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Associate Sports Editor

Eleven years ago, Dayton beat Notre Dame, 3-0, in the worst defeat in Irish history, scoring more goals than any other Notre Dame opponent — over.

This Sunday when the Flyers travel to Alumni Field to take on the fifth-seeded Irish women’s soccer team, they will find 1999’s edition of the Irish vastly different than ’88’s team.

In 1988, Notre Dame was in its first season of soccer competition and did not boast a single all-conference player or anyone with experience on any national teams.

1999’s Irish, with seven All-Big East players and a wealth of international experience, is so different that the team doesn’t even know about the tautness they experienced at the hands of the Flyers in 1988.

The home-field advantage and an extra week of practice will give the Irish a step up on the Flyers.

Dayton advanced to the second round with a 3-2 victory over Evansville Wednesday night while Notre Dame had a week off thanks to a first round bye.

Both of these factors help the Irish, according to head coach Randy Waldrum.

“I think this is a huge advantage to have that week off,” Waldrum said. “You can take a day or two to get away from it for a while. Because I think you are getting to the point in the season where kids are getting tired of each other and they need a little time off.

The Irish took Monday and Tuesday off before returning to practice on Wednesday.

The chance to play at home and maintain a normal practice routine will also play a factor this weekend.

“For us here, I think the fan support is great — that’s an extra player for you.”

Waldrum is a think playing at home gives you an advantage because you sleep in your own bed and the kids are used to the week, where on the road you are sleeping in a hotel bed and your regiment of getting up and getting around is in different.

The Irish enter the NCAA Championships in good physical shape with no injuries to starters or major players. Only backup goalkeeper Sani Post, who has a broken hand, will not be able to play against the Flyers.

“I think we are in pretty good shape,” Waldrum said. “I think this time of the season you get a few bumps and bruises here and there and we are trying to attend to those situations, but overall I think we are OK.”

Last weekend, the Irish shut down the nation’s leading scorer, Seton Hall’s Kelly Smith, and its chief Big East rival, UConn, en route to winning its fifth Big East Championship. While Dayton is neither a big rival nor possesses a top player, Waldrum does not believe his team will have any trouble getting prepared for the Flyers.

“Looking back at the past, this team has not had any problem for preparing for each round,” Waldrum said.

“I think it is our job as coaches to make sure they are ready to play as well as they are capable.”

The Flyers are lead offensively by Missy Gregg, who has tallied 23 goals this season.

She scored two goals in the team’s win over the Purple Aces in the first round and picked up an assist for the Flyers on Wednesday.

The Irish are led by a talented group of seniors, offensively and defensively.

Senior Jenny Stroffer leads the Irish in scoring as she closes in on becoming the second player in Irish history to score 70 goals and 70 assists in a career.

Currently, she has 65 goals and 71 assists for 207 career points — an Irish record.

All-Big East defenders Kara Brown and Jen Grubb combine with goalkeeper Lakysia Beenoe to lead a defense that has held opponents to less than one goal per game.

The Irish begin their journey toward San Jose, Calif., and the Final Four at 1 p.m., Sunday, on Alumni Field.
**Men's Basketball**

*Marathon races past Notre Dame in 105-81 victory*

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
American Sports Editor

Notre Dame turned the ball over 17 times in the first half and Marathon's Matt Hoskins lit up the scoreboard all night long as Notre Dame lost its second exhibition game in as many seasons, losing by an emphatic 12-point lead.

There was no question, obviously, a great effort, and I think it was my fault because I set the tone," said first-year head coach Matt Doherty. "I talked more about Ohio State than Marathon Oil. I didn't prepare our guys mentally to play a game tonight.

The Irish discovered they needed more than sophomore Troy Murphy to win as Marathon proved a much tougher opponent than the International Select All-Stars from the Irish defeated 94-79.

Notre Dame leapt to an early lead behind Murphy, who scored nine of the first eleven points for Notre Dame. Sophomore forward David Graves also played a role as the Irish went up 12-12 with 12 minutes, 2 seconds to play in the first half.

However, it all went downhill from there for the Irish. Within 10 minutes, Marathon had turned the game around to clinch a 13-point advantage which it never relinquished.

"I think we came into the game lacking a lot of game experience," said junior guard Jimmy Dillon of the Irish. "They started hitting shots and we were playing catch-up the whole time."

The Irish were too slow. The Seminole defense was too quick. "It's just pride," said Dillon. "It would've been real easy to lay down tonight."

Fundamental mistakes in the final few minutes of the second half, but it was too late to overcome a 28-point deficit.

"It's just pride," said Dillon. "I give them credit," said senior guard John Covington. "They came in with a lot of confidence and had no room for the Irish.

They should've done that." Murphy, a pre-season First Team All-Big East selection, did his part for the Irish, putting up 28 points. He dominated the boards for Notre Dame, bringing down 14 of the team's 31 rebounds. However, Murphy didn't score during the Irish drought in the first half, going without a bucket during the final 12:02.

"One of our goals coming into the game was to have less than 15 turnovers," Murphy said. "And I think we had more than 15 in the first half." The Irish came out more motivated in the final few minutes of the second half, but it was too late to overcome a 28-point deficit.

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"I think we've just got to take care of the ball and play strong with it," Carroll said. "I'm just going to show you when you face diversity, you've got to come up and face it and we didn't do that tonight. It's lucky it was tonight and not next Tuesday."

Four players were in double digits for both teams, as sophomores David Graves and Harold Swagaman joined Murphy and Carroll with 16 and 11 points, respectively, for the Irish. With doubles digits for Marathon, David Harrison and Mark Davis put up 19 points, and 15, respectively.

The Irish will play their first regular season game of the season Tuesday, taking on No. 6 Ohio State in the first round of the preseason NIT.

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**Football History**

Irish heat up November of '93 with key defensive stand

**Editor's note:** Notre Dame's journey to achieve designation as the 20th century's greatest college football team is marked by 10 milestones, one in each decade since 1900. The Observer examines these moments in a 10-part series that appears on Fridays.

**By MIKE CONNOLLY**
Associated Sport Editor

Hardly anyone outside of South Bend thought the Irish could beat it. Charlie Ward was too good. The Seminole defense was too fast. The Irish were too slow.

There was no way that control of the game, the Irish never recovered.

"They started hitting shots and it's hard to regain momentum," Doherty said. "It's hard to turn the switch on and off.

There was no room for the Irish to be complacent as Marathon shot 15 for 30 from behind the arc and only gave the ball up seven times in the contest.

Even more significant was the play of Hoskins, who played the entire game, tallying 39 points and adding 13 assists for Marathon.

Hoskins' 39 points nearly dashed the single-game record in the ACC by a Notre Dame opponent. The record of 40 points was set in 1978 by Loews Moore of West Virginia.

"It's good preparation for us before Ohio State because Hoskins is a quick guard," Doherty said. Hoskins mortared the Marathon defense, doing everything necessary to secure the victory over Notre Dame. He shot 15 of 27 from the field, including seven of eight from downtown, only improving Marathon's already potent shooting.

"I give them credit," said senior guard Jimmy Dillon of the Irish. "They shot the lights out. There was nothing much we could do. We've got to search ourselves."

Doherty was surprised by Marathon's ability to hit nothing but net.

"I don't think you can anticipate many teams shooting like that, but they did," Doherty said. "It's an attention-getter. You hope you don't need those to motivate the guys."

Murphy, a pre-season First Team All-Big East selection, did his part for the Irish, putting up 28 points. He dominated the boards for Notre Dame, bringing down 14 of the team's 31 rebounds. However, Murphy didn't score during the Irish drought in the first half, going without a bucket during the final 12:02.

"One of our goals coming into the game was to have less than 15 turnovers," Murphy said. "And I think we had more than 15 in the first half."

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"I think we've just got to take care of the ball and play strong with it," Carroll said. "I'm just going to show you when you face diversity, you've got to come up and face it and we didn't do that tonight. It's lucky it was tonight and not next Tuesday."

Four players were in double digits for both teams, as sophomores David Graves and Harold Swagaman joined Murphy and Carroll with 16 and 11 points, respectively, for the Irish. With doubles digits for Marathon, David Harrison and Mark Davis put up 19 points, and 15, respectively.

The Irish will play their first regular season game of the season Tuesday, taking on No. 6 Ohio State in the first round of the preseason NIT.

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

*Set for Success*

The Irish, who have already secured a spot in the Big East Tournament, round out their regular season against Villanova and Georgetown this weekend.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

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- Cross Country at NCAA District IV, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
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Sparking the defense

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game hype

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"We know what we have to do. It's just a matter of going out and get the job done."

Julius Jones
tailback

"We know they are going to be excited because there is a lot of tradition involved in playing the last game in Pitt Stadium."

Greg Mattison
defensive coordinator

"We would have liked to have won that Tennessee game but that game is over... this is the most important game now."
Pitt boasts dangerous receiving duo

By BILL HART
Associated Press Editor

Emotions will be running high when the Irish take on the Panthers, but it won’t be solely because it will be the final home game for 19 Pittsburgh seniors.

The Panthers will play their final game at Pitt Stadium, home to the Pittsburgh football since 1925. With over 400 games played over the span of 75 years, one can bet Pittsburgh football since 1925. Pittsburgh has the most productive receiving tandem in the Big East — junior届毕业生, so it will be a challenge for our defense.
1999 Volunteers

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Sept. 11 at Penn State L 20-17
Sept. 25 at Temple L 13-23
Oct. 2 at Massachusetts L 24-17
Oct. 23 at Boston College L 20-16
Nov. 6 at Rutgers W 38-15
Nov. 13 Virginia Tech L 13-3
Nov. 20 Notre Dame W 31-3
Nov. 27 at West Virginia

Bob Davie
head coach

career record:
33-44 against Pittsburgh: 0-0

Third season at
Pittsburgh:

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Though he now lives in South Bend, Denman will always be true to his home state. Even if his teammates give him a hard time.

"Texas has the best football ever, of any state," Denman said, "even Florida or California, Texas is the best."

And if Denman's Rusk team ever played against his fellow Trill backers in high school? "If "we would have played them we would have beat both of their teams," Denman said. "Both Kilgore (Nick's school) and Sulphur Springs (Harrison's school)."

Anthony Denman's play has not gone unnoticed. "Anytime you are a linebacker and you are in front of that huddle, you have to be a leader," defensive coordinator Greg Gibson said. "He's been the one who is communicating things to the other guys."

His teammates also see the impact Denman has on the Irish defense. "For us he is irreplaceable because of the type of player he is," teammate and friend Grant Irons said. "He has done a great job through out this year with the intensity he provides and the enthusiasm he shows on the field."

His duties this year also include calling plays in the huddle. His combination of talent and personality has thrust him into a role as a leader of the defense. "Any time you are a linebacker and you are in front of that huddle, you have to be a leader," defensive coordinator Greg Gibson said. "He's been the one who is communicating things to the other guys."

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No. 6 Penn State looks to get back to winning ways

Observer Staff Report

While No. 6 Penn State’s bid for a national title was dashed by Minnesota last Saturday, it must regain its focus before the No. 16 Michigan Wolverines come to Happy Valley or the Nittany Lions could find themselves in second place in the Big 10 with no chance at a Rose Bowl bid.

Since losing to the Michigan State Spartans on Oct. 9, the Wolverines have won close games over Illinois, Indiana and Northwestern to improve to 4-2 in the Big 10. While Michigan’s Rose Bowl chances are slim, it can still play the spoiler role against Penn State.

LaVar Arrington and Courtney Brown, who could go 1-2 in next spring’s NFL draft, lead one of the nation’s top defenses against a well balanced Michigan offense. The A-Train, Anthony Thomas, has scored 14 touchdowns for the Wolverines and rushed for over 1000 yards to lead the ground attack while sophomore David Terrell has caught 53 passes to spark the passing attack. Terrell isn’t the only receiving threat for the Wolverines. Marcus Knight, Aaron Shea, Marquise Walker and Thomas have also caught more than 20 passes so far in 1999.

While the Penn State defense is strong, its offense is questionable. Head coach Joe Paterno alternates between Kevin Thompson and Bushard Casey at quarterback. Thompson is the better passer but Casey adds spark and athleticism to the offense. Chaelie Fields is both quarterback’s favorite target. He has caught 31 passes for 592 yards and six touchdowns in 1999.

No. 19 Miami at No. 2 Virginia Tech

The Hurricanes feature an athletic quarterback in Kenan Sherrill’s squad has benefited from a schedule rich with sub .500 teams and a win over Florida A&M, its offense. The senior is both a rushing and receiving threat out of the backfield who has scored 14 touchdowns on the ground and 21 through the air.

The Hokies look to prove they are worthy of their top two ranking in the polls after coasting through a schedule that included such cupcakes as Div I-AA James Madison, Alabama-Birmingham and Rutgers while just barely beating a West Virginia team that lost to Navy at home.

While Virginia Tech steadily climbed in the polls this year, Miami has rebounded from a poor start to put itself in position for a BCS berth. After beginning the season with a win over Ohio State in the kick-off classic and a win over Florida A&M, Miami dropped three straight to Penn State, Florida State and East Carolina to fall to 2-3. Since that time, Miami has beaten up on weak Big East schedule to improve to 6-3 and a first place tie with Virginia Tech in the Big East.

Virginia Tech is led by a stifling defense that features two of the best defensive linemen in the country in John Egbue and Corey Moore. While the Hokie defense has always been strong, their offense is now at a level where it is no longer a liability. Led by one of the most explosive players in the country, quarterback Michael Vick, the offense can put points on the board in bunches.

The Hurricanes feature an athletic quarterback in Kenan Kelly whose favorite targets have been Santana Moss and a bruising running back in James Jackson.

No. 5 Mississippi State at No. 11 Alabama

Quick, name the only undefeated team in the Southeastern Conference. Nope. Not Florida. Or Tennessee or even Georgia. The only SEC team without a blemish on its record is the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Jackie Sherrill’s squad has benefited from a schedule rich with sub .500 teams and has yet to face a real threat. That changes this Saturday when the Bulldogs travel to Tuscaloosa to take on the Crimson Tide in a battle for the top of the SEC West.

Alabama, which dealt Florida its only loss on the year, relies on Heisman trophy candidate Shawn Alexander for much of its offense. The senior is both a rushing a receiving threat out of the backfield who has scored 14 touchdowns on the ground and four through the air.

The Bulldogs rely on a defense that returns seven starters from 1998 with the front seven especially strong.

A win over MSU would most likely give Alabama a berth in the SEC title game with a BCS slot on the line while the Bulldogs must start off the toughest part of their schedule with a win over the Crimson Tide. Mississippi State plays a tough Arkansas team and No. 18 Mississippi in the following two weeks.

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IRISH EXCHANGE

I think Bob Davie summarized it up best at this week’s news conference, commenting on the Tennessee game when he said, “We should have won that game, we would have played well enough to win. It must have been Yogi Berra’s day at Notre Dame, but I think Davie bit the nail on the head. It’s just too bad that it took this long to figure that out. I guess this means that on many occasions we’ve lost a game because we have not played well enough to win. I guess this means that we should figure out why we’ve been unable to win.

Some of the diehard Irish “fans” have said that Notre Dame cannot really afford the strict admissions policies that recruits must pass so that the Golden Dome can remain a prohibitory - or even worse, a state school. Sounds like a good truadroof, academic respect for a winning football team with players more concerned with using college as training camp than as an opportunity to earn a degree. But then we’d have to get rid of all those coffee-table books and posters that boast Notre Dame’s tradition and goals of excellence.

But is Notre Dame really lacking the ability to recruit some of the top players in the country? Only if Notre Dame’s two-switch top five choices is concerned with playing well enough to win. If we can pull in players considered to be in the top five, why can’t the Irish develop a team that’s anywhere near the top five? It must have to do with the fact that the Irish are one game away from being in the top five and fighting to land a berth in the Gator Bowl. The talent is still there for the Irish, it just seems that every other team is turning the talent into a solid unit. The best the Irish can hope for is a solid quarter of play.

Quarterbacks: David Fritts is very efficient, but Jarious Jackson is efficient, mobile and has a strong arm. Fritts is also hampered by a shoulder injury.

Running backs: Julius Jones is in a bit of a slump, but will play. Julian Barlow and Nick Goings are powerful backs for Pitt.

Receivers: Raki Nelson is still out for the Irish so the Panthers get the advantage with Latef Gram and Antoin Bryant as big threats.

Defensive line: Grant Irons is banged up and not probably not play, but Anthony Warren and Justin Bryant are playing some of their best football of the year. Demond Gibson leads the Panthers in sacks.

Linebackers: Anthony Denman gets stronger and quicker every week against the run. The Pitt linebackers have not impressed in 1999.

Secondary: Ramon Wells is sick and Hank Potzal lead a potent Pitt secondary. Notre Dame’s defensive back was exploited by Tennessee in the nickel situations.

Coaching: Walt Harris has taken a program that had fallen on hard times and turned it into a team with bowl potential every year. Bob Danke made some good coaching decisions, but I think Bob Davie is on a different level than the top teams. The Panthers are playing some of their best football of the year. The last time the Irish returned a kick for a touchdown, was against the Panthers in Pitt Stadium.

Intangibles: Intangibles will be fired up for senior day and the last game on the Pitt schedule. The Irish will be looking for that close road victory.

Overall: Some of the greatest players in Pitt football history will gather on the sidelines this Saturday to honor Pitt in the stadium for the last time ever to be played in the stadium. Luckily for the Irish, the 1999 Panthers are just a shadow of their former selves, but Notre Dame should have no trouble picking up its 25th win in 30 trips to Pitt Stadium.

Irish must play well enough to win in last week’s loss to Tennessee.

The Irish defense wraps up Volunteer tailback Travis Henry in last week’s loss to Tennessee.

Even so, they do. Period. The Panthers do not have millenials like wannahabes wearing Notre Dame merchandise, claiming to be fans. What’s so great about Notre Dame? So the Irish had some great teams. So has Pitt. Why don’t they get a national television contract for all their home games? Will be pursing a contract with Pitt in the near future, if you go by the results. The hallowed ground of Pitt Stadium will say goodbye to college football after this game; joining the Crying Irish. The players are not too concerned with the end of the stadium, but the fans are. What better team to play than the Whipping Irish? A victory would put us all over television, since beating Notre Dame is supposed to be special, even though four teams have already done that this year.

It’s old news. Notre Dame loses, Notre Dame still gets into a bowl, because of the name.

I’m sure it’s hard for the Irish players to get motivated for this game, knowing a 0-0 loss would assure them a spot in the Gator Bowl. Things should be different on Saturday. Notre Dame will come in, destroy Pitt and get national recognition because they overcome the odds of playing the last game at Pitt Stadium to win the Gator Bowl.

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The final game at Pitt Stadium is finally here, and the Panthers get to face the most overrated school in the nation. The only good thing about Notre Dame is Pitts­hut out the Notre Dame native Bob Davie.

Pitt News Sports Editors

Every year, we’re forced to see the Irish gracing the top 25, only to be forced out after a few losses in September and October. The first thing Irish fans will bring up is the strength of schedule. That’s great, but if you can’t beat the good teams, why do you play them year after year?

Until we were 21, we thought Notre Dame was the fifth service academy. All those tough contests against Army, Navy and Air Force must have forced Notre Dame Athletics Director Michael Waddell to change to Michigan and Michigan State, thinking he might get some victories. Nope, good thinking, though, Michael.

With the Big Ten teams on the schedule, you’d think the Irish were a member of that conference. I say, go right ahead, and quit run­ning the Big East’s bowl chances.

The Big East is not a strong conference, but there are some quality teams. There’s talk of Boston College not making a bowl game, even with seven victories, which will include a convincing win of the overrated Irish.

I bet NBC is real happy that they are locked with Notre Dame on a television schedule through the year 2002. No wonder they’ve dropped former CBS in the ratings. That Big win over Navy probably drew as many viewers as Pitt’s big ESPN - regional battle against Kent.

Last week was real nice, too. As if we needed any more proof that Notre Dame is overrated, Tennessee beat us up on Davie’s troops, 38-14.

Pitt is not overrated. They are not deserving of any special recognition. People think Pitt stinks and
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