Offenheiser: Debt relief is essential to developing world

Debt relief and world hunger were tied together as students shared "A Simple Meal" with Oxfam America president Ray Offenheiser on Thursday night.

Students gathered in the Center for Social Concerns with Offenheiser, a 1971 Notre Dame graduate, for a meal of beans and rice and a discussion of global poverty. Offenheiser leads Oxfam America, an international non-profit organization that promotes progress and growth around the globe.

"We are a development organization with a human rights perspective. From a social and economic point of view, Oxfam America seeks to find sustainable solutions to the global issue of poverty," Offenheiser said.

Debt is also a serious problem plaguing many third-world developing countries today, he said.

"After unscrupulous political leaders have died or been overthrown, many developing countries discover they have enormous debt burdens to repay," Offenheiser said.

As a result, he said, the countries are forced to pay off their debts, and continue to pay them, regardless of expenses for agriculture, education, health and other public services. Because these public services become virtually extinct, the citizens of these countries are subjected to severe injustices.

At the same time, these troubled nations are unable to receive additional loans to pay off their debts. Because the debts remain unpaid, they also face a harsher punishment — the inability to participate in globalization and advancement.

"This was the preoccupation which concerned Oxfam America because it had economic and moral issues," Offenheiser said.

"Something needed to be done to assist these countries but the question was what."

Currently, representatives from Oxfam America, religious leaders and debt relief supporters have been working hard to establish a debt relief program. A key victory was achieved in the

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

"This is a social battle to which we all must be committed to get results," said Oxfam America president Ray Offenheiser.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Simply the best**

Whenever I return home for vacation or break, there’s one question I usually face when someone finds out I go to Notre Dame: “What’s the best Irish football game you’ve ever seen?”

Quite a few choices come to mind. There’s Jim Samson’s field goal versus Texas freshman year, or upsetting 15th-ranked LSU in ’97 at the start of ’98. But it doesn’t take long for me to come up with my answer: Notre Dame vs. Michigan at the start of ’97, or defeating defending champion Michigan at the start of ’98.

That answer usually prompts a look of confusion. “A 63-6 romp over a winless opponent?” they say. “Why would THAT be your favorite game?”

Well, in order to understand my reasoning, you’d have to know my grandfather. Born in 1921; the original William Hart was around for all the Irish national championships (although if you ask him, he doesn’t remember much about 1924). Despite never going to Notre Dame, he rooted for the Irish with all his heart, no pun intended. It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that everything I ever learned about being a sports fan came from him.

But even though he was a diehard Irish fan, he had never seen a Notre Dame football game in person, home or away. So, when I offered him the chance to see the Irish play the Blue Devils, I didn’t have to ask twice.

There we were: Three generations of Harts — myself, my father and my grandfather — sitting together in the third-to-last row of the stadium.

Sure, we were on the south end of the stadium and there wasn’t any way the goalposts would ever experience in Notre Dame Stadium and there was never any doubt as to the outcome. But I hadn’t seen my grandfather that happy since his last granddaughter was born.

He cheered as hard as any student I had seen. He did the wave with gusto and boomed all the penalties that went against the Irish. He leaped at Sergeant McCarthy’s fourth-quarter punts as if he was a veteran of Notre Dame Stadium.

But the moment I realized this was the best Irish football game I’d ever attended came after the game when we were standing shoulder-to-shoulder, singing the Alma Mater while swaying from side to side.

For us Irish football fans across the country, the last home game for Lou Holtz was the biggest event in the country that weekend. But for me, that was only a side note.

And after my years of reflecting on this moment, I came up with this: Sometimes it isn’t which game you’re watching but who you’re watching it with.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is Nautilus Sportswear?**

Nautilus Sportswear is a company that produces athletic apparel and accessories. It was founded in the early 1970s in Venezuela by the Nautilus family. Over the years, the company has expanded to become a global brand, known for its high-quality and innovative sportswear and accessories.

**What is the best sportswear brand?**

The best sportswear brand can vary depending on personal preferences, needs, and budget. Some popular sportswear brands include Nike, Adidas, Columbia, Patagonia, and The North Face. Each brand offers a unique range of products designed for different activities and climates.

**How can I find out more about Nautilus Sportswear?**

To find out more about Nautilus Sportswear, you can visit their official website or social media pages. They also have a physical presence at many outlets and might have a store near you. Additionally, they often participate in outdoor events and exhibitions where you can try their products and ask questions directly.

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**Baptists consider cutting ties with Wake Forest**

Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approved a proposal to vote next year to end its remaining ties with Wake Forest University because of recent conflicts of interest.

The convention held its annual meeting at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum earlier this week to discuss many concerns. One of them was the possibility of ending the relationship with Wake Forest. Many Baptists are disturbed by the sale of alcohol on campus.

"Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent," said Bill Boatwright, public relations director, Baptist State Convention.

"The convention is deeply grieved by the recent decision at the university in regards to a homosexual union at Wake Chapel. This motion is in no way punitive or given in a vindictive spirit," said the convention's statement, according to the Winston-Salem Journal.

Wake Forest would have to, in the next year, really repent. They’re not going to do that. They’re going to have to close the pub and change the [chapel] policy if they want to get back in the fold so to speak," said Bill Boatwright, the director of public relations for the convention said in the Nov. 17 Chronicle of Higher Education.

Members of the convention have also approved a motion that any convention employees who perform same-sex covenant ceremonies be fired.

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**MIT grad sues over revoked diploma**

Cambridge, Mass.

A 1998 MIT graduate who had his diploma suspended this summer for involvement with the death of a first-year student has filed a lawsuit against the university.

David Yoo, 28, argues in federal court that MIT violated his rights when it revoked his diploma for five years. A jury is scheduled to begin deliberating the case on Monday.

Yoo's lawyers contend that the university's policies are vague and discriminate against Yoo because he is gay. They argue that Yoo was wrongfully accused of contributing to the death of his roommate, a fellow 1998 MIT graduate, who died in August.

Yoo is seeking $2.5 million in damages and wants his diploma restored.

The university in a court filing denied Yoo's claims, saying that he was involved in a same-sex covenant ceremony and was aware of the risks involved.

The university is preparing to argue at trial that it had a right to revoke Yoo's diploma because he was involved in a same-sex covenant ceremony.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

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The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 19.
Log pile collapsed after crane struck it

TEXAS A&M BATTALLION

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

At least 24 workers were killed Thursday when an 80-foot-tall bonfire collapsed into a dangerous heap of heavy wire and logs.

A College Station Medical Center spokesperson said 12 students were hospitalized, three of whom were in critical condition.

Emergency medical-response teams responded to the collapse.

Emergency crew, urban search-and-rescue teams and community fire departments and emergency medical-response teams are being used in the rescue operation.

The stack fell suddenly, trapping workers on and near the stack.

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Students marched to the Main Building in November 1968 to protest recruiting visits by the CIA and Dow Chemical. The next year, a similar protest resulted in arrests and expulsions.

ND Ten

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Mahoney said this week. "It was a big deal for those folks who were involved because we made a very deliberate choice."

Father James Biebel, then dean of students, collected 13 cards from protesters, Mahoney said. Several students turned in their cards in a show of solidarity with the protesters. Others dispersed when they heard state police had been called in, Mahoney said. Mahoney, who said he was not blocking any entrance to the interviews, was among those sus­ pended by the University. Along with the five students who were expelled, this group became known as the Notre Dame Ten. Mahoney said the punishments seemed random, as some who were suspended had been more involved in the protest than those who were expelled. Others did not appear to be involved on any large scale. None of those singled out were elected student govern­ ment officers, he explained.

"We really were, at the time, I think, scapegoats for the need for [Hesburgh] to demonstrate that he was a tough university presi­ dent," Mahoney said. "In fact, I think they deliberately picked people they thought would be weaker types."

Rallies and forums supporting the Ten ensued through the com­ ing weeks, with several faculty members helping the group pre­ pare its defense for appeal. Among those was professor Charles McCarthy, '62, who directed the new program for the Study of Non-Violence. McCarthy later resigned in protest of the punishment inflicted on the Ten, saying, "We were the students wrong? I did not believe so then and I do not believe so now," said McCarthy in a speech at Notre Dame in 1999. "I preferred to stand with the excommunicator and so I voluntarily left touch­ ing Christian nonviolence at Notre Dame."

Meanwhile, the students carried the burden of taking the news home to their parents. Mahoney, whose father was in the Air Force, was also a coun­ selor for conscientious objects. Mahoney's view of the war com­ bined with his suspension was hard to explain at home.

"My father was furious. Absolutely furious," Mahoney said. "He just thought it was very embarrassing."

During the suspension, the University contacted the students' respective draft boards to inform them that the suspended students were re­eligible for the draft.

"This exposed each of the Ten to the risk of being drafted into the army during the resulting lapsus in their student defer­ ments," Mahoney said in a writ­ ten statement. "For many of the Ten, given our beliefs, this would have meant criminal resistance to the draft and jail, or flight to Canada."

The students were not drafted during that period and were allowed to return to Notre Dame for the spring semester. Mahoney and Jim Metzger, another mem­ ber of the Ten, even worked as RA's during their last year on campus. Mahoney keeps in touch with his friends from that period, including some administrators, but continues to struggle with the University's paradoxes.

"I come back once in a while, to visit friends mainly — not on foot­ ball weekends," he said. "I wasn't really alienated from the University. I was more alienated from the administration and what the University represented."

"I don't know if the University is helping [students] sort all this out," said. "There still seemed to prevail on campus some of these unresolved ... tensions that to a great extent the administra­ tion seemed oblivious to."

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, November 15, 1999
4:30 p.m. Center for Social Concerns

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101 Law School
Pope gives poverty advice

VATICAN CITY

The key to relieving the world of poverty, hunger and disease lies not in ideological solutions but in practical ones, Pope John Paul II said Thursday. "Poverty, hunger and disease can no longer be regarded as either moral or inevitable," the pontiff said in a message to the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization during its biennial conference. "Much can be done to defeat them, and the human family expects more from us than ever," he said. "Believing human suffering requires a "more profound and infinitely more creative power of hope."" — not ideologically motivated action, he said. "This century is strewn with examples of policies and actions which have aggravated rather than relieved human suffering" because they were motivated by ideology, the pope said.

Germany welcomes Amazon.com decision

BERLIN

Germany's justice minister on Thursday welcomed a decision by online retailer Amazon.com to stop shipping Adolf Hitler's Mein Kumpf from the United States to customers in Germany. "We bear the burden of this book," said Minister Herta Dueschel-Gmelin, who had appealed earlier to Internet retailers to respect German laws regarding such materials. "This is a call to Germany any more literature that is racist and shows contempt for mankind!" Amazon.com spokesman Bill Carrey in Seattle said the book — protected under U.S. free speech rights — was still available on its U.S. Web site, but customers seeking to have it delivered to Germany would have their order denied.

Caspian pipeline accord signed

The Caspian pipeline accord signed Thursday is seen by many as a test of whether the international community can work together to prevent the continent's oil supply from being controlled by a single country.

Associated Press

STANSTED

President Clinton said Thursday a deal to sell Caspian Sea oil to world markets without going through Russia or Iran will help ensure that no country can choke off the global energy supply. As Clinton watched, the leaders of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia signed a series of agreements to build a 1,000-mile oil pipeline from the rich fields of Azerbaijan through Georgia to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. In addition, a gas pipeline will be built from Turkmestan through Turkey. "These pipelines will be an insurance policy for the entire world by helping to ensure our energy resources pass through multiple routes instead of a single chokepoint," Clinton said.

Associated Press

Dow Jones

SALEM, N.H.

Some experts say it could mean the end of a small nation. "It is not true that we face a lack of human rights — especially in the world," Castro said. "The statement, which was signed by Oswaldo Paya, one of the island's better known dissidents, and two other Christian Liberation Movement members. The statement also called for the lifting of American trade sanctions against the Caribbean island, saying they gave the communist government an excuse for the nation's woes. "It is not true that we want to disrupt the summit or that we oppose this integration process," the declaration added, citing President Fidel Castro's charges that dissident groups had tried to derail the gathering.

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Cuba

Opposition calls for political opening

HAVANA

A Cuban opposition group asked visiting heads of state to push for Cuba to be more politically open and for the United States to end its trade embargo, the group said Thursday. "The statement by the Christian Liberation Movement said democracy and human rights were needed to allow Cuba to take its rightful place in the Spanish-speaking world. Numerous heads of state attending the annual Inter-American Summit earlier this week made indirect calls for a political opening in Cuba. Most already had left Cuba by Thursday. "If this opening is not realized inside Cuba, it will be artificial and really unfounded to say that Cuba is part of the integration process," said the statement, which was signed by Oswaldo Paya, one of the island's better known dissidents, and two other Christian Liberation Movement members. The statement also called for the lifting of American trade sanctions against the Caribbean island, saying they gave the communist government an excuse for the nation's woes. "It is not true that we want to disrupt the summit or that we oppose this integration process," the declaration added, citing President Fidel Castro's charges that dissident groups had tried to derail the gathering.

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November Events!

Friday, November 19
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Father Malloy will sign copies of Monk's Reflections: A View from the Dome to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of St. Joseph County.

Saturday, November 20
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Author Ralph McInerny will sign copies of the newly released final book in his Notre Dame trilogy, entitled Irish Tenure.

Saturday, November 20
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Mary Pat Dowling will sign copies of her popular Grotto Stories.

Tuesday, November 23
7:00 pm
We are pleased to present Building Cities by professors Norman Crowe, Richard Economakis, and Michael Lykoudis of the Notre Dame School of Architecture. Join us for a discussion and book signing followed by a reception.

Tuesday, November 30
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Acclaimed Niles artist Nancy Drew will sign copies of her new book The Artful Spirit: Crafty Hobbies to Gift Wrap Your Life!!

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SMC to hold prayer services next week

Observer Staff Report

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Saint Mary's will host a prayer service in Regina Hall at 7 p.m., Monday, and at 10 a.m., Tuesday.

The service will give students, faculty, and administrators an opportunity to gather and to give thanks before going home for the traditional celebrations with family members, said Judith Fean, director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's.

Those who attend are asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable food products. All donations will be sent to food pantries through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Each building on campus has a box where food products can be deposited.

A reception sponsored by Saint Mary's president Marleau Eldred will follow the prayer service. This inter-faith service, led by students, will also include readings by faculty and staff. The event is sponsored by Campus Ministry.

Business profs rank among most published

By MAUREEN SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors have shown that cutting-edge research papers attract a national readership — again and again and again.

Marketing professors William Wilkie and Joel Urbany were recently cited in the 1999 Journal of Consumer Psychology as two of the most frequently published authors in their field. The designation places them in the top nine percent of published consumer-market researchers.

From the late 1970s to the 1990s, Wilkie's and Urbany's research has appeared in "a lot of places," Wilkie said. "I believe the study covered the "Journal of Marketing," 'Journal of Marketing Research' and 'Journal of Consumer Research,' which are three of the elite journals in our field," Wilkie said.

Wilkie has been on the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, and he recruited his colleague Urbany to the University five years ago.

"He is a leading researcher in consumer behavior and is an excellent teacher," Wilkie said. Both men study how consumers interpret and affect information. "I work on issues involving marketing, consumers and public policy," Wilkie said. "My work in the journals concerns treating on the general area of consumer information."

Urbany's research does not differ greatly from Wilkie's. "Most of the work I've done is about how consumers search for information and how they search for price information," Urbany said. From an academic standpoint, published research is crucial to both professors and the University, they said.

"Publications are forms of contributions to knowledge and are quite in keeping with the mission of a university."

William Wilkie professor of marketing from Notre Dame in 1966, agrees.

"I came away from my undergraduate studies at Notre Dame with the idealistic belief that universities represent a special sector in society in which the search for knowledge and understanding is prized, and I decided that that's what I wanted to do with my life as well," Wilkie said.

"In this sense, publications are forms of contributions to knowledge and are quite in keeping with the mission of a university," he added.

Wilkie recognizes a university's direct need for published findings. "If Notre Dame is to be a great university, it needs its researchers to contribute to the body of thought in the world as well as to the education of its graduates," he said. "With respect to research here, my research keeps my teaching up to date on thinking in the field."

Suicide is real.

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The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS
Bishops approve more decrees

**NCCB calls for increased fight on poverty**

By RICHARD WESTLING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A day after approving a contested policy on theology teaching at church-related colleges, America's Catholic bishops returned to well-charted terrain Thursday, reaffirming their belief that governments must take responsibility for the neediest in society.

Academic groups have long lobbied to prevent the kind of controls over college theology that Pope John Paul II and the Vatican wanted. The bishops and colleges must still hash out details on implementation, and observers expect courts in some countries might take years to come.

In contrast with the intense calls for decentralization, the hierarchy passed without debate or discussion the "pastoral message" on charity. The paper praises Catholic Charities, the nation's biggest social services agency, as "exceptional" and "a divinely inspired answer to the cry of the neediest."

"We're not going to pull back. We will respond to these issues out of what we believe," said Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, NCCB president.

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**Educators unsure of Ex Corde**

By JR ROSS
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND

Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham doesn't believe he needs approval from his local bishop to teach his theology classes.

"If the bishop wants to know whether I affirm the faith of the Catholic colleges and universities, tea­ching at the country's controlling theologians and their rules as a threat to academic freedom."

The bishops did not oppose outsourcing of social services to commercial businesses as long as "profitmaking at the expense of the poor" is avoided.

The paper does not explicitly explore "charitable choice," widened government funding of overtly religious agencies as promoted by the Bush and Gore presidential campaigns.

At a news conference concluding the three-day meeting, the bishops' president, Joseph Fiorenza of Texas, said the U.S. church will continue to be outspoken on such public issues as economics, foreign policy, capital punishment, assisted suicide and the evils of the m o m ­ e b r y o r e s e a r c h.

"We're not going to pull back," he said. "We will respond to these issues out of what we believe."
Congress delays transplant ruling

By LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE
Intervening at the last minute, congressional leaders are blocking the Clinton administration's attempt to direct more donated organs to the nation's sickest transplant patients.

The delay, which will hold up the new rules at least three months, came despite an agreement on the organ allocation issue last week between the administration and negotiators for Congress, who were hammering out a massive budget deal.

The move ensures that the emotionally and politically charged issue of who gets a new chance at life will be argued again in 2000.

Meanwhile, the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's transplant system and opposes the new rules, was meeting in Baltimore on Thursday and considering its next step.

Watson Bell, whose wife received a liver transplant and who represents the public on the network's board, delivered a stirring rebuke to the board for fighting over allocation while more than 4,000 patients die each year waiting for transplants.

That includes a man from his home state of Arkansas whom he called Don, who died waiting for a new liver.

"Shame on me and shame on us and shame on our government and shame on the transplant community. Don didn't have to die," he told a bushed board.

"Millions of dollars have been spent that could have been spent on what we're here for, which is saving lives."

The board applauded. Later in its two-day meeting, it was to consider whether to propose a new policy for distributing lives, as the regulation that was to take effect in January requires.

The issue divides Congress along regional lines. Lawmakers from communities that would benefit from the new rules have backed the administration; those from areas that fear they would lose organs have fiercely fought them.

Congress has kept the rules on hold since they were introduced in February 1998. Administration officials and their backers were throttled last week with news of the deal allowing them to go forward. But word quickly spread, and lawmakers realized that the rules would take effect while Congress was out of town for the holidays. Several members of Congress threatened to hold up the entire budget deal.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., responded Wednesday night by inserting a longer delay into unrelated legislation that is sure to become law.

Federal court closes desegregation case

By CRAIG HORST
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo.
A federal judge has dismissed Kansas City's long-running school desegregation case, saying the district is making substantial progress toward providing equal education for blacks.

The ruling ends a 22-year legal battle that has cost the state upwards of $1 billion, one of the costliest desegregation cases ever.

Although the decision Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple freed the district from federal oversight, he upheld a state move to strip it of accreditation. The district remains one of only 11 in the nation that would have its ability to use the court to force school districts to charter schools and even to make substantial progress toward providing equal education for blacks.

The district has been fighting to maintain its accreditation, which it lost in February 1998.

Judge Whipple said the district has met its goal of achieving as much racial balance as possible given the number of black students in the city. He also said the district had improved accounting procedures and developed a quality instructional plan.

The lawsuit filed in 1977 led to state-funded desegregation programs aimed at attracting white children from surrounding suburbs.

The programs included, among other projects, development of magnet schools focusing on specialized themes like environmental science or a foreign language. Some argued that too much money was spent on parks such as overseas travel for students.

The superintendent of the district, Benjamin Demp, called dismissal of the case a "historic day" that presented the district with a "tremendous opportunity and great responsibility." A rthur Benson II, attorney for the plaintiffs, said he did not know whether they would appeal the ruling. "We are genuinely undecided," he said.

The judge refused to overturn an October decision by the state Board of Education that would strip the district of accreditation beginning in May. The board found that the district failed to meet 11 performance standards used by the state to measure student achievement.

District officials have argued loss of accreditation would hasten the flight of students to charter schools and would make it impossible to comply with desegregation orders.

Whipple said the district's argument was an example of how it had used the court to protect itself from accountability for the district's low performance of its students.

"The court believes the district's ability to use the court as a shield from responsibility and accountability negatively impacts its motivation to take the actions necessary to turn around an effective school district," Whipple said.

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FBI: Race motivates hate crimes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Racial prejudice motivated more than half the 7,752 hate crimes committed in 1998 that were reported to the FBI, the bureau said Thursday.

As in 1997 and 1996, racial prejudice was the most common motivation for hate crimes, accounting for 4,321 incidents in 1998.

In order of magnitude, there were 1,390 incidents attributed to prejudice over religion, 1,260 over sexual orientation, 754 over ethnic origin, 25 over disabilities and five over multiple prejudices, the FBI said.

The 1998 data come from 10,718 reporting agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 80 percent of the nation's population.

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As a result, it is crucial for Congress to return next year and allocate the full amount of money necessary to maintain the debt relief program, according to Offenheiser.

Students can also contribute to the debt relief movement in many ways. According to Offenheiser, "This is a social battle to which we all must be committed to get results. Students can influence Congress and aid the efforts by writing letters, staying engaged and keeping in touch to keep this global issue moving forward."

Medicare premiums to increase slightly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Monthly Medicare premiums paid by the elderly and disabled would rise slightly as a result of a final agreement between the White House and Congress to pay health care providers billions of dollars more in coming years.

Preliminary estimates released Thursday by the Congressional Budget Office indicate the deal would cost Medicare's 39 million beneficiaries a total of $2.1 billion in increased monthly premiums over the next five years.

That is expected to mean about a $1 a month increase in Medicare premiums starting in 2001, say lawmakers working on the legislation. The 2000 premium has already been set at $45.50 a month, unchanged from this year, and it will not change.

"This is painful," said John Rether, public policy director for AARP. The nation's largest organization of older adults, however, has agreed that some increased payments to health care providers were needed.

"Clearly they're getting some money," Rether said. "We're hoping they will continue to have services available where they were saying they wouldn't have them a year back." Rether said.

Money raised from Medicare's "Part B" premiums by law must cover a quarter of the total annual cost of doctor's office visits and other outpatient care received by all Medicare beneficiaries.
Deaths, beatings might be linked

By STEVE GUTTERMAN
Associated Press Writer

DENVER

A new wave of fear is passing through Denver's homeless community with the discovery of two more bodies of transient men less than a week after arrests were made in five beating deaths.

The bodies were found Wednesday after a homeless person spotted one of the corpses in a weed-covered field behind Union Station, Denver's main railroad station. The unidentified men were both believed to be homeless. Police Sgt. Tony Lombard said the circumstances "certainly appear to be similar" to the deaths of five homeless men in the downtown area since September.

Police cannot begin investigating the cases as connected until the most recent are ruled a murder. The number of homeless seeking shelter at the Denver Rescue Mission every night has risen sharply this fall despite unusually warm temperatures, Maxfield said.

"You can tell there's a lot of concern now," he said. "First there were three bodies, then four, then five, and now there are two more. So it's a pretty shocking thing for everybody.

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Study: Weekly drink reduces stroke risk

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By BRIGITTE GREENBERG
Associated Press Writer

An occasional drink with dinner could reduce the risk of having a stroke, according to a new study.

Researchers found that light to moderate drinkers can lower their risk by about 20 percent compared with nondrinkers. The study, which appears in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was the biggest ever to examine the link between alcohol and stroke.

It found that between one drink a week and one a day reduces the risk, and the lesser amount was about as good as the higher one.

There were not enough heavy drinkers in the study to look at the effects of more than one a day, but the heart brain to excess can raise blood pressure and, in fact, lead to a stroke.

Researchers attribute alcohol's benefits to its ability to increase the amount of HDL, or good cholesterol, in the bloodstream. HDL cholesterol helps keep arteries clean. Researchers say alcohol can break up blood clots.

The Physicians' Health Study, which began in 1989, studied male doctors between the ages of 40 and 84. They were tracked for about 12 years. In all, the study subjects reported 1,139 strokes.

Small amounts of alcohol were shown to decrease the risk of ischemic stroke, which is the most common type and is caused by clots that reduce blood flow to the brain. Drinking had no effect on the risk of a rare hemorrhagic stroke, which is caused by sudden bleeding in the brain.

While Buring said the findings may apply to women as well, she stressed that light to moderate alcohol intake for a woman is defined as about one drink per day vs. approximately two drinks per day for a man. Also, research has suggested that drinking may raise the risk of breast cancer in women.

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House passes $390 billion budget bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The House approved a $390 billion budget bill Thursday, edging Congress toward wrapping up its long and contentious year, in a final step — Senate approval — was proving time-consuming as several senators were holding the measure hostage to special interests.

Capping a year born in the cauldron of President Clinton's impeachment trial, the spent House approved a bipartisan deal including money for new teachers, land purchases and home-district booty for lawmakers.

The package, merging 10 bills and exceeding 2,000 pages, was the product of weeks of negotiation that did not end until nearly midnight Wednesday. Lawmakers had missed a Friday deadline to examine the nearly foot-tall stack of paper, but approved it by 296-135, with most members of both parties crowning about victories.

"I think we ended the session on a high note," said Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Clinton won billions for education, new police officers for the Middle East peace process and other National priorities, and blocked with most members of both form in ing and United Nations administrations said would negate many of Clinton's spend­ ing. But he relented after White House, Congress, and United Nations, and so-called NTR, diplomatic shorthand for regional Bells, the national's general counsel of North Point Communications, said Michael Olsen, deputy general counsel for outside businesses to petition for residential users, "they unlearn all the the benefits of competitive equal footing."

"Prices should decline, "Prices should decline, services should improve," declared FCC Commissioner Susan Ness. The proposal, if approved, would help put them on a competitive equi­ table footing.

"The FCC is really going to unleash all the benefits of competition for residential users," said Michael Olsen, deputy general counsel for NorthPoint Communications.

FCC votes on Internet line decision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hoping to accelerate the spread of high-speed home Internet connections, federal regulators voted Thursday to require telephone companies to share their lines with other businesses providing Internet services.

The Federal Communications Commission decision could ultimately mean more competition to consumers for high-speed Internet service and at lower costs, officials said.

"Prices should decline, services should improve," declared FCC Commissioner Susan Ness. The decision could make it substantially cheaper for upstart businesses to compete with telephone companies in providing connections dozens of times faster than today's dial-up.

"Prices should decline, services should improve." Currently, local telephone companies, such as the Bells and GTE, can offer high-speed Internet services to sub­scribers on the same lines they provide their regular voice service.

But for outside businesses to come in and sell Internet connections to a consumer, they must buy a second line from the telephone company into the consumer's home.

"The agreement gives the agreement that the United States and good for the world. "China's economic growth dependence on an opening of the (trade) system," he said. "It will normalize economic relations among the United States, and stabilize overall relations."
World leaders rebuke Yeltsin

Associated Press

ISTANBUL

President Clinton and other world leaders chided Boris Yeltsin on Thursday for overseeing "an endless cycle of violence" in Chechnya, prompting a angry words from the Russian leader but also a concession. He agreed to an outside review of the rebellious region.

"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Yeltsin shot back at a chorus of rebuke from presidents and prime ministers at a summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Rejecting calls for political mediation rather than a military solution, Yeltsin said, "There will be no negotiations with handlers and murderers."

"You have no right to criticize Russia for Chechnya," Boris Yeltsin Russian president

Gathered around an oval table, Clinton was joined by other Western chiefs of state in replying to Yeltsin for "an endless cycle of violence" against civilians in Chechnya. French President Jacques Chirac called Russia's air and ground assaults "a tragic error." German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said, "War is no way to eliminate terrorism."

Bruce Springsteen said he was not interested in "reproaches or sermonizing" from his colleagues, and gave no indication the criticism would have any effect on Russia's two-month-old military campaign to combat separatist rebels in the southern Russian region. Russia is locked in a battle with terrorists who have attacked Moscow and taken American, French, British and Russian hostages, Yeltsin said.

Despite this defiance, Yeltsin later quietly agreed to allow an international official to visit Chechnya. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said OSCE chairman Kurt Volbke of Norway would go, although she did not know when and under what circumstances.

"I'm not going to oversee this," the secretary said. But she said it was "a good foot in the door" for a more extensive OSCE mission.

For his part, Clinton sought to keep for m e n d e d with Russia.

"We have a very good personal chemistry," Clinton said but it didn't stop us from our clear disagreement here.

The dispute over Chechnya dominated the summit, called to act faster to prevent conflict, protect human rights and promote democracy.

Clinton and other leaders decreed what they describe as a growing refugee crisis in Chechnya as civilians flee the fighting.

Yeltsin's concession, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Moscow had not changed its stand significantly and continued to welcome humanitarian assistance. But he said Russia wouldn't agree to "political mediation" inside Russian borders.

Despite their differences, Yeltsin greeted Clinton with a bear hug as they met together for the first time since talks in June in Geneva. Yeltsin urged Clinton to visit Moscow soon but the president made no commitment. "We will look at our schedule," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Yeltsin left Istanbul before Friday's concluding sessions but Berger said "it was not stumbling out of the room."

Russia launched its latest campaign in Chechnya in early September after militants based there twice attacked neighboring Dagестan. The militants also have been blamed in apartment bombings that killed about 300 people in Russia in September.

Clinton said Russia was "right to combat violence and terrorism and protect its territorial integrity."

However, he warned, "If the Russian military situation continues, the extremism Russia is trying to combat will only intensify and Russia's sovereignty will be more and more rejected by ordinary Chechens as an area of the terror or the resisters.

Waving his finger at the Russian president; Clinton praised Yeltsin's brave efforts. Yeltsin greeted Clinton with a military coup against the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev.

"We are in a very dangerous situation," St. Martin's Lt. Gov. Dennis Richardson said Thursday. "We expect conditions to get a lot worse."

On Wednesday, Hurricane Lenny pounded the island's main port, said a reporter at the French and British island of St. Martin. French and British islanders "weary of wars," Richard Berger said. "The hurricane was unlikely to strike the mainland United States but could bring heavy surf capable of eroding beaches and destroying houses," he said, away said Stacy Stewart at the Hurricane Center.

Yeltsin has waded havoc as far away as South America. On Tuesday, it hit the bash in Colombia's Caribbean, killing at least four people from drowning deaths of two fishermen off Colombia's Caribbean peninsula, and left two showers of debris across the beach at the yacht club, leaving 540 people homeless.

The United Nations convened hundreds of television and broadcast experts Thursday for a two-day conference on the ways TV can bring peace and development to the world, saying the media can be a devastating force for change.

But in an opening address, the president of the U.N. General Assembly questioned the pursuit of such a lofty ideal when many television might bring often remains silent in regions where it is most needed.

"For the vast majority of the world's people, living in abject poverty, even the thought of owning a television set borders on miracle." Then-Ben Gurirah told the conference of about 800 television executives and policy makers from over 80 countries around the world in November.

"Let us face the facts: The best, television programming wouldn't mean much if the people who need them the most — the developing world — lack the necessary equipment and logistics," he said.

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Gun-related death count drops

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Gun deaths in the United States dropped 21 percent between 1993 and 1997 to the lowest level in more than 30 years, and firearm-related injuries fell 41 percent, the government said Thursday.

Experts cited several reasons as tougher gun control laws, a booming economy, better police work and gun safety courses.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked at all gunshot wounds reported at emergency rooms, whether they were intentional, accidental or self-inflicted.

The number of fatalities dropped from 19,295 — 15.4 gun deaths per 100,000 people — in 1993, to 32,436— 12.1 per 100,000 — in 1997.

The rate “is the lowest it’s been since the mid 60s,” said J. Lee Attar, a CDC statistician.

“This progress is really encouraging and says that joint prevention efforts of public health officials, legislators and law enforcement should continue.”

The drop was not unexpected: Suicide rates in the 1990s have fallen to levels not seen since the 1960s, and about two-thirds of all homicide cases committed involve guns.

Moreover, nonfatal shootings fell from 104,390 to 64,207 in the same period, or from 40.5 per 100,000 in 24.0.

Bill Manstock, spokesman for the NRA, said the numbers prove that more gun laws aren’t needed, the laws on the books need to be enforced.

“It is a fact that this substantial drop in gun violence directly correlated to a big increase in gun enforcement by police,” said Lawrence Sherman, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied gun policy. “Police were not treating guns in a pre­ventive sense, prior to 1993 and now they are.”

Some experts also credit a strong economy that has helped reduce overall crime and suicide attempts. Margaret Zahn, a North Carolina State University criminology professor, said prosperity has also allowed governments to spend more on services that prevent gun violence, such as domestic violence shelters and youth recreation programs.

The CDC also listed such possible factors as an aging population, increased gun safety measures and the waning of the crack trade.

Gun control advocates said they are encouraged, but even so, pointed out an average of 265 people a day were shot in 1997.

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Survey: Young voters in trouble

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

One-third of high school seniors — many of them old enough to vote in next year’s elections — lack even a basic understanding of how American government is run, a national test suggests.

Just 26 percent of high school seniors are considered well versed enough in civics education to make reasonable, informed choices at the polls, say educators who released on Thursday the results of the 1998 national test of government and civics.

“What these young voters know and don’t know about civics and government will have an impact on all of us,” said Diane Ravitch, chief education researcher and former Bush administration education official. Ravitch, who sits on the board of the test giver, said the test results are a warning of the serious lack in American civics education. “We cannot be content when so many young voters are so poorly prepared,” she said.

The test, called the National Assessment of Educational Progress, is administered by a national­wide group established by Congress. The test is given roughly every two years to a nationwide sample of children in three grade levels in core subjects such as math and reading.

In recent years, subjects such as the arts, writing and civics have been added.

The last civics test was given in 1998, but cannot be compared with this one because of major content changes.

The new civics test — which differed by grade level — was given in 1998 to nationally representa­tive samples totaling 22,000 fourth, eighth and 12th graders in public and private schools.

Officials said no state­by-state data was collected and that 4.5 percent of test takers initially chosen were excluded because they were special education students or had limited English skills. About 2 percent more received accommodations such as extra time to take the test.

Critics of the tests contend that exceptions such as these can skew a national reading of all children’s skills.

The test is generally the only adequate way to compare student progress nationwide, because states’ own tests may vary significantly. Furthermore, schools are not required to participate in the national testing.

According to test givers, an eighth-grade child at the basic level is supposed to identify the basics of how American democracy works. The ideas come from the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The 15th graders should show they can understand complex ideas that are beyond those fundamentals. Younger children, 4th and 8th graders, were given rudimentary questions such as why do we have atoms and what happens when people vote.

Like the high school seniors, about one-third of fourth graders and eighth graders performed below basic levels, meaning there are serious gaps in their knowledge and abilities.

Among the test findings were that fewer than half of 12th graders know what the president and the Senate do, the State Department has more authority than Congress or the courts, 36 percent know the Supreme Court used the Constitution’s 14th Amendment to invalidate state laws that segregated public schools, only 9 percent were able to indentify two ways democracy can suffer, 6 percent believe the injustice of segregation laws. Only 6 percent could describe two ways a country can benefit from having a constitution.

In eighth-grade testing, 81 percent identified Martin Luther King as someone concerned about the injustice of segregation laws. Only 6 percent could describe two ways a country can benefit from having a constitution.

At the fourth-grade level, 74 percent knew that in the United States, laws must be applied to everyone equally, but about 15 percent could name two services the government pays for with the taxes it collects.

State and school dis­tricts lack sufficient requirements necessary for an adequate civics education, said Charles Quigley, executive director of the Center for Civic Education, a Calabasas, Calif., group that promotes civics courses in schools.

“The vast majority of students are not being taught civics and government at all or they are being taught too little, too late, and inadequate,” Quigley said. Under these conditions, you can hardly expect them to do well on such a test.

The questions were mul­tiple-choice open-ended and written by the Educational Testing Service, which is the same organization that writes and administers recognized college entrance exams. The questions were then approved by the bipartisan board that runs the tests.

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Pace of life allows no room for study

Jeff Langan

Lula's Journal

As DART season and Thanksgiving approach, we can all start looking forward to the two weeks in February when we will actually be able to concentrate on our academic work. Those days, with all the breaks and activities that take place during each semester, is difficult to actually have the classes we are actually taking foremost on our mind.

Nobody works in September. Summer vacation just ended. We spend about two weeks talking about the summer, settling into classes and getting into the new football season. By mid-September to early October, the football season is in full swing, and we are already looking forward to Fall Break and whatever that might bring. Along the way, we have to write a paper or two and take a midterm or two, but these are not important activities—they are blips on the radar screen compared with the parties, the dances and the clubs.

Of course, after Fall Break, you might say, we can really concentrate on classes. Not so fast! It takes a week to recover from Fall Break. Moreover, late October and early November provide important other diversions on top of the parties, the dances, the football games, etc. Everybody spends lots of time planning their classes for next semester. Ironically, we haven't even spent much time thinking about the ones we are currently taking, and we already start scheming about what to take next. As if concentrating too much on current classes would lead to serious mental disorders.

Of course, worrying about next semester's classes takes us right up to Thanksgiving week, which as a whole is a wash. Some people are even going home the Friday before Thanksgiving. Even if there are classes Thanksgiving week, turkeys and family reunions are foremost on our minds.

Then, we return from Thanksgiving. Now it's time to buckle down. In reality, however, the secular Christmas season doesn't actually begin until Dec. 25 and takes us well into January? Let it be psychologically healthier, and of course spiritually healthier, to live according to Christmas standards on this one. What better way to deal with the dead of winter?) Finals, given all the hustle and bustle of early December, become nothing more than a blip on our radar screen.

So we all take a month-long Christmas break. At the beginning of the break, we tell ourselves that during that period we will review and read all of those things we failed to review and read during the semester. We will even get a jump-start on what is coming up next semester. Unfortunately, that usually turns out to be a pipe dream.

Jan. 11 rolls around, and it's time to get back in school. As in the first semester, it takes a week or two to settle down after the break, which brings us to the dreaded month of February. Outside of Valentine's Day, there are few distractions. So, we can all plan on two or three weeks in February in which classes are foremost on our mind.

Then March arrives. With March comes melting snow, spring break and March Madness. Classes soon become another blip on the radar. After spring break, we get to DART again (see above) and make room picks for next year. That takes us to mid-April, which of course also takes us to Easter.

After Easter, we are usually so close to the end of the semester that nobody really takes finals seriously. Yes, we take them and everyone gets frantic over them, loses sleep, drinks too much caffeine, etc., but at bottom, that's just a show. What's really on everybody's mind is getting home, getting to that internship, getting to those travel or getting to that service project. This is a problem because we spend the hours, days, weeks and months of our lives as students dreaming about and doing everything else but what is the most important thing in the present — getting a liberal education.

The current pace of life leads us to waste our time, to never really get out of our education what we should get out of it. It sets a dangerous pattern for living life because we will always find ourselves unhappy, anticipating that change, that move in the future that will set everything right. We will always look back on our past, regretting the time that was wasted, the time that we let slip by. Is our time here more than a bunch of activity interrupted by a two-week period of a chance to study?

Jeff Langan is a graduate student in the government department. His column appears every other Friday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

"An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do."

Dylan Thomas
American poet
...
Seniors: What was the highlight of your four years of ND football?

"Watching Lou Holtz's display of class as he exited the University he idolized since childhood. That's Notre Dame class."

Luke Brennan
Dillon Hall

"Beating defending national champion Michigan here at Notre Dame in the first game last year with ESPN on campus."

Cheryl Berg
Welsh Family Hall

"Being a naive freshman who thought the Notre Dame football team was the most awesome team ever...."

Kristin Gerber
Welsh Family Hall

"Senior year. USC. Fourth quarter revenge of the Irish."

Katy Soby
Welsh Family Hall

"Having a quarterback coach Holtz, when ND trounced Rutgers."

Lindsay Richardson
Le Mans Hall

The conversation, however, does not circle around harmonies and melodies, new music or even what is to come in the evening's rehearsal. Instead of opening music, women around the room open brochures and keep their folders closed, diligently studying Fodor's travel guide to New York. Anxiously awaiting to board the plane that will take the choir to Carnegie Hall in New York, New York, tonight's rehearsal is not average.

Yet as the piano strikes its first chord, the chatter quickly translates to notes, each voice contributing to a harmony that is the culmination of a semester's worth of practice.

Culminating a year of anticipation, the Saint Mary's Women's Choir will appear in Carnegie Hall this Sunday at 2 p.m. with the Penn High School Women's Choir and 40 alumnae from Saint Mary's College, under the direction of Women's Choir director Nancy Menk. Invited to the great stage by Mid America Productions last fall, the Women's Choir will join Davidson College from North Carolina, directed by former Saint Mary's director Ray Sprague, and a group from Oregon under the direction of Solveig Holmquist in a three-part concert.

And the saying that the only road to Carnegie Hall is "practice, practice, practice" certainly holds true for the group, who has spent the last three weeks ironing out imperfections, fine-tuning each piece and making sure their New York debut is error-free.

"We're trying to achieve a level of perfection more so now than ever," said senior soprano Katie Trnka. "We always try to do that, but with this performance, it's more important than ever."

"Perfection means more than just hitting the notes," Trnka explained. "[Menk] has been stressing dynamics and making sure that certain sections sing without bravado," she said. "She's been nit-picky about the way the music sounds because she knows we can achieve that level of perfection. The audience is going to be able to see all the hard work we've been doing."

Yet preparing the groups for the performance has been nothing out of the ordinary, Menk emphasized. "I don't think [preparation] has been any different," Menk said. "There has been an extra level of excitement and more talking about what the women will hear in the orchestra."

The women will perform several different pieces during the concert, all of which were arranged for women's choirs and women's voices. The choir will perform Johannes Brahms Ave Maria and sing three different settings of the Magnificat, one composed by Michael Haydn, the second by Ralph Vaughn Williams and a third composed by Libby Larsen.

Composed for Saint Mary's sesquicentennial anniversary in 1994, the third arrangement will hold special meaning for the alumnae and current women's choir, since Larsen will be present for the performance.

"So often, when you commission a piece, that's the end of it," Menk said. "This has been published by Oxford University Press, and now we've been able to really give it some national glamour of New York City, while per..."
Pyros fired up for Welsh

Pasquerilla East returns to the stadium for the fifth straight year and is looking for its third consecutive championship against Welsh on Sunday. The Whirlwind plans to extinguish the fiery Pyro attack and create some sparks of its own by claiming its first interhall title. See page 2 for the teams' outlooks.

KICK-OFF FORECAST

gametime: 11 a.m. E.S.T.
weather: Partly cloudy and in the high 40s
The Whirlwind looks to put damper on the Pyros' fifth straight trip to stadium

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The season-finale showdown featuring the Whirlwinds of Welsh and the Pyros of Pasquerilla East is sure to be a fierce battle, but only one team will experience the glory of a win inside Notre Dame Stadium — and both teams want it badly.

Pasquerilla East rides into this season's final game with a flawless record, remaining undefeated in the regular season and sweeping through the playoffs virtually unscathed.

There is almost no need to mention the obvious foundation of the Pyro team quarterback Elizabeth Plummer, who has dominated the highlight reels and has almost single-handedly lead an offense that has been impossible to extinguish.

But Plummer knows her team has to perform to its best ability on Sunday against Welsh to pull out a win.

"I think they are going to match up well against us," Plummer said. "We are going to have to play our best game to walk away with a victory."

Pasquerilla East will play in the stadium for an astonishing fifth straight time, and hopes to come away with its third straight interhall title.

When Pasquerilla East and Welsh met earlier this season, the Pyros had no trouble handing their opponents a defeat, but Pasquerilla East coach Dong Min is not dismissing the talent that the Whirlwinds have displayed throughout the season.

“They just have five or six girls that are incredible athletes,” Min said. “We’ll just have to play as a team.”

The Pyros have not hit a low point this season, playing up to high expectations in each game.

Consistently solid play by Plummer quarterback Elizabeth Plummer goes deep in the pocket during the regular season. Plummer will try to lead PE to its third straight title Sunday.}

Pasquerilla East

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Rosters

**Pasquerilla East**

Sophia Barbados LB
Ann Benjamen DBS
Christie Bodnar LB
Wendy Bruenngarner OL
Kris Gailini C
Sue Fanning DB
Meghan Flaherty DB
Stephanie Foster DL
Meghan Gallagher OL
Melissa Gorman RB
Laura Grabski OL
Kerry Hanley WR
Allison Healy LC
Robin Horning LB
Stacey Leicht WR
Gina Locklar DL
Brita McCullough DL
Molly O’Rourke DB
Donata Parrillo RC
Elizabeth Plummer QB
Molly Rost TE
Bridget Sample WR
Meg Smolinski TE
Lindsay Tersify RT
Stephanie Trautman DL
Laura Tushaus WR
Coach: Min Dong
Asst. Coaches: Doug Kraft

**Welsh Family**

Bethany Barker FB
Lisa Bentley OL
Alex Callan RB
Becky Demco LB
Stephanie Eden RB
Maria Feilmeier FS
Colleen Harkins FS
Leanne Guerra CB
Claire Hess DL
Kelly Keegan DL
Sarah Leit RC
Vanessa Lichon RC
Candy Marcum OL
Lauren Muldoon CB
Elizabeth Myers DL
Colleen O’Connor OL
Karli Pederson DL
Michelle Porter OL
Katie Rak QB
Erica Sciola CB
Katie Sohy CB
Allison Tullis DL
Jennifer Yee FS

Coaches: Casey Bouton
Dave DePoister
Brian Sweet
Sorin looks for revenge against Knott in clash of opposites

**Rosters**

**Sorin**

- Luke Beuerlein QB
- Larry Burchett FB/CB
- Luke Burke G/DT
- Pete Camilli RT
- Greg Carney OL/FS
- Ellis Carson OLB
- Mike Cisternino DE
- Mario Suarez A.T. Tobias FL/CB
- Kyle Trotter DE/TE
- Brent Smith CB
- Joe Stark RG
- Scott Stender SE
- Antoine Tobias OLB
- Kevin Heffernan KR/P
- Luke Beuerlein CB
- Mike Crowe HB
- Mike Cisternino DE
- Elliss Carson OLB
- Pete Leja DT
- Doug Lawrence LG/OLB
- Luke Burke C/DT
- Larry Burchett FB/CB
- Mike Crowe HB
- Fred Faber FR/LB
- Joe Guntert DT
- Keith Kowalczyk OLB
- Doug Lawrence LG/OLB
- Pete Leja DT
- Tim McDonald ILB
- Trevor Morris TE/DE
- Tony Perez LB
- Dan Schaffer OL
- Brent Smith CB
- Scott Stender SE
- Antoine Tobias FL/CB
- Jim Vavricek LT/LB

**Knott**

- Looe Baker TE
- Bart Bruckert LB
- John Cowen CB
- Steve Curasco OL
- Scott Evans CB
- Ed Foy LB
- Antoine Tobias DE
- Kevin Hefferman KW/P
- Joe Mueller FR/LB
- Brandon Landas SS/RB
- Terry McLoy CB/WR
- Lou Perry C/LB
- John Taggart LB
- Mario Suarez LB
- Kyle Trotter DE/TE
- Pat Virtue TB
- Lee Vooral OL
- Dan Zach LB

**Coach**: Mike Crowe

**Asst. Coach**: Tom Weller

**Juggernauts**

- Virtue FB
- Antoine Tobias FL/CB
- Jim Vavricek LT/LB

**Coach**: Mario Suarez

**Asst. Coach**: Tom Weller

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A championship and the bragging rights that go along with it will be on the line Sunday as the Sorin Otters battle the Knott Juggernauts on the bawled grounds of Notre Dame Stadium in what looks to be a clash of opposites.

The matchup pits the Otters potent passing attack and the league's best defense against the Juggernauts' stingy defense, which is arguably the league's finest. Both squads come into the contest sporting identical 5-1 records, with Knott winning their head-to-head meeting by a score of 14-7.

With starting running back Faber out of the equation, the Juggernauts will look for running back Mario Suarez to add another dangerous dimension to the Otters' defense. Knott captain Mario Suarez is understandably leery of Sorin's passing attack.

Looking to stymie the Otters, who will once again go with the rushing tandem of Mike Crowe and Larry Burchett. Both backs have shown the ability to make the occasional big play, and will add another dangerous dimension to the Otter attack.

Both captains are extremely confident in their teams' chances.

"If we score twice, it's over," said Faber. "They have the league's most balanced offense and the capability to doom our opponent with either the run or the pass.

"We've worked on getting him off the field early and often, as the Otters will stick with the downhill passing attack that has brought them so much success."
After losing in the stadium for two years in a row, Sorin hopes to make "three times a charm" versus Knott on Sunday. Jugg seniors, however, have their own need for stadium vindication, having fallen in Flanner football's final game in the 1996 championship. See page 3 to see how both teams look to finish the job.
big apple

y’s Women’s Choir takes on the glitz and ming at prestigious Carnegie Hall

exposure. It’s a special thing that the composer is going to be able to be there to see that.”

While the choir has performed all of the pieces they will sing at Carnegie Hall at last week’s fall concert, the addition of the Penn High School women’s choir, alumnae voices, and a full orchestra will add dynamic to the performance not seen before by many of the vocalists.

The three groups, who have never performed or rehearsed together before this weekend, will have eight hours of combined rehearsal time before Sunday’s performance, only one of which will be with the orchestra.

“I’ll feel better about the performance after I’ve heard the orchestra,” Menk said. “I rehearsed with the Penn High School women last week, and the alumnae have been learning the music on their own.”

“Other things are good, but this has to be really good,” said freshman alto Meghan Bobonis. “I know I’m going to be nervous.”

For Trnka, the sheer excitement of seeing Carnegie Hall as a performer — not as a member of the audience — will be her motivation.

“I’ve been to Carnegie Hall before, but never to sing,” she said. “It’s an amazing experience. I’ve never pictured myself on stage there before ... getting that rush of performing there ... it’s going to be something special.”

But after a semester of rehearsal and anticipation, the group will have little to worry about mastering except stifling their nerves, vocalists said.

Seniors: What was the lowlight of your four years of ND football?

"o-6 for the past six road games. How could it get any worse? Thanks Bob."

Matt Quinnon
Dillon Hall

"Last year when they threw the octopus and fish among the student section."

Angie Little
Annunciata Hall

"Knowing that, unlike Cheerios, we hadn’t earned our right to be in a bowl."

Kristin Gerber
Welsh Family Hall

"J.J. getting hurt in [the] LSU game."

Coley Brady
off-campus

"The day marshmallows were outlawed."

Katy Soby
Welsh Family Hall

"The day Bob Davie became head coach."

Micah Murphy
Keough Hall

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And with ticket sales going for $68 apiece, who wouldn’t be?
Some of their classmates were dead or dying. There was no time to think about football.

When word circulated across the Texas A&M campus Thursday that nine students were killed and dozens were injured in the collapse of logs stacked for the traditional bonfire before that night’s game, Aggies football players rushed to help.

“We wanted to assist in any way possible,” said junior lineman Semisi Heimuli said. “Several players got together and came out to the site and told the people we could move logs and help in any way possible.”

Shocked by the wave of grief that swept over College Station, A&M coach R.C. Slocum canceled practice, expressing concern more about the tragedy than the Nov. 26 game against rival No. Texas.

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“I think the tragedy and the kids and families are much bigger than the tradition of the game,” Mack Brown Texas football coach.

“They think it’s going to be the start of something, and I’m proud of the rest of the players for coming out and helping. It’s a very sad day in Aggieland,” Heimuli said.

Some students are outstanding and have supported us through thick and thin. They’ve always been there for us. I’m a senior and I’ve seen some great times and some not so great. But without our students, our school would not be the same.

“This is a very big thing for all of us,” the A&M athletic director said.

“The Aggie family are in a state of grief that swept over College Station Thursday that nine students, their families and many friends were killed in a tragic accident that occurred during a tailgate party before the Texas game.

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**BASEBALL**

**Castro, Chavez mix politics with baseball**

Associated Press

HAVANA

Fidel Castro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez groused up for a friendly baseball game Thursday as their budding friendship and new political alliance deepened.

Chavez promised to pitch for the Venezuela side and Castro was managing the Cuban team in the game between retired veteran baseball players from the two countries.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said his nation’s starting pitcher was a “closely guarded secret,” leading to speculation the 73-year-old Thursday as their budding alliance deepened.

Stadium, a political alliance and Vic Davalillo.

Spearers of world- and Olympic-championship teams.

Venezuela’s will include former major league stars Tony Armas and Vic Davalillo.

But behind the playful competition at the Latinamericann Stadium, a political alliance appears to be forming.

The strengthening of the bond between Castro and his Venezuelan admirer comes as one of Cuba’s ties with some of its staunchest allies seem to be cooling over concerns about human rights.

During this week’s Ibero-American Summit in Havana, Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico, long Cuba’s most faithful friend in the Western Hemisphere, linked the sovereignty so prized by Castro with the need for democracy and human rights.

"There cannot be sovereign nations without free men and women, men and women who can fully exercise their essential freedoms: freedom to think and give opinions, freedom to act and participate, freedom to dissent, freedom to choose," Zedillo said Tuesday night at the closing session of the gathering of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking nations.

Chavez, who won his country’s 1998 elections, has a different view than Zedillo.

"Democracy is talked about a lot," Chavez said in comments carried Thursday by the Cuban Prensa Latina news agency. It was talked about in Venezuela for 40 years and it was a big farce, a big lie. The rulers were masked, robbing and betraying people.

Speeches at the university are usually formal, restrained affairs. But on Thursday, Castro and Chavez traded jokes and great stories, bursting and slapping another one on the shoulders like old friends.

No matter what the result of the game, Chavez said, “every single drop of sweat” would be a contribution toward the “mission of uniting our people more every day.”

The jury may still be out on Carlesimo’s in-your-face approach in his work, but the results are in and after two losing seasons, he will be lucky to see one more in Golden State through to the end. After that, the consensus of the Spree fans revile more than villains are losers, and Sprewell is shedding both of those skins.

Everything else about the story looks and sounds different, too. The Spree didn’t jum up, he was choked Carlesimo is no longer the coach, too. The Spree who choked Carlesimo in four games, the less power now. They can’t even force an apology from Sprewell on why he didn’t show up for training camp on time. Ditto for NBA commissioneer David Stern. But that’s not the worst of it.

With each passing day, with every additional minute of face time, Sprewell argues for a new version of events, one that blurs fact and fiction a little bit more. The only thing that sports fans revile more than villains are losers, and Sprewell is shedding both of those skins.

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Brown, Carter set for battle on field

Associated Press

DENVER

After seven seasons of exchanging harsh words, glares and taunting gestures, the NFL's top cornerback and the enigmatic Denver Broncos have finally decided to put their differences aside and face each other in battle. Tim Brown knows what to expect from his matchups with the combative Denver Broncos.

"They're always nasty," Brown said Thursday as the Oakland Raiders prepared for their Monday night game against Denver. "Like I told him after the last game, 'You know you play nasty. You just get to play nasty mainly to protect myself out there. Those shots to the back of the legs that he gives is something that hopefully the league is going to look at next year.'"

Hearing complaints about his aggressive play is nothing new for Carter, who has a reputation for jarring tackles that go beyond the rules. He may be playing right into his reputation for rule-breaking, but he's determined to prove his worth on the field.

"If I do [hit from behind], oh well. I'm just playing my job; if you can allow your run defense to get plays, you've done your job," Carter said. "I don't necessarily consider it a dirty player, but I think he's going to get him to the point where he can play dirty." Brown said. "If you make a couple of plays on him, or you get to talking a little trash to him, I think he'll take a shot at you. He'll go headhunting on you every once in a while.

Carter's reputation for rule-bending tactics are familiar to the Broncos, who signed him to a four-year, $22.8 million contract in the offseason. In 1996, Carter lined up as a wide receiver in the fourth quarter of a 34-7 Denver victory over Kansas City and proceeded to throw a meaningless block at the knees of Broncos cornerback Lionel Washington.

As Washington remained on the ground after the hit, Carter laughed and told the Broncos to get their teammate off the field. Washington missed the next two games with a partially torn knee ligament, but Carter was not fined.

While not defending his reputation, Carter does acknowledge that his aggressive play is simply part of his game.

"I'm just going after guys, period," he said. "I'm not targeting any certain spot to hit anybody. I'm not trying to play football like that. I will guarantee you this — when I get out there, I'm going to be playing 110 percent, regardless." Brown wants to see that effort reduced to 100 percent. He said he plans to ask the NFL's competition committee to review Carter's tackling methods.

He may be playing right into Carter's hands. "That's what I love," Carter said. "That's nothing but love. I'm going to be scared now. "Anytime you have a guy out there worried about what you are doing, that helps. I wouldn't say that you have fear, but you know that he's thinking you are coming after him every play."

Buffalo linemen lead league

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

They pave paths to glory for others. They pick up their lunch pails and go home. But life isn't all work and no play for the Buffalo Bills offensive linemen. Winning makes playing worthwhile.

"It's a thrill," Bills right tackle Robert Hicks said. "I love blocking people. I love to hit people."

Buffalo is one of the better teams in the league, and the offensive line is a big reason why.

A lineman can't pick up a stat sheet after a game and see how he's done. A lineman doesn't have stats. He has to look at other people's numbers.

"As a lineman you measure success by two things: sacks and rushing yardage," Buffalo center Jerry Olsotroki said. "If you can keep guys off the line and 50 percent of the time the quarterback and allow him to make plays, you've done your job. If you can allow your running backs to gain yards, you've done your job." The running game has amassed a league-high 1,145 yards while averaging 134.5 yards per game, second to Sunday's opponent, the New York Jets (136.2). The Bills are ninth in the league in total offense and 15th in yards passing per game.

Buffalo has three players among the AFC's top 20 rushers: Antowain Smith (537), Jonathan Linton (402) and quarterback Doug Flutie (335). The line has allowed only 17 sacks, well below the NFL average of 23.9, part of which is due to Flutie's elusiveness.

"I never look at the stat sheet," Hicks said. "I look at the scoreboard, and then I look at the guys I faced. If they haven't had a good game and we've won, that's a great day."

The Bills have won three games in a row, have rushed for 492 yards in those three victories, and have not committed a turnover in two games.

The Bills have never played three straight without a turnover.

Buffalo linemen lead league

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Rodriguez catches MVP award from AL

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

Already considered the best catcher of his generation, Texas Rangers' Ivan Rodriguez earned a spot among the great Thurman Munson and Benito Santiago in the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

Rodriguez edged Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez to become just the ninth catcher in either league to win baseball's top individual honor, joining the likes of Johnny Bench and Yogi Berra.

"That means a lot," said Rodriguez, the first MVP since Thurman Munson of the Yankees in 1976. "I respect those guys a lot. To be compared to them is something special.

Rodriguez earned the comparisons by hitting .328 with 35 home runs, 113 RBIs, 116 runs and an AL-best .414 on-base percentage. He became the first catcher with 20 home runs and 20 steals in the same season, and he's the first AL backstop to have 30 home runs, 100 RBIs and 100 runs in the same season.

This was the third straight year he led American League in average, and it's the second straight year he've had bests in RBIs and steals.

"I prepared myself in the off-season with weights and running to get myself stronger physically and mentally," Rodriguez said. "I told my trainer I was going to hit 30 home runs this year and I hit five.

Rodriguez was able to dedicate his offseason to a fitness routine because it was the first time he didn't play winter ball in his native Puerto Rico. The Rangers got him to agree to that while negotiating his contract.

"Helped keep me in shape and more fresher on the field," said Rodriguez, who earned a $250,000 bonus for the MVP. "But I just

Rodriguez barely misses MVP

Associated Press

BOSTON

Taking his MVP loss in stride, Pedro Martinez had a message for voters who left him off their ballots: Pitchers are players, too.

Martinez missed a chance to become the 10th pitcher to win the MVP and Cy Young Award in the same year when he finished second to Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez on Thursday.

The Boston Red Sox pitcher received eight first-place votes to seven for Rodriguez but was out-voted 252-239. Two of the 28 voters from the Baseball Writers' Association of America said Martinez was not among the top 10 most valuable players in the league.

"I'm not disappointed at all. Everybody that was in the pole was good enough to be MVP so I don't have anything against anybody," Martinez said during a conference call.

He disagreed, though, with the idea that starting pitchers should have less chance of winning the MVP award because they play just once every five days.

"We're all players," Martinez said. "You can't just eliminate us without us? What they do without pitching?"

The Red Sox had been in trouble without him.

Martinez finished second in the Cy Young race for the first time in his career to the AL's top pitcher of the year. This time, he lost out to the 28-year-old Martinez had a one-run lead and looked like a Cy Young winner, going seven innings, allowing three runs, striking out 10 and walking one.

The Associated Press had him pegged for the Cy Young award.

"It's an injustice," said Pedro Martinez, the unanimous AL fans.
LEXINGTON, Ky.

Rick Majerus is not happy to be in Kentucky for the second round of the NCAA NIT.

Don’t get him wrong. He’s not upset that his 16th-ranked Utah team won its opener Tuesday over Arkansas State.

And he doesn’t mind playing No. 14 Kentucky, even though he’s upset that his team was eliminated.

Majerus blames ESPN for second-round game site.

And he doesn’t want us back in New York.

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Officials at ESPN did not immediately respond to a request Thursday for comment on Majerus’ charges.

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NBA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Terry Porter and the Milwaukee Bucks avoided another loss to Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs Tuesday night in a 92-84 victory.

The Spurs have allowed all seven of their losses this season to come in games in which Tim Duncan had double figures.

Despite Duncan's 15 points and 14 rebounds, the Bucks surged to take a 113-104 edge midway through the fourth quarter, breaking the franchise record set by Marcus Camby in March 1997.

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But Milwaukee stayed ahead thanks to Robinson's shooting, and the Bucks made a 7-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, taking an 81-74 lead with 7:08 to play on Danny Manning's short jumper.

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He became the first player in NBA history to record 2,000 blocks and 2,000 steals.

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Two first-period goals propel Lightning past Penguins

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Kevin Hodson made 26 saves and Robert Petrovicky and Pavel Kubina scored first-period goals as Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-0 on Thursday night.

The Lightning have won four straight at home, the franchise's longest streak since a five-game run in 1996-97.

German Titov spoiled Hodson's shutout bid, scoring with just under three minutes left. Titov has three goals and six points during a five-game points streak.

Jaromir Jagr returned to the Pittsburgh lineup after missing most of the Penguins' last game because of an upper leg injury. He failed to record a point for the second straight game after opening the season with a 15-game points streak.

The injury in the thigh area, just below his right groin side—

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midway through the first period.
Shay, Klemmer lead Irish into NCAA Championships

**Men's squad sets sights on top five finish**

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The men's and women's cross country teams both head to the NCAA Championships Monday for only the second time in Notre Dame history, led by junior Ryan Shay and senior Allison Klemmer.

The men have consistently improved all season long, rising from unranked at the beginning of the year to seventh this week.

Their climb in the polls has been sparked by victories at the National Catholic Invitational and Big East Championships, runner-up finishes in the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and NCAA District IV Championships, and sixth-place in the Pre-National Championships in mid-October.

"The first goal is to be in the top 10, with a secondary goal to be in the top five," head coach Joe Plave said. "We're ranked seventh in the nation, and we'd hope to replicate that.""

"Our attitude going into the meet is to hold our ranking, which is seventh right now," Shay said. "To be in the top 10 is huge, and to accomplish that is astounding. As a team, we're really confident that we can do that. Our spirits are up and our confidence is up, and that's really good going into a meet like this." Based on their performances so far this season, a top-five to top-10 finish is a realistic goal.

"I think we've definitely got a great shot if not being in the top five, being in the top 10," senior Mike Greiwe said.

"We've really made some strides this season. It's going to take a strong race from everyone. We're going to have to go out and run intelligently and keep moving up in the pack." One of the keys to the Irish improvement has been the performances of the third through seventh runners.

"The group that has done the most improvement through the season is John Dudley, Mike Greiwe, Ryan Maxwell and Sean McManus and Marc Striokwai," said Plane.

"They are the heart and soul of the team right now," Shay said. "What Luke [Watson] and I don't master half as much as what those guys do." Shay and sophomore Watson have been pacemakers for the Irish this year.

"We're basically looking to do as we've done all season, and run together," said Greiwe. "We've got two great front-runners in Shay and Watson, and the rest of us will have to stick together and keep picking people off." Shay qualified for nationals as a sophomore and is looking to make a big improvement on his finish last year.

He has captured individual titles at several meets this season, including the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational and the Big East Invitational.

"To be in the top 10 would probably be my primary goal," Shay said. "Once the race starts, depending on how I feel, to keep moving up as close to the first-place spot as I can get. I don't feel anybody out there is a better runner than me. Whether I win or not doesn't prove someone's a better runner. It just means maybe on a given day they were." Shay and Watson could make a big splash in the meet. To be All-Americans, they must finish among the top 25 U.S. citizens in the race.

"I think both Shay and Watson have a shot at being All-Americans," Plane said. "I know what he [Watson] does in practice, and there's no reason he shouldn't be there right with me," Shay said.

The men will run 10K as at the district meet, depending on when he starts. The increased distance should help the Irish, as the regular season races are run over an 8K course.

"We've always trained for 10,000-meters," said Plane. "The men's squad is running in the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1993.

They placed third at districts and received an at-large bid Monday based on their performance during the season.

"I think a good realistic goal would be to be in the top 20, and I think we're going to have to run very, very well to do that," women's head coach Tim Connelly said. "If we compete as well as we did back at the Big East Meet, I think we can do that." The Irish were somewhat surprised to qualify for nationals because the NCAA selection committee had to go through Michigan, the second-place finisher at districts, to get to the Irish.

"Again, we're going into this race as underdogs," said Klemmer. "No one's looking for us to do anything at all. We're going to go out there and run as well as we can, so there's no pressure." Freshman Jennifer Handley is excited to be running in the NCAA Championships.

"We're kind of just excited to go," Handley said. "We don't really have any expectations of where we're going to be. Last meet, we had a lot of pressure on us to qualify, but this time we're just going to go out and run and have fun." Klemmer, an All-American in track, is aiming to match her Monday in cross country.

She placed sixth in the district meet, qualifying for nationals as an individual.

"I am shooting to be All-American," Klemmer said. "I think I'm going to have to run a really great race, but I'm definitely capable of doing it." Connolly is not certain which runners besides Klemmer and Handley will be going to the starting line for the Irish, as several athletes have fought injuries and illness over the past couple weeks.

Seven other runners will go to the meet in Bowling, Ind. — seniors Nicole LaSelle, Erin Luby, Patty Rice and Valerie Siqueira; juniors Chrissy Kuenster and Erin Olson; and freshman Kari Eaton. Five will compete, depending on who is in the best condition to run at race time.

"If we have any goal as a team, it would be to run together, because teamwork is what got us there," said Rice, who will run her final cross country meet Monday. "Just looking around and seeing the people we've been working with for four years at the finish line, I think, is going to heighten the experience." The Irish won the National Catholic Invitational earlier this season.

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Irish head to MSG for NIT semifinals

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's basketball team knows they were going to Madison Square Garden, but they didn't expect to be headed there this soon.

The Irish are gunning for a spot in the Big East Tournament held annually at the Garden in March, but a 107-96 victory over Siena last night sends Notre Dame to the world's most famous arena next Wednesday to take on the winner of the New Mexico State-Arizona game in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

"It's really special," head coach Matt Doherty said. "I've played in the Garden, I've been an assistant coach in the Garden and now I'm going to be the head coach of Notre Dame at Madison Square Garden. The hair is raising up Garden and now I'm going to Garden, the world's most famous arena there this next Thursday.

"I think our confidence comes directly from coach Holtz. It's something we all had last year and there's a whole different attitude surrounding this team," said Troy Murphy, who had 31 points in Thursday's victory. "We think we can go out there every game and win. I know it wasn't that way last year. We think we can win and we're prepared to win. We play hard and that can be directly attributed to coach Doherty."

Doherty believes that instilling confidence in his players is the only way his team can live up to its potential.

"I don't joke with them when I say shit when we beat Ohio State, we're going to walk on the court and celebrate in the locker room. That's not games," Doherty said. "You have to take that mindset. We have to change their thinking. When we go into Ohio State, we're going to be like we're Notre Dame and we're going to win on that."

Doherty was so sure the Irish would beat Ohio State, he scheduled the team's travel arrangements around it.

"That's the reason we bussed back from Columbus," Doherty said. "I have to have that mindset. We have to change their thinking. When we go into Ohio State, we're going to be like we're Notre Dame and we're going to win on that."

Doherty has put Notre Dame basketball back on the map in a matter of two games. He already knocked off two NCAA Tournament teams from a year ago and has Irish believing they can win.

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since that day, when Touchdown Jesus guided Boston College to victory that Notre Dame never reached the expectations associated with 11 national titles and seven Heisman winners?

Next year we know.

But what is clear about the last six seasons is that this is not your father's Notre Dame football. Unless of course, your father grew up in the Gerry Faust years.

In the six years from 1994 to the present, the Irish have posted a 44-25-1 record and have never won a bowl game. Their highest ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 poll was 11th in 1995.

Including this year, the Irish will end the season unranked for the third time in six years.

Since the 1993 season, only one player (cornerback Bobby Taylor in 1994) has been given a serious consideration for the Heisman since 1995. That started with the Boston College game.

So we enter, the 9-0 and second-ranked Irish had won the "Game of the Century" 31-24 over top ranked Florida State. With a win over Notre Dame, the Eagles would play for the national championship.

Gordon said of Foley. "He was really playing it off like it was no big deal."

Foley micromanected on his first two pass attempts, including a fourth down throw to backfielder Pete Bercich. Playing so much of his life in the off season, Foley completed his next four passes to set up Seton Hall's Gordon said. "Every week in practice we did a fake punt and I had been doing it in practice.

The Irish called a timeout to put the pressure on Gordon. What Donovan said was that this wasn't a regular timeout.

"We were at Notre Dame took about 10 minutes because we're down 17," Gordon said. "They really tried to ice us. That's the one thing you can't do to Notre Dame.

While the Notre Dame and Boston College players were on their knees, praying for a win. That's not games," Doherty said. "That's the one thing you can't do to Notre Dame."

"I had no idea the whole team would jump on top of me," Gordon said. "It couldn't have been any better."

"I kicked it a little funny. Cause he didn't really get it down the way I like it," Gordon said. "They had a lot of grubber kicks where a guy [Taylor] would just chase his butt, but that's not games," Gordon said. "I wanted to get the ball up before he [Taylor] could make a move."

The snap from center was a little high but Foley handled the mishap.

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"It's not by design," Doherty said. "I did it because at Ohio State it was the first game, it was on ESPN. I didn't want the freshmen to get rattled. I wanted ballhandlers. I wanted to control the ball as best I could." Carroll was a huge factor for the Irish, scoring eight points in a two-minute span in the second half.

He shot seven of nine from the field, including two from three-point range. "We left Matt Carroll open for a ton of shots," Siena head coach said. "It seemed he made every one of them. He was a little surprised, but I can't dwell on that. When I got my chance to go in there, I'm going to be ready, no matter when it is or for how long it is." Carroll's big plays gave Notre Dame a 17-point lead and helped rile the crowd.

"I think when you're tired, a little bit beat up, when they [the crowd] got going, that gave us some extra burst of energy that we needed," Doherty said. "The kids feel so good because the students are reacting positively to them." The Saints started to come back several times in the second half, but the Irish never let them get too close. "Tonight they shot the ball exceptionally well," Hewitt said. "I thought there were a couple times in the second half when we had them on the brink, but we didn't make a good shot here, didn't make a good decision there. Overall, I thought they hung tough when we made our runs at them." With 16:14 to go in the game, the Irish were leading 81-63. Siena mounted a seven-point comeback behind a Faison runner, an Isaiah Stewart shot and a Jim Cantamessa three-pointer.

The Irish host St. Francis in a non-conference game Saturday. Murphy was the leading scorer for the Irish with 31. Freshman Jere Macura pulled down seven rebounds, and senior point guard Jimmy Dillon dished off 12 assists. The Irish host St. Francis in a non-conference game Sunday at 2 p.m., before facing the winner of today's Arizona-New Mexico State game in Madison Square Garden Wednesday.

"The biggest thing we have to battle is distraction," Doherty said.

Game Notes

♦ Notre Dame scored more than 100 points for the first time since a 101-98 victory over Syracuse in February 1992, the first year of the John MacLeod era.

♦ The bench contributed 30 points for Notre Dame.

♦ The Irish shot 60 percent compared to the Saints 44 percent.

♦ Murphy was 15-16 from the foul line.

♦ Swanagan spread his talents, tallying nine points, six rebounds and four assists for Notre Dame.

Cincinnati adds Sanders to Reds' roster

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Deion Sanders was added to the Cincinnati Reds' 40-man roster Thursday, a procedural move that ensures that if Sanders ever decides to return to baseball, the Reds will keep the rights to him. Sanders is close to Reds general manager Jim Bowden and visited the Reds last season, sitting on the bench for a game at Cinergy Field.

Sanders played center field and batted leadoff for the Reds in 1994-95 and again in 1997, when he decided it was too difficult to be a two-sport star. The Reds gave him permission to leave late that season to become a full-time football player.

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As the Notre Dame hockey team struggled through a slow start to the 1999-2000 season, there have been a few bright spots.

An Irish rookie, however, shows signs of brilliance.

Freshman center Connor Dunlop, from St. Louis, Mo., has appeared in all 12 Irish games and is tied for the team lead with seven points (one goal, six assists).

While Dunlop has had a hard time putting the puck in the net at the early stages of this season, he found other ways to make an impact and help the Irish turn around their season. "He distributes the puck very well," Irish assistant coach Andy Slaggert said of Dunlop, who leads the team in assists. "His play opens up the ice for his teammates and he is also a very physical player for his size, which a lot of people don't expect. He makes his line better by the way he sees the ice and distributes the puck."

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound Dunlop has a strong hockey past. His father, Blake Dunlop, played 11 seasons in the NHL, including stints with Minnesota, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Detroit.

Connor played two seasons for the USA Developmental Program, totaling 46 goals, 56 assists and 85 penalty minutes in 136 games. He was also named alternate captain for the USA under-18 national team.

Dunlop's experience and leadership has not gone unnoticed by the Irish coaching staff.

"Connor is a winner," said Irish assistant John Micheletti. "He has the mentality that he wants to be out there in big situations. He knows what he needs to do to make the team win."

Dunlop has played well during the recent Irish sweep of Alaska-Fairbanks, hitting the crossbar during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory last Friday. "Anytime a freshman steps up his scoring it motivates the other players, especially the upperclassmen," said Micheletti. "Everyone plays harder and they count on him to contribute."

Dunlop is proving why his Notre Dame class is one of the nation's best. "His future will be determined by him," said Slaggert. "His potential is limitless, at the collegiate level and possibly beyond. We are trying to recruit competitors like him and we will have a lot of success if we do that. Coach Poulin has improved the skill level dramatically and we want to continue that trend to make us better."
Mary Leffers, shown here in the Irish win over the Mountaineers, was named the Big East Player of the Year. Records for blocks and hitting the conference’s annual award of the Year Thursday evening at Mary Leffers was named the percentage, senior captain the all-conference second team. Christi Girton and sophomore setter Denise Boylan on the all-banquet. In conference matches and is 1999 Big East Volleyball Player of the Week, Leffers recently Big East records for most blocks career mark and currently player to reach the seed and a first round bye. The Irish will look to Mary Leffers and Christi Girton to lead their offense. Girton is first on the team with a 3.96 kills per game average, while Leffers averages 3.28 kills. Junior captain Denise Boylan runs the offense from her setter position, averaging 11.9 assists per game. Defensively, Notre Dame will look to Girton, Kreher, Emily Shiebaut and Keara Goughlin. The four teammates combined to lead the Irish to an average of 13.63 digs per game, compared to their opponent’s average of 12.14 digs per game. If the Irish face Connecticut on Saturday, they will have to shut down senior middle blocker Chance Harris, who averages 3.39 kills and 1.62 blocks per game. Notre Dame defeated the Huskies in three games this year, 15-9, 15-11, 15-7, and also defeated them last year in the second round. If Rutgers wins on Friday, the Irish will have to contend with two offensive forces. To lead their offense, Rutgers outside hitters Kera Carter and Lola Opadiran both average more than four kills a game. Rutgers enters the tournament as the fourth seed, after finishing the season with a 15-13 record and an 8-3 mark in Big East play. The Irish beat Rutgers 15-7, 15-9, 15-7 earlier this season and hold a 6-0 all-time record against the Scarlet Knights. Georgetown will face the winner of the Providence-syracuse match on the other side of the bracket. The two teams last played Saturday’s matches will face each other at noon on Sunday. The NCAA selection show will follow the tournament one week after the tournament concludes Nov. 28 at 10 p.m.
SWIMMING

Undefeated Irish face tough competition at Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Shifting gears from dual-meet competition, the Irish women's swimming and diving team heads to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis this weekend for the Minnesota Invitational.

After notching a 6-0 record in the early fall season, the Irish have a chance to evaluate race patterns in a championship environment.

"This really gives us the opportunity to focus on specific events," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers. "It is a critical meet in terms of how we swim our races. We compete better in a championship environment. This serves as a dry run for championships, to make sure that we have the right athletes in each event."

Coming off wins against Pittsburgh, Miami of Ohio and Kenyon College last weekend, the Irish will battle 14 teams in Minneapolis.

Returning to the meet after a third-place finish behind Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1996, Notre Dame will find its stiffest competition in No. 15 Wisconsin, No. 17 Tennessee, No. 24 Illinois and Iowa State.

"Minnesota is clearly favored to win the meet," said Weathers. "We simply won't want to get beat at home."

"Minnesota is clearly favored to win the meet. We simply do not have the numbers to compete with them. Obviously, they won't want to get beat at home."

Bailey Weathers
Irish head coach

The Irish will look to seniors Laura Shepard, Elizabeth Barger, Shannon Suddarth and Allison Lloyd to pull big finishes.

Barger and Suddarth each notched first-place finishes in last weekend's tri-meet, with Barger capturing first in the 400-medley relay and Suddarth winning the 200 breaststroke.

"Our older kids have traditionally been our leaders at this meet," Weathers said. "Because we take a smaller travelling squad, that's really important. Diving will also be a point of strength, following a 1-2-3 finish at the invitational last year."

Senior Gina Kellebohm and sophomore Heather Mattingly will team up for top Irish diving finishes this season.

"Half of the Irish squad will be rested for the meet, improving chances for a strong finish. "Usually, we rest some kids before this meet," Weathers said. "This gives them a chance to race in a championship environment and recover before exams to do well academically."

Trials for the Minnesota Invitational begin this morning.

Meanwhile, the men's swimming and diving team looks to post its first victory at home tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Bueling Western Ontario, the Irish enter the meet at 0-3 on the season.

The last meeting between the two schools took place on Oct. 27, 1997, with the Irish winning eight of 10 events.

The meet, which is the oldest collegiate dual meet in the United States and Canada, has been won by Notre Dame 33 of 34 times.

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Women's Basketball

Belles focus on improving in opener

By KATIE MCVOY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team looks to improve as it opens the 1999-2000 season.

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The Belles finished last season with a 6-12 record. The season offers them an opportunity to grow as individuals, as a team and as a varsity program.

"Last year we were very young and inexperienced," returning starter Julie Norman said. "At the end of last season, we saw a glimpse of what we could do. This year we are going to pick up where we left off and really improve."

The Belles will face the Yellow Jackets under the guidance of head coach Dave Boeder and assistant coach Doug Fox. Saint Mary's returns seven starters to the court, including six sophomores. The Class of 2002 will be key to the Belles' program this year.

"First and foremost, the sophomores are going to be the most significant part of our team this year," Norman said. "Now that they have a year of experience under their belts, they can really help rebuild this team."

Boeder added, "We aren't going to make any mistakes this year because we are a more experienced team."

The Belles are focusing on defense this season.

"We were working on defense last year because we don't want to go 0-20 this season," Boeder said. "Saint Mary's is currently ranked 9th in the MIAA, they plan to use that ranking to their benefit."

"We are really going to surprise some people this year," Norman said. "The ninth-place ranking offers us a challenge to go out there and show people what we can do."

The Belles are ready for a challenge and they will find it in Baldwin-Wallace. Under the guidance of head coach Cherri Harrel, the Yellow Jackets are looking for their fifth-consecutive berth to the Division III National Tournament. They return 10 letter winners from last year's team.

"We've been going over Baldwin-Wallace's offense and their press breaker," Norman said. "We've been working on all of the little things so that we will be ready on Friday."

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**Women's Basketball**

**Irish gear up for season opener against Toledo**

By KERRY SMITH  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team begins its quest for a national championship when it opens the regular season against the Rockets of the University of Toledo Saturday.

Rounding out four starters, as well as four out of five of the team's top scorers, from last season, the Irish enter the season as a team to beat.

Notre Dame currently is ranked seventh and ninth in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA preseason polls, respectively. While the Irish were ranked in the top 10 in national polls for 16 consecutive weeks last year, this season marks the first time they have started a season ranked in single-digits.

The Irish have seen floor time in two home exhibition matches earlier this month. Sheila Macmillan, Senior Ronnie Fair has moved into the starting lineup as the season has progressed. Ali Lovelace and Ashley Myers and Allyson Marquand are starting for Stanford.

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a presence and a calming force on the field. All the players look up to her and respond to the way she plays."

Against Stanford, freshmen Nancy Mikacenic and Vanessa Pruzinsky started in on the back line for the Irish without much experience. Since that game, Mikacenic has been moved to midfield to accommodate Grubh while Pruzinsky has developed into a strong defender and earned Big East Rookie of the Year honors.

Two more freshmen have worked their way into the Irish lineup as the season has progressed. All Lovelace and Ashley Dryer are quick, explosive players who add depth and excitement to the Irish attack.

Junior forward Kelley Seimon and Hartley, along with Danielle Green, with the Irish this season.

Junior forward Kelley Seimon and Hartley, along with Danielle Green, will replace the only gap in the scoring in both contests. Ratay made her mark on the team and her potent three-point shot will continue to anchor the Irish offense. Well on her way to breaking into the 1,000 point club this season, Riley will be a pivotal player both on offense and defense.

Last season Riley led the Irish in scoring, averaging 16.6 points per game and rebounding, bringing an average of 8.4 balls down a game. She also set a school record with 101 blocked shots on the season.

Sideline by an injury to her right ankle which she sustained during practice last week, Riley will most likely return to the court in Saturday's season opener.

Senior forward Kerle Seimon will also play a crucial role for the Irish this season. The Irish travel to Toledo, looking for a repeat of last year's match-up, when they downed the Rockets 82-64.

Led by senior center Jennifer Markwood, the Rockets offense will center around the post position. Markwood anchored the squad last season, averaging 16.5 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

The Irish and the Rockets are even in their series at 2-2.
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Irish light up court in 107-96 win over Siena

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The excitement is running high for Notre Dame men's basketball.

First-year head coach Matt Doherty has led the Irish to a 2-0 start and the semi-finals of the Pre-season NIT with a 107-96 win over Siena last night.

"The balance tonight was key because they really couldn't focus on any one play­er," sophomore forward Troy Murphy said. "They opened it up so much for Harold (Swangoag) and I to operate inside by their three-point shooting and that's what's been winning games for us — their three-point shooting."

Murphy, sophomore forward David Graves, senior guard Martin logdhey and freshman guard Matt Carroll spread out the offense for Notre Dame, all scoring in double figures.

Murphy set the tempo for the Irish early, scoring seven of the first 10 points for the blue and gold to put them up 10-7.

The Saints used a full-court press against the Irish, which forced 13 turnovers in the first 11 minutes, keeping the game close.

"I was disappointed that we didn't execute, but we'll work those kinks out," Doherty said. "I think we've got to just be strong handling the ball and be more decisive."

The Irish took the lead for good with nine minutes remaining in the first half, but senior forward Marcus Faison kept the Saints in the contest. He was the go-to guy for Siena, putting up 13 points and snagging four boards in the first stanza.

At halftime, the Irish were ahead 50-41, thanks to nine players scoring in the even Irish attack.

Several freshmen had significant playing time, much more than in Notre Dame's 59-57 win at Ohio State Tuesday.

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

David Gordon currently makes his living as a general contractor, building houses in Connecticut.

But Gordon still vividly recalls that November afternoon in 1982. He was training with the Finnish national team when he went from a little known kicker to a national figure.

"The gold from Touchdown Jesus was the only thing I could really see," Gordon said earlier this week on the phone. "It was getting really dark and the sun was setting."

"I always pick a spot to aim at," Gordon added. "And Touchdown Jesus was my spot."

Is it a coincidence that ever since his first collegiate field goal, from 41 yards out with five seconds left, Gordon still vividly recalls that November afternoon when he went from a little known kicker to a national figure.

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assistant Sports Writer

Four months ago on a swelter­ing August night, the Notre Dame women's soccer team defeated the Stanford Cardinal, 4-0, in an exhibition game.

Tonight, on a cold November night, those two teams meet again in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

But Irish head coach Randy Waldrum doesn't believe the exhibition game will play any role in tonight's game because both teams have evolved throughout the season.

"I think we're probably both different," Waldrum said. "At that point in time in the season, we were both looking at different positions and trying to get a handle on things. I don't think that anything that happened at that point in the season will have any bearing Friday night."

The Irish have completely juggled their lineup since August.

Senior captains Jen Grubb moved from the midfield back to her more natural defense position. Waldrum said Grubb's move has made the team more organized on defense.

"It helped solidify some organization things we were struggling with early on," Waldrum said. "Mainly with her leadership qualities that she brings to the table. She had been doing a great job in the midfield and that's really what we wanted to put her but based on her leadership qualities we thought she would be better in the back. We didn't do that until five or six games into the season and that will be something different."

While Grubb changed positions early in the season, senior Jenny Steifler moved from forward to midfield later in the season.

Junior midfielder Anne Makinen was not even in the lineup back in August, when she was training with the Finnish national team. Makinen is another leader who makes the Irish a more explosive team, according to Waldrum.

"I think Anne adds a whole new dimension to your team," Waldrum said. "She is certainly one of the best players in the world. I think most national team coaches would tell you that. She has such a sports spirit that anything that happened at that point in the season will have something different."

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Senior free safety A'Jani Sanders has shown flashes of brilliance this year with his devastating hits and tendency for the big play. His 76 tackles lead the Irish from his strong safety position. For more on the heart of the Irish, see page 5.
Bowl bid on the line for Irish

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish, coming off a disappointing loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers last weekend, return to Notre Dame Stadium for their final home game of the season when they take on the Eagles of Boston College Saturday.

Looking to scrape together enough wins to be eligible for a bowl game, the 5-5 Irish cannot afford another loss in their two remaining games.

"Obviously this is a big game for us," said head coach Bob Davie. "Boston College comes in 7 and 2. We have got a chance to finish this season on a positive and that is our goal right now.

Numerous injuries to the Irish in the past few weeks have left the squad without much depth on the sidelines. Despite the possible loss of several key players for this week's matchup, Davie is confident that the Irish can earn their sixth win of the season over the Eagles.

"We have enough players and game plan to go beat Boston College," said Davie. "... If you look at it closely, on defense, our starting defensive unit is pretty much intact. Our problem's really the depth and the backups where there are none and then it trickles into the special teams. Offensively, it is a concern because we have three new linemen in there ... We need every ounce of juice we have on this football team."

In addition to the loss of left tackle Jordan Black and tailback Terrence Howard after the Tennessee game, the Irish will also be without left guard Jim Jones and right tackle John Teasdale this week.

Julius Jones, Deke Cooper and Anthony Denman have not practiced yet this week, but are still scheduled to take the field Saturday.

Boston College comes to Notre Dame riding high after a 34-17 routing of West Virginia, which vaulted the Eagles into the national rankings, for the first time since the 1994 campaign, at the 25th spot.

If the Irish plan to come away with a victory, they will need to shut down Boston College's quarterback Tim Hasselback and the Eagle offense.

"They do throw the ball vertically," said Davie. "They have got a talented group of receivers, particularly No. 11 is a guy that I think is an explosive player and the quarterback is playing well."

Hasselback and No. 11 wide receiver, Dedrick Dewalt, have combined to make a potent duo throughout the season. Hasselback has thrown to Dewalt for 36 receptions and three touchdowns in nine games.

Notre Dame has an 8-2 edge in its series with Boston College and has come out on top in the teams' last four meetings.

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Eagles to test depleted Irish secondary

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

An injured and exhausted Irish secondary faces another stiff test this week from a group of explosive wide receivers Saturday when the Eagles visit Notre Dame Stadium. Boston College has three players — DuJuan Daniels, Jamal Burke and Derrick Crittenden — who average nearly 20 yards per reception. That is bad news for an Irish secondary that was torched for four plays of more than 20 yards against the Panthers last Saturday. Considering that the Panthers only completed 10 passes on the day, those four big plays stand out even more.

Those big plays allowed the Panthers to have great success against the Irish on third down. The Panthers were successful on 46 percent of their third down conversions. If the Irish cannot stop the big play and stop the Eagles on third down, they will not be able to stop the explosive Boston College offense.

"I have a hard time winning when opponents are 46 percent on third down," Davie said.

Daniels could be the most explosive of the Eagles receivers. Since moving to offense before Boston College took on Navy, Daniels has caught seven passes for 139 yards including a 64-yard touchdown catch against the Midshipmen.

"They have got a talented group of receivers," Davie said. "Particularly No. 11 [Daniels] is an explosive player."

In addition to the speedy threats of Daniels, Burke and Crittenden, the Eagles also have a steady receiving threat in Dedrick Dewalt. Dewalt has caught 36 passes for 496 yards and three touchdowns so far in 1999.

Trying to stop this talented and deep group will be an Irish secondary that is bruised and battered entering the final home game of the season. Free safety Deke Cooper missed practice time this week and might not be 100 percent for his last home game. Cornershorts Deveron Harper and Clifford Jefferson are also banged up but expected to play. Starting strong safety A'Jani Sanders is also expected to play through his bumps and bruises.

While the starters in the secondary are healthy enough to play, the nickel and dime backs are devastated by injuries and suspensions. Brock Williams and Lee Lafayette are off the team due to discipline reasons while freshmen Jason Beckstrom and Albert Poree, sophomore Shane Walton and juniors Justin Smith and Ron Israel are all expected to miss the game.

Due to all the injuries, Davie moved Sanders to the nickel back in passing situations and used freshman Gerome Sapp as the strong safety. Sophomore Donald Dykes also played some in nickel situations. Both Sapp and Dykes' inexperience, however, was exposed by the Panthers. Although they are injured, Davie does not plan on changing the Irish defensive scheme.

"It is too late in the season to start doing a whole lot of different things," Davie said.

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ABOUT BOSTON COLLEGE

♦ Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
♦ Enrollment: 14,600
♦ Founded: 1863
♦ Colors: Maroon and Gold
♦ Nickname: Eagles
♦ Conference: Big East
♦ Fight song: "For Boston"

♦ Six years ago Saturday, Boston College defeated Notre Dame to spoil a chance of a national title in 1993.
♦ Boston College and Notre Dame are the only two Div.-I Catholic universities playing college football.

A'Jani Sanders tackles Dedrick Dewalt in last year's victory over the Eagles. Dewalt averages four catches per game for Boston College and has accumulated nearly 500 yards through the air.
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**Schedule**

- Aug. 28: KANSAS W 48-13
- Sept. 4: at Michigan L 21-22
- Sept. 11: at Purdue L 26-23
- Sept. 18: MICHIGAN STATE L 27-6
- Oct. 2: OKLAHOMA W 34-30
- Oct. 9: ARIZONA W 46-17
- Oct. 16: NAVY W 26-24
- Nov. 6: at Tennessee L 26-14
- Nov. 13: at Pittsburgh L 27-6
- Nov. 20: BOSTON COLLEGE L 27-20
- Nov. 27: at Florida L 13-10

**Roster**

| No. | Full Name                  | Pos/IA | Ht/In | Wt/Lbs | Yr.
|-----|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-----
| 84  | John Owens                | TE     | 6-3   | 246    | FR  
| 79  | Sean Mahan                | OT     | 6-4   | 285    | SO  
| 77  | Brad Williams             | DT     | 6-4   | 288    | SR  
| 95  | Ryan Roberts              | DE     | 6-2   | 260    | SO  
| 88  | Bobby Brown               | FL     | 6-2   | 193    | SR  
| 99  | Jason Ching               | DE     | 6-3   | 267    | SR  
| 86  | Dan O'Leary               | TE     | 6-4   | 260    | SR  
| 57  | Justin Thomas             | LB     | 6-2   | 230    | FR  
| 52  | Jeff Faine                | OL     | 6-3   | 310    | FR  
| 51  | Tyreo Harrison            | ILB    | 6-2   | 235    | SO  
| 48  | Johnathan Hebert          | SE     | 5-11  | 199    | SR  
| 45  | Joey Goodspeed            | FB     | 6-0   | 250    | SR  
| 33  | Courtney Watson           | RB     | 6-2   | 205    | FR  
| 74  | Rob Mowl                  | OG     | 6-5   | 295    | SR  
| 56  | John Crowther             | LS     | 6-2   |        |     
| 58  | Brendan O'Connor          | OG     | 6-2   | 292    | JR  
| 61  | Mike Zelenka              | FB     | 6-0   | 218    | JR  
| 60  | Darrell Campbell          | DL     | 6-4   | 245    | SO  
| 67  | Ryan Gillis               | OL     | 6-3   | 315    | FR  
| 34  | Ronnie Nicks              | ILB    | 6-0   | 240    | SR  
| 33  | Courtney Watson           | RB     | 6-2   | 205    | FR  
| 72  | Ryan Scarola              | OL     | 6-5   | 303    | SO  
| 56  | John Crowther             | LS     | 6-2   |        |     
| 42  | Shane Walton              | CB     | 5-11  | 185    | SO  
| 39  | Chris Leek                | SS     | 5-9   | 192    | SR  
| 36  | Tom Lopienski             | FB     | 6-1   | 259    | SO  
| 28  | Donald Dykes              | SS     | 5-11  | 197    | SO  
| 62  | Robb Rivers               | DL     | 6-4   | 245    | SO  
| 58  | Brendan O'Connor          | OG     | 6-2   | 292    | JR  
| 61  | Mike Zelenka              | FB     | 6-0   | 218    | JR  
| 64  | John Merandi              | C      | 6-3   | 300    | SR  
| 63  | Brennan Curtin            | OL     | 6-8   | 295    | FR  
| 70  | Jim Molinaro              | DL     | 6-7   | 240    | FR  
| 69  | Mike Gandy                | OG     | 6-4   | 292    | SR  
| 67  | Ryan Gillis               | OL     | 6-3   | 315    | FR  
| 14  | Dan Novakov               | QB     | 6-3   | 210    | FR  
| 11  | Jay Johnson               | SE     | 6-0   | 191    | SR  
| 16  | John Shingler             | TE     | 6-2   | 252    | SR  
| 15  | Clifford Jefferson        | CB     | 5-9   | 182    | SO  
| 19  | Jim Sanson                | K      | 5-9   | 187    | SR  
| 1  | Deke Cooper               | FS     | 6-2   | 220    | SR  
| 14  | Anthony Brannan           | OLB    | 5-10  | 215    | SR  
| 7  | Jarious Jackson           | QB     | 6-1   | 228    | SR  
| 4  | Jamaar Taylor             | WR     | 6-0   | 200    | FR  
| 3  | Amaz Battle               | QB     | 6-1   | 215    | SO  
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**In Position: offensive line**

The Irish entered this season with inexperience along the offensive line. With just one returning starter from 1998, Notre Dame had to completely rebuild its front wall. Throughout the season, the line has shown some improvement but still had a long way to go. First-year starters Jim Jones, John Toasadale, Jordan Black and Mike Gandy had finally started to gel with returning starter John Manardi before disaster struck.

Line battles injuries, youth

**Observer Staff Report**

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Weekend warrior plays through pain

Senior safety brings energy and enthusiasm to the Irish secondary

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

If one player on the 1999 Irish football team exudes energy and enthusiasm, it's senior strong safety A'Jani Sanders. His teammates call him "A'Jani," a "Jani," or even "J," said West. "You try to stay positive all the time because if I don't, all these injuries I've got, they're going to get to me, and I've got to stay above that. I've got to play and be there for my teammates when they need me.

If any one player shows his love of the game by leaving it all on the line after week after week despite countless injuries, it's Sanders. "I can't believe it, I can't believe it," Sanders said. "I can't believe it," Sanders said. "It hurts when you lose, of course, but we're all competitors and that's the competitive spirit in us. Yes, we came to Notre Dame for a great education, but we also came to play football and we've got two more football games left. That's exactly what I plan to do — play football.

"We've got to try to lead the seniors out with a bang, you know, win the last game. This one is going to stick in your mind forever," Sanders added. The Irish can become bowl-eligible with victories over Boston College and Stanford. To finish the regular season with consecutive wins, they will need to come back from the disappointment of two straight losses on the road.

"Everything changes week to week," Sanders said. "You can't worry about the week before or the next week or the week after. You've got to go out there and play for this week. That's what I'm doing, playing for this week. And if we come up short, I left it right there for you. That's it, my last game in Notre Dame Stadium.

That teamwork helps Sanders and Cooper to make key plays on the field, the best example coming Oct. 9 against Arizona State. In that game, both Sanders and Cooper recorded key interceptions, as did senior cornerback Deveron Harper. "I think he had a great year," said Davie. "Each and every week he plays — I think he has been outstanding.

Sanders' 25-yard interception return for a touchdown was reminiscent of last year's showdown with the Sun Devils, in which he also snagged an interception return for a touchdown. "Coach always says run to the ball, I just run to the ball," Sanders said. "Whenver the ball is, that's where you're going to see No. 5." During his career for the Irish, Sanders has captured eight interceptions and recorded 210 tackles.

Although he also played baseball, basketball and track as a prep student in Houston, Texas, football has always been his main love. If things work out, Sanders hopes to continue playing in the NFL after leaving Notre Dame. "I would hope that would be every college player's aspiration — to play football after college," Sanders said. "I've been playing football since I was 5. I wish I could play until I die."

"He is a young man that will give all that he has and do all that he can to keep playing," West said.

If a pro football career should fall through, Sanders will have a Notre Dame education and degree to rely upon. He earned a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester as a sociology and computer applications major. "If football doesn't work out, then I got a great education here," Sanders said. "I'm lined up to graduate. I'm sure I'll feel pretty accomplished in that.

As Sanders gets ready to don an Irish uniform in Notre Dame Stadium for the final time as a player Saturday, he revogrates how much Notre Dame football means to him. "Probably the first time I ran out of the tunnel," Sanders said of his first athletic moment. "Now that I think about it, the last time is coming up soon, so it'll probably end up being Saturday when I run out of that tunnel."

Sanders starts as his own personal safety, bringing the energy and enthusiasm to the Notre Dame secondary that is sorely missing this season. Sanders, who has been beaten up for two years, has been beat up all year. "He is going to be wearing a cast this week," said Davie. "He's been a warrior," head football coach Bob Davie said. "We try to motivate each other," added Sanders. "When he's down, I try to pick him up, and when I'm down, he tries to keep me up."

A'Jani Sanders strong safety

position: strong safety
year: senior
awards: SuperPrep and Prep Football Report All-Americas as senior in high school
notables: had interception return for touchdowns against Arizona State in 1998 and 1999. Finds Irish in tackles with 76

We started losing — hey, we've got a couple more games to play. We can't quit now. We've started it; we've got to finish it.

Although the Irish, predicted to be among the top 25 teams in the nation, slipped to a 5-5 record, they're not ready to quit. "We're shooting for something," Sanders said. "It hurts when you lose, of course, but we're all competitors and that's the competitive spirit in us. Yes, we came to Notre Dame for a great education, but we also came to play football and we've got two more football games left. That's exactly what I plan to do — play football.

"We've got to try to lead the seniors out with a bang, you know, win the last game. This one is going to stick in your mind forever," Sanders added. The Irish can become bowl-eligible with victories over Boston College and Stanford. To finish the regular season with consecutive wins, they will need to come back from the disappointment of two straight losses on the road.

"Everything changes week to week," Sanders said. "You can't worry about the week before or the next week or the week after. You've got to go out there and play for this week. That's what I'm doing, playing for this week. And if we come up short, I left it right there for you. That's it, my last game in Notre Dame Stadium."

That teamwork helps Sanders and Cooper to make key plays on the field, the best example coming Oct. 9 against Arizona State.

In that game, both Sanders and Cooper recorded key interceptions, as did senior cornerback Deveron Harper. "I think he had a great year," said Davie. "Each and every week he plays — I think he has been outstanding.

Sanders' 25-yard interception return for a touchdown was reminiscent of last year's showdown with the Sun Devils, in which he also snagged an interception return for a touchdown. "Coach always says run to the ball, I just run to the ball," Sanders said. "Whenver the ball is, that's where you're going to see No. 5." During his career for the Irish, Sanders has captured eight interceptions and recorded 210 tackles.

Although he also played baseball, basketball and track as a prep student in Houston, Texas, football has always been his main love. If things work out, Sanders hopes to continue playing in the NFL after leaving Notre Dame. "I would hope that would be every college player's aspiration — to play football after college," Sanders said. "I've been playing football since I was 5. I wish I could play until I die."

"He is a young man that will give all that he has and do all that he can to keep playing," West said.

If a pro football career should fall through, Sanders will have a Notre Dame education and degree to rely upon. He earned a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester as a sociology and computer applications major. "If football doesn't work out, then I got a great education here," Sanders said. "I'm lined up to graduate. I'm sure I'll feel pretty accomplished in that.

As Sanders gets ready to don an Irish uniform in Notre Dame Stadium for the final time as a player Saturday, he revogrates how much Notre Dame football means to him. "Probably the first time I ran out of the tunnel," Sanders said of his first athletic moment. "Now that I think about it, the last time is coming up soon, so it'll probably end up being Saturday when I run out of that tunnel.

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Michigan State head coach Nick Saban leads his No. 15 Spartans against the Penn State Nittany Lions Saturday in a game that could decide the fate of many Big Ten teams and their bowl hopes.

PSU looks to salvage season against MSU

Observor Staff Report

In his final press conference ever in the Beaver Stadium media room before retirement takes place, Joe Paterno sat under the lights and answered questions. But the things the Penn State coach was talking about, mainly on how his team will rebound from another loss, did not light him up.

And he made sure the media knew of his displeasure at his weekly press conference Tuesday.

"I know you guys don’t like to hear this, but Michigan State might be the best team we play this year," Paterno said.

"Michigan State is really playing well. Look at the last two football games. Their defense is No. 1 versus the run and their offense is dangerous."

"Obviously, that doesn’t light me up."

But Penn State’s rushing attack did light up the box score against Michigan in its 31-27 defeat on Saturday.

The only problem is that it only was lit up seven times in 60 minutes of football, as the Nittany Lions rushed for an all-time low in the Paterno era.

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No. 21 Georgia at No. 16 Mississippi

After tumbling seven spots in the poll following another loss, No. 23 Georgia will try to salvage the remainder of its season when it heads to Oxford to take on No. 16 Mississippi.

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No. 1 Florida State at Florida

Unlike some of Saturday’s rivalry games, Florida-Florida State needs no gimmick. It’s not The Game or the Big Game or the Apple Cup. There are no barrels, baskets or buckets on the line, either.

When the top-ranked Seminoles (10-0) and third-ranked Gators (9-1) meet in The Swamp, they’ll play for one prize — a ticket to the national championship game.

In four of the past six seasons, the Florida-Florida State winner has played for the national title. The teams even met for the title in the Sugar Bowl after the Seminoles beat the Gators in the ’96 regular season.

Florida State won its only national title in 1993, while Florida won its championship in ’96.

"We are looking forward to the game, a typical game," Gators coach Steve Spurrier said. "FSU is usually 10-0 or 9-1, we are usually 9-1. We have been 10-0 a couple times coming into it. Each team has an opportunity to keep on going in the national picture."

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Irish try to avoid embarrassing themselves

Yes, the Irish have hit a new low, but it has little to do with the 10-point loss to Pittsburgh last Saturday. One loss— even to a sub-.500 team— doesn’t cause that type of embarrassment. You can argue that being 3-5 isn’t the cause for the humiliation that Irish fans feel right now. But something is terribly wrong when Notre Dame’s motivation in its last home game of the season, against arch-rival Boston College, is a “fear of embarrassment.”

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But if playing for a national championship, a top-10 spot, or a bowl game isn’t going to work, what difference will this guillotine against the Eagles? Whatever the experiment in motivation that the Irish bring this Saturday, it will not go very far without a strong showing in the same areas that have plagued them all season.

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