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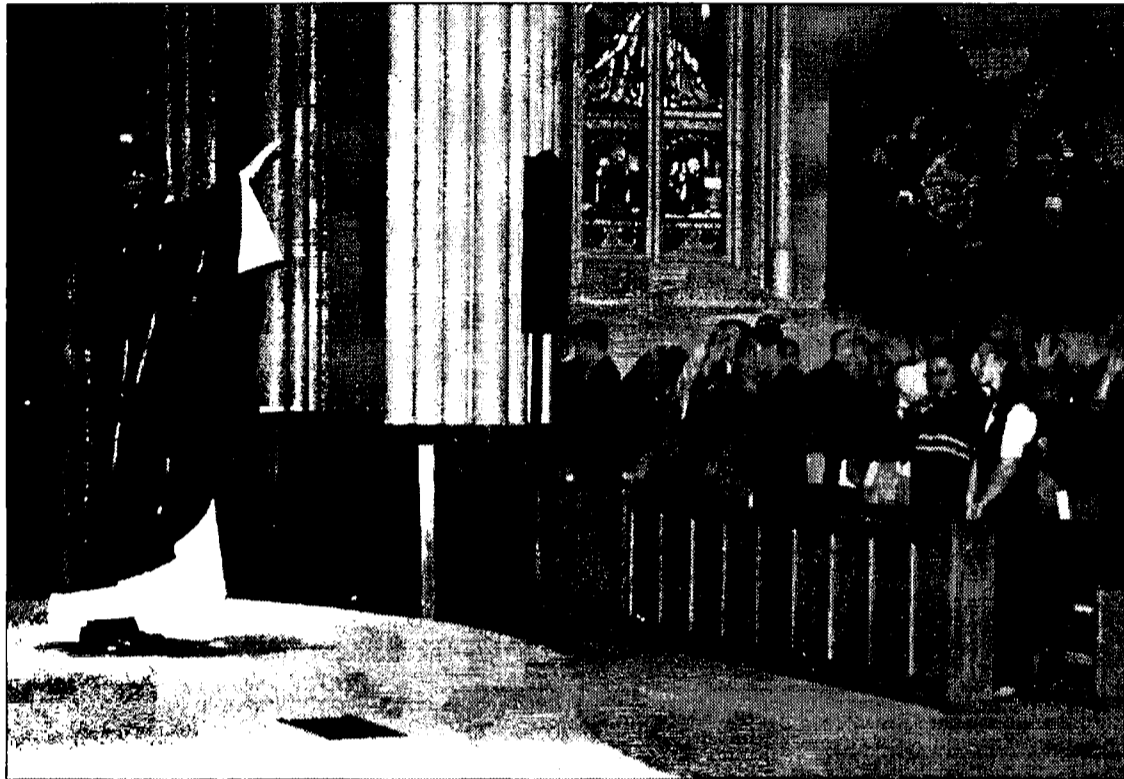
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Father Peter Rocca blesses the RCIA candidates and catechumenates as part of their process of initiation into the Catholic Church.

RCIA welcomes participants

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

Notre Dame's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA] program officially welcomed its largest group of candidates and catechumenates Sunday during the 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The 41 people participating in this year's program are part of a special tradition at Notre Dame, said Tami Schmitz, RCIA director for Campus Ministry.

"The RCIA program has been a really rich tradition at this place, and I think people are attracted to it," she said. "I think people are trying to define the faith in their lives."

This year's group consists primarily of undergraduate students, in addition to a few

graduate students and one professor. Fifteen of the participants are candidates, which means that they were baptized into another Christian religion but are now seeking membership in the Catholic Church.

Junior candidate Elizabeth Wilschke was raised in her mother's Episcopal church, but began to consider a conversion to the Catholic faith after she spent a summer in Ireland.

Wilschke, then a student at the University of Michigan, transferred to Notre Dame last year and began to attend Mass and become more immersed in Catholic traditions.

"I realized that I started to feel much more comfortable in the Catholic environment than I had ever felt in the

environment I was brought up in," she said.

Wilschke, whose father is Catholic, said that her family was very supportive of her decision.

"We're one of those Easter and Christmas families, so they were excited for me that it was something I was excited about and wanted to make a part of my life," she said.

Besides candidates, the other participants in the RCIA program are baptized Catholics wishing to receive the sacraments of first communion and confirmation. These people comprise the majority of Notre Dame's RCIA program and are called catechumenates.

Sophomore catechumenate Iain Gould received his first

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Kevorkian stirs controversy again

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

After the Nov. 22 edition of CBS's "60 Minutes," Dr. Jack Kevorkian had won the first round of his fight to force a court ruling on euthanasia.

Fifty-two year-old Michigan resident Thomas Youk, who suffered from Lou Gehrig's disease, enlisted Kevorkian's aid Sept. 17 to end his life via lethal injection. The CBS news-magazine aired a videotape of Youk's death, including Kevorkian's role in it.

Now, Michigan's infamous "Dr. Death" is getting his day in court — exactly what he wanted. And the jury's ruling in this case may elicit an outcry from religious groups across the nation.

"Religious groups that have spoken out on the subject have been fairly united in their rejection of legalized physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia," said

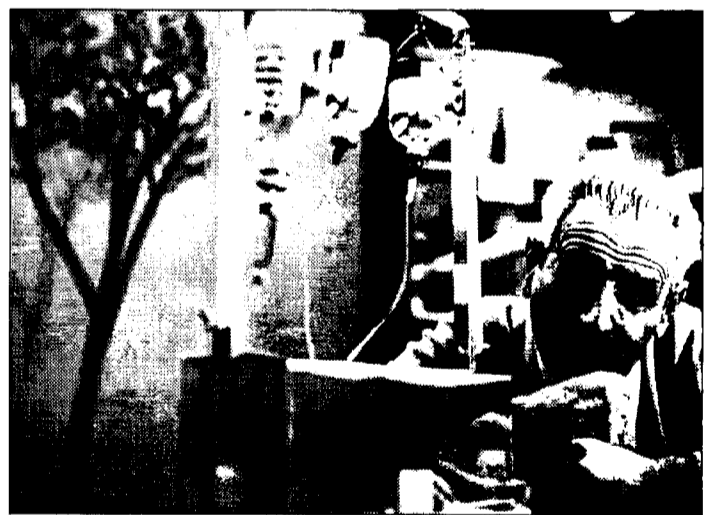
theology professor Maura Ryan.

Kevorkian faces charges of first-degree murder and delivering controlled substances. He released the videotape to force Michigan's courts to take a stand on euthanasia.

The circumstances of Youk's death differ from Kevorkian's assisted suicides because the doctor actually injected the lethal substance himself. In the other cases patients did it themselves using a machine designed by the doctor.

If Kevorkian is acquitted of the first-degree murder charge, unprecedented controversies will ensue. In order for the jury to find Kevorkian not guilty, members must in effect ignore Michigan law, there is no doubt that the injection ending Youk's life was both pre-meditated and deliberate, which falls under the

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AFP Photo

Dr. Jack Kevorkian, pictured in 1991, eyes his infamous assisted suicide machine.

Go to work: Internships provide valuable experience

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
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For senior Tysus Jackson, a Saint Mary's political science and sociology double-major, the politics of government came to life after she interned in the Indiana governor's office during the summer of 1997.

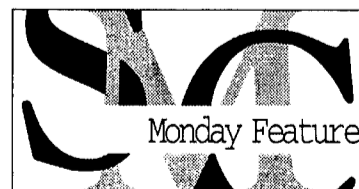
"Interning in the governor's office exposed a lot to me, including the opportunities that exist in state and local government," said Jackson. "I had the chance to do a lot of networking with young Democrats and to work with the top people in the state government."

"I saw first-hand the negotiat-

ing that went on in government," she said. "It gave me insight into local, state and national government and more direction as to what I wanted to do. I left with the inside scoop on the political scene."

Internships have become a valuable asset for students to add to their resumes and graduate school applications.

Dusan Simmerman, assistant director for Career Development at Saint Mary's, recommends students begin taking part in internships at least during their sophomore year and begin looking for an internship at least four months before they want to intern, although some summer



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positions have deadlines as early as November.

The benefits of internships extend to helping students build their resumes to make them more marketable for post-graduate employment or graduate programs.

"Some employers hire interns after they have graduated from college," said Simmerman. "Internships serve as great resume builders since most

employers are looking for students with work-related and professional job experiences."

Typically, employers offer more money to students with experience in the field, said Simmerman.

For students who haven't performed well academically in college, the internship can help compensate.

"Students can compensate for a low GPA with professional work experience," said Simmerman. "Otherwise, it is hard for those with low GPAs and no work experience to sell themselves to employers."

Internships also offer students an opportunity to develop more

skills, self-confidence and to develop realistic goals and expectations.

"Students get to learn that when you go into a company, they give you small assignments to start out with," said Simmerman. "Once they know how you perform tasks and are detail oriented, the employers begin to give you bigger projects. Working your way up is part of the learning experience."

"I wish every student did at least one or more than one internship," said Simmerman. "It's a chance to explore different career options and work

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INSIDE COLUMN

Do you see what I see?

Maybe it's the weather, maybe it's the workload, but it sure doesn't feel like Christmas around here.

The decorations are a valiant attempt, and it's nice to hear Nat King Cole float through the hall, but something's missing. There is a selfishness permeating campus that just doesn't go with the spirit of Christmas.

Colleen Gaughen
Assistant Viewpoint Editor

We're too busy. We have classes and final projects and meetings and parties and deadlines and obligations. We just don't have the time right now, maybe later. We're not really thinking of others, and if we do it's with a frustration of time constraint because hey, WE have things to do.

I wonder what would have happened if Mary was just too busy to listen to the Angel Gabriel's message. Or if John the Baptist just couldn't fit those trips to the Jordan River in his schedule. Sorry, not today. What if Jesus came and nobody was prepared? Would they have recognized him if they weren't paying attention?

We are in the second week of Advent. I love Advent. The colors, the wreath, the candles, the concept. My family has an old, very loved Advent wreath with four small but special words inscribed around it: peace, joy, love and hope. I think the most important one for this season is hope. That's what we're supposed to be doing. Hoping. Waiting. Expecting. Anticipating the arrival of the Christ Child. But we can't! WE have things to do.

Imagine if we put as much time and energy into spiritually preparing for his arrival as we put into preparing for finals, or socializing, or working out, or whatever it is that we do. It's not that difficult, really. It's only a matter of taking a moment to reflect, think, feel. Or attending some of the fabulous yuletide events going on around campus.

There's the Handbell Choir concert, penance services, the Chorale and Chamber Orchestra performance of Handel's Messiah, and my personal favorite, the annual Posada procession. And check out Father Jim Lies' Campus Ministry column from last Thursday. He writes of Advent much more eloquently than I can, and there is detailed information about campus-wide spiritual events. (If you don't feel like digging through your trash for Thursday's edition, please feel free to stop by the basement of South Dining Hall. We have plenty of copies.)

Sunday was the feast of Saint Nicholas. In many cultures, children place their shoes by the door or the fire in hopes of a gift (and in fear of charcoal) from the blessed saint. My family celebrated this tradition when my brothers and sisters and I were young, and my mom and her best friend still exchange gifts every year on this day. They make the time for one another, for anticipation, despite the fact that they have 12 children between the two of them.

Snow would definitely be nice. And the lights around campus are beautiful. Nat King Cole can float through my hall anytime. But we don't need snow or lights or music to make it feel like Christmas. We need to be less self-centered and more Christ-centered, and then maybe it will start to feel like Christmas around here.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Georgetown to halt condom use demonstrations

WASHINGTON

Following a letter-writing campaign to the parents of first-year students and a letter from the Archdiocese of Washington to the university, Georgetown has decided to suspend demonstrations of condom use during Peer Education sessions, according to Dean of Students James Donahue.



Donahue has asked the Peer Education Program to review its practices.

Health Education Director Carol Day, who oversees the Peer Education Program, said she was surprised by the decision. According to Day, the program had received mostly positive responses from students who chose to comment on Peer Education activities, and very few negative reactions.

The move comes after meetings between Donahue and Brian Sayers, founder of the Committee to Reform Peer Education. The committee was formed in the beginning of October to

protest what it viewed as a faulty focus in the orientation sessions, during which students demonstrated the application of condoms using produce. The demonstrations have been part of Peer Education since 1989.

Donahue said the demonstrations have been suspended and that "we will explore the extent to which discussion about the use of the condoms is essential for achieving the health goals of the program."

When asked if demonstrations might ever once again be part of the program, he replied, "For right now,

no."

In late October, the Committee sent a letter to the parents of all first-year students which stated that the Committee was "deeply saddened" by the content of peer education, and expressed frustration that its concerns on the matter "had been ignored" by the administration. The letter urged parents to contact the office of University President Leo O'Donovan, to register their concern.

Tim Sheldon, a Peer Educator, said he was disappointed when he heard of Donahue's decision. He said he felt that an outside body — the Archdiocese — was unfairly influencing the university.

It is against Roman Catholic teaching to use condoms for birth control and to engage in sexual intercourse outside of marriage. Donahue called the church's stance on condom use to prevent disease a "complicated distinction to be explored."

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

School apparel protests sweatshops

NEW YORK, N.Y.

A clothesline displaying a variety of Columbia sweatshirts and T-shirts hung in College Walk this week. The clothes carried signs such as "This sweatshirt costs \$51.98. A Mexican worker earns \$0.54 an hour," and were part of a campaign by Columbia Students Against Sweatshops [CSAS] to urge the university to adopt a new Code of Conduct, to insure that clothing with the Columbia name is made under humane conditions. The CSAS collected nearly 600 petition signatures in support of the new Code of Conduct, under which the university would patronize only companies that meet certain requirements. The Code calls for a provision to ensure workers receive a living wage, a safe and healthy working environment with access to clean air and drinking water, reasonable work hours, and have the right to organize. The Code also addresses child labor, women's rights in the workplace, and environmental concerns.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Scientists probe Einstein's brain

PRINCETON, N.J.

Albert Einstein's brain now floats in a glass jar in the Princeton Medical Center. Dr. Thomas Harvey, who performed Einstein's autopsy in 1955, said that after Einstein's death the pathology department at PMC seized the opportunity to preserve and study his brain. Harvey has since passed the care of the brain on to his successor, Dr. Elliot Krause. Krause is responsible for processing research requests for Einstein's brain tissue. Krause said he intends to encourage research on the brain until Einstein's mind is better understood. According to Harvey, past findings have not been particularly conclusive. "It's difficult to get a statistical evaluation because there is no other genius' brain to compare it to. So we compare it to the brains of average 76 year-old men. Of course we in the scientific community are hoping that another genius will pass away and make his brain available," he said.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Strict alcohol policy may hurt students

TUCSON, Ariz.

UA students who binge drink and drive may face increased jail time and stiffer fines because of a new "extreme DUI" law passed Tuesday. Under the new legislation, people with blood alcohol levels higher than 0.18 can land themselves in jail for up to a month. But instances of UA students caught behind the wheel with such high alcohol levels are few, said Cmdr. Brian Seastone of the University of Arizona Police Department. "Most of our DUIs are 0.16 or 0.17 at the highest," Seastone said. UA police statistics show 36 DUI arrests on campus since August. University police DUI officer Luis Olivarría said binge drinking happens, "but not on a regular basis." Attaining a blood-alcohol content of 0.18 or higher requires heavy drinking, he said. For a 160-pound person, it takes seven to eight drinks to reach a 0.18 blood alcohol level, he said. An average drink consists of one 12-ounce beer, glass of wine or shot of hard alcohol.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Court indicts man on child porn charges

COLUMBUS, Ohio

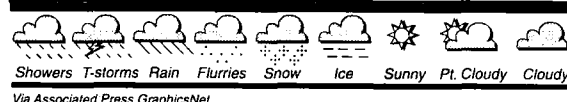
Steven Eric Nash, fired from Ohio State in May 1997, was indicted on nine charges related to child pornography. The incriminating materials were gathered and stored on an OSU computer used by Nash while he was an Ohio State employee. Nash's supervisor, John Greisberger, said it was accidental that the pornographic images were found. "What happened was that he asked our computer specialist for assistance with his computer because it wasn't working right," Greisberger said. "And when she was working on his computer, she noticed all these images which very obviously were not appropriate." The images showed "minors under the age of eighteen years engaged in sexual intercourse ... a minor under the age of eighteen years engaged in fellatio with another person ... minors in a state of nudity where there was a lewd exhibition of the genitals and/or graphic focus on the genitals," according to his indictment.

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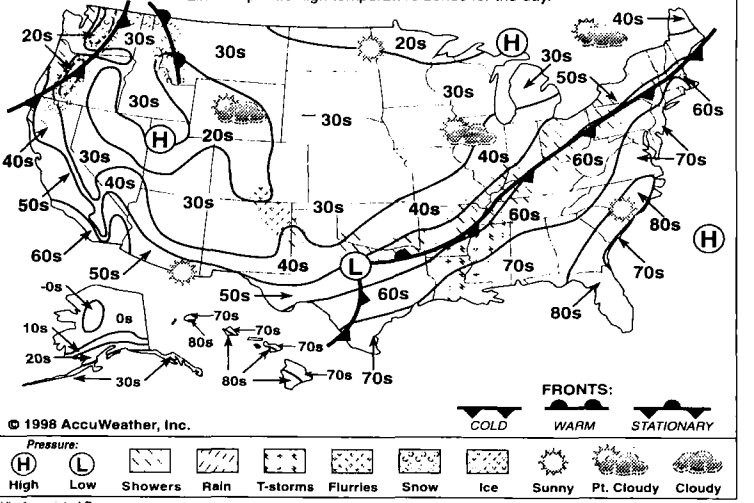
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Monday	43	32
Tuesday	40	32
Wednesday	39	26
Thursday	39	27
Friday	42	26



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 7. Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



Annapolis	71	55	Hartford	70	40	New York	70	52
Aspen	17	-10	Helena	32	16	Orlando	84	60
Boise	36	26	Malibu	61	43	Phoenix	56	73
Detroit	46	34	Mobile	77	61	Seattle	46	36

Quiz Show

Sponsored by the Class of 2001

TOP THREE DORMS:

Stanford (42.5 average)

Siegfried (40.5 average)

St. Edward's (39.1 average)

TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES:

1. Sean Leonard (60)
2. Kevin McCluskey (57)
3. Adrian Wilkerson (56)
4. Matt Alles (55)
5. Tom Ogorzalek (54)
6. Ben Murphy (54)
7. Brian Williams (53)
8. Andrew Nutting (52)
9. Alan Robinson (51)

• All scores are out of a possible 75 points, resulting from a 50-question test.

• Odd-numbered test questions were worth double.

• Top individual receives a bye for the semifinal round; finishers 2-9 will be broken into groups of four for the semifinals on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

• Semifinal winners advance to the final round on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

SMC 'gets stuffed' on nutrition

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Responding to weeks of mysterious advertising around campus, more than 100 students came to "get stuffed" with information about nutrition and eating disorders Friday in the lobby of Le Mans Hall.

Advertising was a key component for encouraging attendance at an event that might otherwise be ignored, according to senior Marshawna Moore, who was involved in planning the project.

"We figured that it might deter a lot of people from attending if they knew it was about health-awareness," said Moore. "When people have pre-conceptions about a topic, it may not be as effective. We knew that if people did not have those pre-conceptions, the support would be stronger."

Advertising was done in three increments, the first of which happened prior to Thanksgiving break.

"We gave people a little more information each time," Moore said.

"First, we just said, 'Get Stuffed.' Then we gave them a date. Then we gave them a time. We lured people in. What we're finding out today is that people wanted to come, wanted to find out what Get Stuffed was all about."

Get Stuffed was organized by 12 students who recognized a problem with eating disorders and nutrition on campus, according to senior Mary Clare Lucy, who helped plan the event.

"With finals coming up, we knew that people wouldn't be eating right."

Lucy said, "That's why it was important for us to do this now. We wanted people to know that fat is an important part of their diet."

Fatty foods, such as pizza, candy and chips, were provided at the event alongside information about eating disorders.

"Most people ask what to do if they have a friend who has an eating disorder," said senior Moira Lanigan, who was working at the



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SMC students sign a banner to support healthy eating and protest eating disorders. "Get Stuffed" promoted awareness of nutrition and the media's perception of women and healthy weight.

information table. "A lot of people don't know how to deal with it, and they want to help."

A main emphasis of the information distributed concerned the effect the media has on young women's idea of a healthy weight. A video, entitled "Slim Hopes," dealt with the effects of advertising on dieting and eating disorders in the United States.

"The average American woman is a size 12," said Lanigan. "What is most important is getting basic nutrition in your diet. The important thing is to be healthy."

Student response was mixed about the event.

"It's a really good way to make people aware," said sophomore Andrea Romero. "It shows that the beauty we see on TV isn't

real beauty. It's a good way to get information across, too. I see a lot of information around campus about [eating disorders], but I don't honestly think a lot of people pay attention to it. [This] makes it more of a reality."

Junior Kate Dolezan had mixed feelings.

"It's good to get the message out, but if someone really has an eating problem, they're going to think that they're fat, no matter what information they're given here," she said.

Organizers of the event hope that it sparked enough interest on campus to generate similar future events.

"It's a topic of great concern," Moore said. "We may try and establish a group that will deal with this on a constant basis. What is important right now is that people know it is a great concern."

Right to Life

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, Dec. 7th

9:30 pm

123 Nieuwland Science Hall

Important meeting for those attending the
March for Life Trip to D.C.!!!

Dear Ashes,
We'll miss your
antics and craziness
next semester. Take
care and have a
great time in Spain.

All our Love,
Haight, Getz, Gia,
Britt, Tobin & Linds



ERIN: 21 on January 1st!!!!!! Wahoo!!!



LOVE, MOM, DAD, KATE, TERESA, JOE

Intern

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environments. Even if a student has a bad internship experience, it lets them realize that maybe that is not the line of work they are interested in."

Even if students are undecided about a career path, an internship is still a good option to explore, she added.

Saint Mary's senior Marshawna Moore said her internship over the past three summers with the Department of Child and Family Services in Chicago will be a welcome addition to her resume and graduate school applications.

Moore's internship is normally offered only to people with master's degrees, making it even more impressive.

"I've worked more with court logistics this past summer, arranging hearings for sibling and parental visits and terminating parental rights," said Moore. "This experience has helped me to realize that I don't want to work in the social work field but rather possibly pursue a career in the sociology of criminology."

Some internship opportunities are unpaid positions, which presents a problem to students seeking summer employment and needing to make money.

"Even if they are unpaid positions, internships are still worth so much," said Simmerman. "Look at how much you learn in the classroom and you aren't getting paid for that."

Students need to be creative if they want to take an unpaid internship during the summer, said Simmerman. By finding an evening job that is paid, such as

one in retail or food service, a student can free up daytime hours in which to do an internship.

Another method Simmerman recommended for Saint Mary's students looking for internships is accessing the Alumnae Resource Network [ARN]. Students can use the ARN, a computerized database of Saint Mary's Alumnae that includes names, addresses, telephone numbers, career path and major

'MANY TIMES FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE CONNECTIONS FOR INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT PLACES WHERE OTHER STUDENTS HAVE INTERNEED.'

*SUSAN SIMMERMAN
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CAREER
AND PLACEMENT (SMC)*

of alumnae, as a networking tool.

"We have many alumnae who are willing to help students find and create internships," she said.

If an internship is not advertised, students can put together a proposal to present to their contact at the company or organization, said Simmerman. This is a technique commonly used with alumnae connections.

Jackson offered advice to other students seeking internships.

"I suggest leaving your options open to what you want to do," said Jackson. "My internship last summer was with the National Park Service in Boston as a park ranger. Even though I don't want to be a park ranger, I

learned so much and since I want to work for the State Department one day, it's useful for me to be able to put on my resume that I've worked for the government already."

Most students who come to the CCDC in pursuit of internships are looking for leads, while others may choose to go through academic departments using resources provided by professors, said Simmerman.

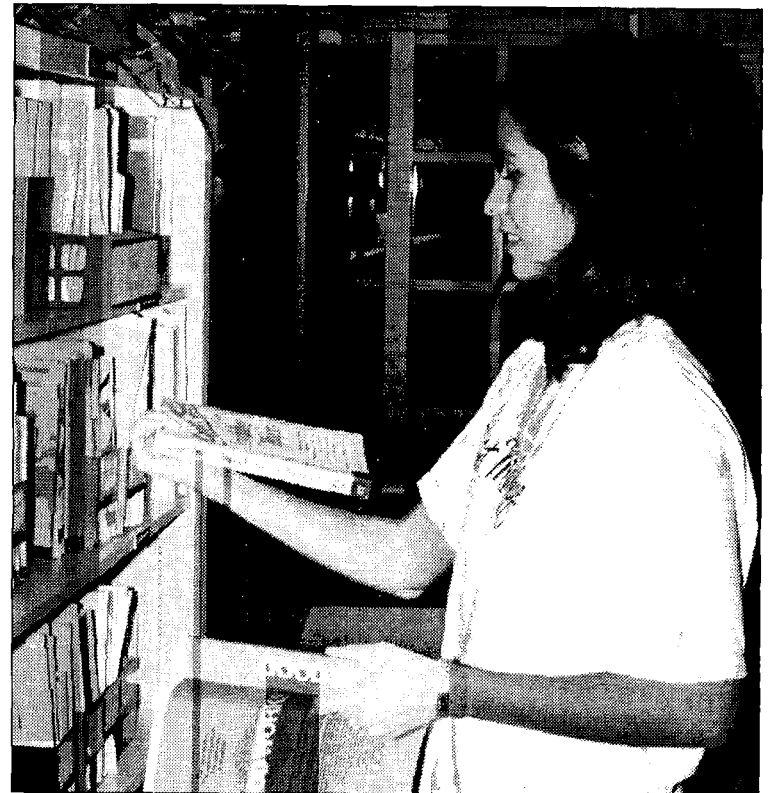
"Many times faculty members have connections for internship opportunities at places where other students have interned," said Simmerman.

Internship opportunities range from paid or unpaid summer positions to having an internship during the academic year to earn college credit. Credits awarded for the internship are determined by evaluating the amount of time spent and tasks and experience the internship provided. Together, the student and their academic advisor determine the number of credits that can be earned.

In cases where the internship will not earn a student college credits, such as if the internship is not a part of the student's academic major, the Liberal Arts Internship Program [LAIP] offers students another form of compensation.

The LAIP provides structure for an internship by presenting the student and employer with evaluation forms. The CCDC then presents the student with a certificate documenting the internship since no credit is received and it is not mentioned on a student's transcript.

"Some employers won't take on an intern if the College does not recognize the internship," said Simmerman. "This is where the Liberal Arts Internship Program comes in."



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A student visits the Career Development office in hopes of finding possible internships and alumni contacts.

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Photo Editor will
be 21 on the 25th.*

*Happy Birthday
Kevin Dalam!*

Love, Mom, Dad & Kate

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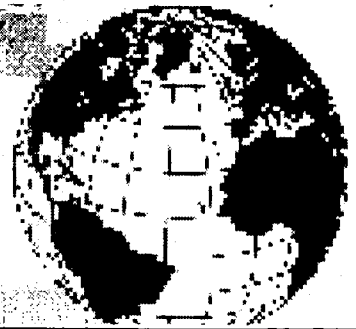
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Sacajawea included among proposals for new coin

WASHINGTON

Sacajawea, the Shoshone teen-ager who accompanied explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to the Pacific Ocean almost two centuries ago, gazes serenely from a proposed design for the new dollar coin. She looks over her shoulder, as if ready to go. Her infant son sleeps on her back. It's among six finalists for the gold-colored coin that Americans will find in their pockets starting in 2000. No one knows exactly what 16-year-old Sacajawea, who joined the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804, looked like. But all the proposals, according to U.S. Mint Director Philip Diehl, "are realistic depictions of Native American women. They are attractive, but they are not romanticized," he said. Starting Monday, Americans can see the designs on the Mint's Internet site and select their preferences.

JFK called Nixon 'psycho'

SAN FRANCISCO

President John F. Kennedy and former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown called Richard Nixon "nuts" and "psycho" in a taped telephone conversation after Brown's victory over Nixon in the 1962 governor's race, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday. "You reduced him to the nut house," said Kennedy, after Nixon's infamous "last news conference" soon after his 300,000-vote loss to Brown. "That last farewell speech of his ... shows that he belongs on the couch." After the defeat, Nixon bitterly told reporters: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." The conversation was included on tapes released last month by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. On the tapes, Brown also told the president that humiliating Nixon was what Kennedy had wanted. Kennedy defeated Nixon for the presidency in 1960.

Smugglers jettison immigrants

ROME

A Russian ship rescued 50 illegal immigrants from the waters off Malta after they were thrown overboard by their smugglers, according to a report Sunday. Ten people were missing and feared drowned. The smugglers apparently panicked when they saw the Russian merchant ship approach Saturday night in the Mediterranean, about 90 miles south of Malta, according to Italian RAI state television. Officials aboard an Italian naval vessel helping in the rescue said there was little hope the search would find any survivors Sunday in the rough, cold waters, RAI reported. Most of the immigrants were from Africa. RAI showed the survivors, some of them wrapped in blankets, getting off the Russian ship Sunday in Valletta, Malta's main port.

■ VENEZUELA

Venezuelans elect former coup leader

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS,

Former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, who staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years ago, was elected president of Venezuela Sunday — dealing a stunning blow to the political and economic establishment that has ruled the country during 40 years of democracy.

With 65 percent of the vote counted, Chavez had 56 percent compared to 39 percent for Yale-educated businessman Henrique Salas Romer, according to official results from the National Electoral Council.

People danced in the streets, set off fireworks and honked their horns in celebration.

"Venezuela is being born again," Chavez declared as soon as the election results were revealed. He made an appeal for calm on the streets and said he would pursue prudent economic policies.

"Once again the people of Simon Bolivar have shown themselves to be a grand people," he told the Venevision television network. Chavez often invokes South American liberation hero Bolivar in his speeches.

Because of Chavez's meteoric rise in the polls, the vote had turned into a confrontation between rich and poor — and a warning sign for the rest of Latin America.

"These are historic elections. Nothing like these elections has happened in Venezuela's political history," said U.S. Ambassador John Maisto.

For the first time ever, neither of Venezuela's two traditional parties fielded candidates.



AFP Photo

A Venezuelan nun casts her ballot in Sunday's heated battle for president. Voters elected Hugo Chavez, who led a violent coup in 1992.

In an effort to head off a Chavez victory, both the center-left Democratic Action Party and the center-right COPEI Party dumped their respective candidates during the past week and threw their support to Salas, who had been running second in the polls.

In 1992, Chavez tried and failed to overthrow Venezuela's democratically elected government. His candidacy has blown a hole through the conventional wisdom that said democracy and free markets were inescapable in Latin

America.

Chavez on Sunday cast his vote amid some 1,000 supporters roaring, "Chavez! Chavez!" and "Viva Venezuela!" As he drove away, throngs of teenagers chased after his white van.

The voting Sunday was described as orderly, and it appeared turnout was high. Street celebrations broke out throughout the country Sunday evening; people donned Chavez's trademark red parachutist's beret and hung Venezuelan flags from balconies.

"Down with the oli-

garchy!" shouted one woman standing outside Chavez's Caracas headquarters.

Reports that Chavez supporters would stage violent protests if their candidate loses prompted a call to peace from President Rafael Caldera.

"The government and armed forces have promised to respect the electoral results. That respect will be sacrosanct," Caldera vowed, adding that "we demand that the results be accepted in peace."

■ UNITED KINGDOM

U.N. pressures Libyan handover

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON

Two Libyans long wanted in the bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, may be in custody by Dec. 21, the 10th anniversary of the disaster, Britain's foreign secretary said Sunday.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan spent Saturday in Libya, discussing with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and his foreign secretary a handover of the two men suspected by Britain and the United States in the 1988 explosion that killed 270 people.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said it would be a great comfort to relatives of the victims of Pan Am Flight 103 if Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamem Khalifa Fhimah are brought to trial by the anniversary.

"I think you could sum up our mood as one of qualified optimism," Cook said in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Libya, the United States and Britain have agreed in principle that Scottish judges will hear the case at a special court in the Netherlands. But if convicted, Libya wants the suspects jailed in the Netherlands or in Libya. Cook told BBC television that Britain will not budge on the demand by Washington and London that any sentences be served in a Scottish jail.

Annan and Gadhafi, who met in a desert tent in Libya, failed to reach a deal on handing over the suspects. Annan, however, said he believed an agreement could be concluded soon.

Cook said he spoke with Annan on Sunday and was "encouraged by what he tells me." Annan, he said, succeeded in getting across to Gadhafi "the

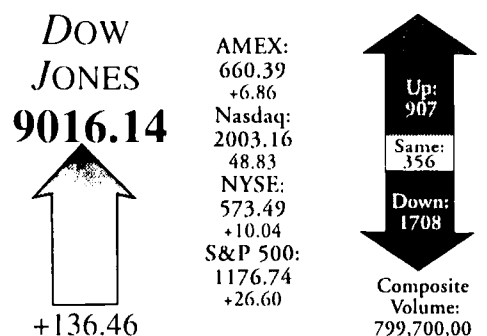
message that we are serious about this trial -- there is no hidden agenda."

Annan also spoke with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright by telephone, according to a U.N. statement faxed to The Associated Press. "We are well on the way to resolving the problem," the statement quoted him as telling Albright.

State-run Libyan Radio, meanwhile, quoted an unidentified official in the Foreign Liaison Secretariat, Libya's equivalent of a foreign ministry, as saying that "a solution to this crisis is within reach."

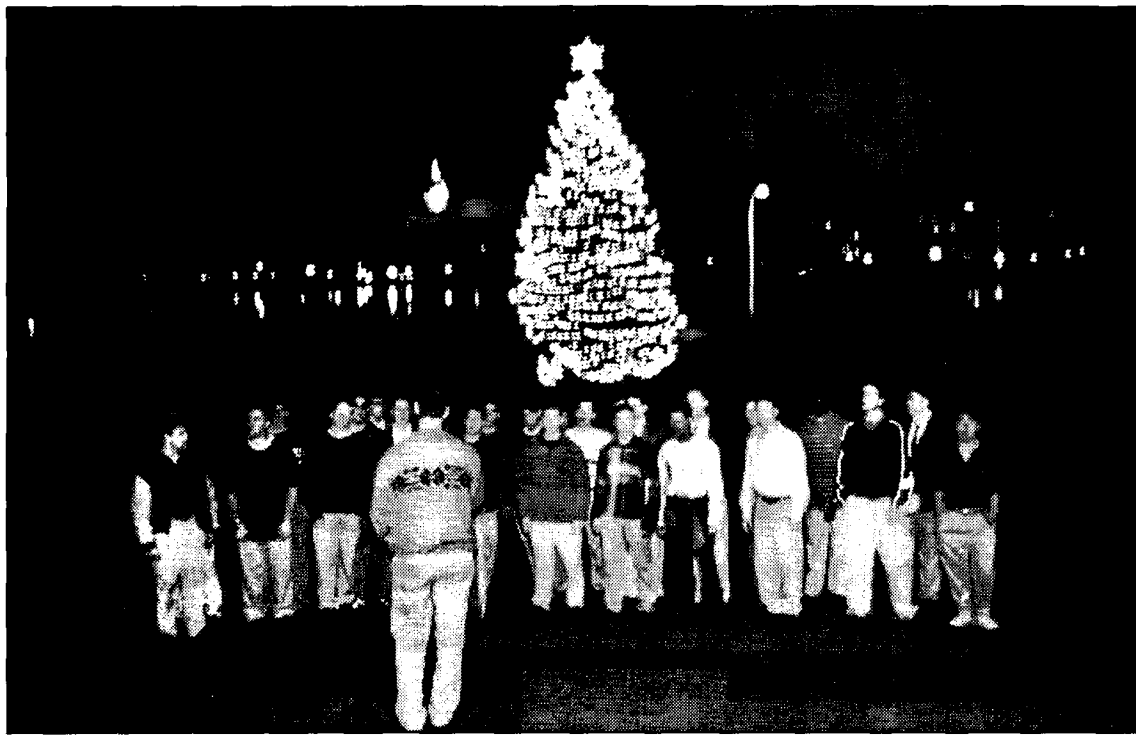
He credited Annan's talks with Omar al-Muntasser, Libya's foreign minister, who met Saturday with Annan before the secretary-general went on to the talks with Gadhafi. The broadcast was monitored by the BBC.

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Members of the Glee Club sing Christmas carols at the lighting of Carroll Hall's 30-foot Christmas tree. The new tradition also included a catered dinner for the dorm.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Suicide

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statutes of the state of Michigan.

Despite the clarity of the law, there is speculation among members of the legal community that Kevorkian will indeed be acquitted. Kevorkian has many supporters who feel that he does nothing wrong by helping others to end their suffering at their own request.

Members of the religious community, on the other hand, find it impossible to justify Kevorkian's practice.

"[I] expect the Roman Catholic Church in Michigan to continue to speak out against the practice of euthanasia and to argue against legalizing physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia no matter what the outcome of this trial is," Ryan said.

With the Youk case, the reason for protest is the fact that Kevorkian performed direct and active euthanasia, not an assisted suicide.

Even so, assisted suicide is still not widely accepted. Many people feel that performing assisted suicides compromises the role of the healer. Other religious reasons for protest of the procedure, according to Ryan, are belief in the sanctity of human life and in God's sovereignty over life and death.

Non-religious reasons also abound. For example, Kevorkian's patients are not carefully screened. He did not know all of his patients and not all of his them were suffering from terminal illness when they sought his help.

Part of the reason that physician-assisted suicides are so controversial is the fact that no regulations exist governing the procedure.

The outcome of Kevorkian's trial may lead to the establishment of such regulations if the court rules in Kevorkian's favor.

Although Kevorkian has sought the aid of defense advisors, he plans to defend himself in court. The preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 9. Kevorkian has agreed not to take part in any deaths until then.

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sacrament at Notre Dame and hopes to complete his membership in the Church during his time here.

"I was baptized here when I was a baby, and I thought it would be cool to finish up the sacraments while I'm here," he said. "It's something that I felt was missing in my life. I wanted to complete the journey of the Catholic Church and this is a way to do that."

Each candidate and catechumenate has a sponsor who

attends the weekly meetings and aids in the exploration of faith questions. The candidates and catechumenates may chose their own sponsor or receive one through a campus ministry volunteer.

Wilschke selected a friend as a sponsor.

"She was already a big part of life, and it's just expanded now," Wilschke said. "We talk about what it means to be doing what I'm doing. She has a lot of insight into what I'm going through right now and what it means in my life."

The program begins with the period of inquiry in August, when anyone interested in the program attends

weekly sessions to learn more about the Catholic faith. The rite of welcome, which began with Sunday's mass and concludes at the beginning of Lent, follows the period of inquiry. The rite of welcome allows the candidates and catechumenates to further study the Catholic faith.

The third portion of the program, the rite of initiation, occurs during Lent and culminates with the received sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass. After Easter, the participants continue in a fourth stage, mystagogia, where they live out their Christian faith.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 will be the last issue of The Observer for the semester. Have a good break.

Business council hosts women's conference

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Council on International Business Development will sponsor a Women in Entrepreneurialism today at 5 p.m.

Guest speakers at the conference include Dru Milby, chief financial officer for Papa John's Pizza, Carol Pankros, president and owner of CCP Financial Planning Services, and Maureen Muldoon, owner of MJM Meetings and Special Events.

These entrepreneurial women will present an overview of careers, successes and motivational tactics.

The conference will take place in the Jordan Auditorium of the College of Business Administration Building on campus. It is open to the public.

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Investigation proves British documentary fake

Associated Press

LONDON

A prize-winning British documentary broadcast on the CBS program "60 Minutes" about drug running from Colombia was a fake, an investigation has concluded.

Makers of "The Connection" paid actors to portray drug dealers, faked locations, and falsely claimed there was a new heroin route from Colombia to Britain, the investigation found, London's Guardian newspaper reported Saturday.

The documentary, made by a British production company, Carlton Communications, for the British network Independent Television, was investigated after The Guardian challenged its authenticity in a series of articles in May.

The newspaper reports inspired Carlton to form an independent panel of lawyers and TV producers to investigate the program. The panel's report was

released over the weekend.

The Guardian said Carlton Communications broadcasting director Nigel Walmsley is returning eight national and international awards won by the documentary.

"We are refunding overseas broadcasters who bought 'The Connection,'" The Guardian quoted Walmsley as saying.

Steve Kroft anchored the "60 Minutes" report that aired parts of the documentary in June 1997.

"60 Minutes" spokesman Kevin Tedesco said the program had made viewers aware of the initial allegations in May. He said the program was analyzing the latest claims, and would likely report on them during the show on Dec. 13.

The film showed a courier, or a drug "mule," purportedly carrying millions of dollars worth of heroin to London for Colombia's Cali drug cartel.

The inquiry panel said there was no evidence the person was carrying heroin "rather than sugar, flour or mints."

A man interviewed with his face covered and described as the financial controller of the Cali Cartel was an actor — as were the "mule" and another key character, the panel said.

One interview that was purported to take place in a jungle hideout with a drug baron actually took place in the hotel room of producer Marc de Beaufort, the panel said.

The panel concluded that only de Beaufort, a cameraman and a researcher could have known of most of the fakery.

But the panel said it could not determine whether de Beaufort knew of all the false elements in the program.

De Beaufort issued a statement in which he called the conclusion about the actors "untenable" and blamed his researcher, Adriana Quintana, for the "alleged fakery."

"The inquiry is obviously entitled to its own conclusions, yet I find it hard to believe the characters in the film were acting their parts," he said.

*Cruising
the cultural
catwalk ...*



Models strut their stuff during the annual Asian Allure fashion and cultural show presented at Washington Hall on Saturday night. Both models and performers highlighted the intersection between traditional and modern style.

The Observer/Kristin Corcoran

Detroit police officer killed in ambush

Associated Press

DETROIT

A police officer died Sunday night, a day after he and another officer were shot in an ambush on their police cars. Two men surrendered and a third reportedly was taken into custody.

Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, died after he was taken off life support at the request of his family, a hospital spokeswoman said. The second wounded officer, Lloyd Todd, 34, remained in critical condition. A third officer was treated and released.

The attack began late Saturday while the officers were investigating the kidnapping of a woman and her child, an abduction that appeared to be connected to drugs, police Chief

Benny Napoleon said. Three men were in custody. One man surrendered to police

Sunday afternoon after hearing from relatives that he was wanted and a second man surrendered Sunday night. A third man was taken into custody Sunday night, WDIV-TV reported. The three were being held for questioning.

Police did not expect to have warrants until Monday.

Napoleon said police received a call late Saturday that a young woman and her child had been kidnapped.

A little later, officers in an unmarked car saw a van matching the description of the vehicle used in the abduction. A patrol car with uniformed officers helped them try to stop the van.

During a chase, both police vehicles were struck by shots fired through the van's rear window by what appeared to be a "high-power, assault-type weapon," Napoleon said.

"The officer in the marked car who was not injured described the gunfire as extremely heavy and as the rounds were striking the car, they were shaking the car," Napoleon said.

The officer also "indicated the fire was heavy and it was constant," Napoleon said. "They were basically ambushed."

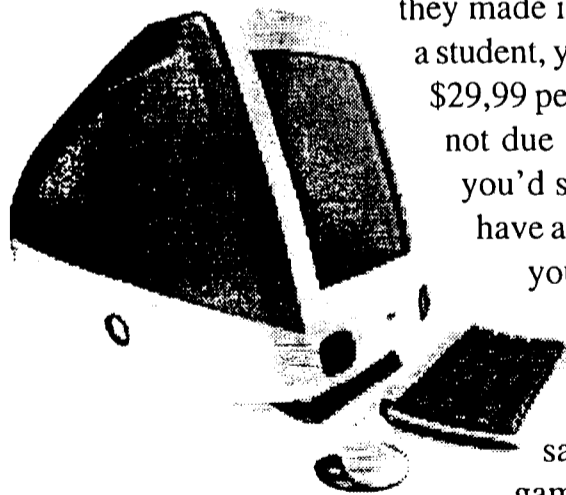
Police later found the van abandoned nearby, but the weapon had not been found Sunday.

The woman and the child were earlier held in the van, but they had been released before the shooting in exchange for a \$5,000 cash ransom, Napoleon said.

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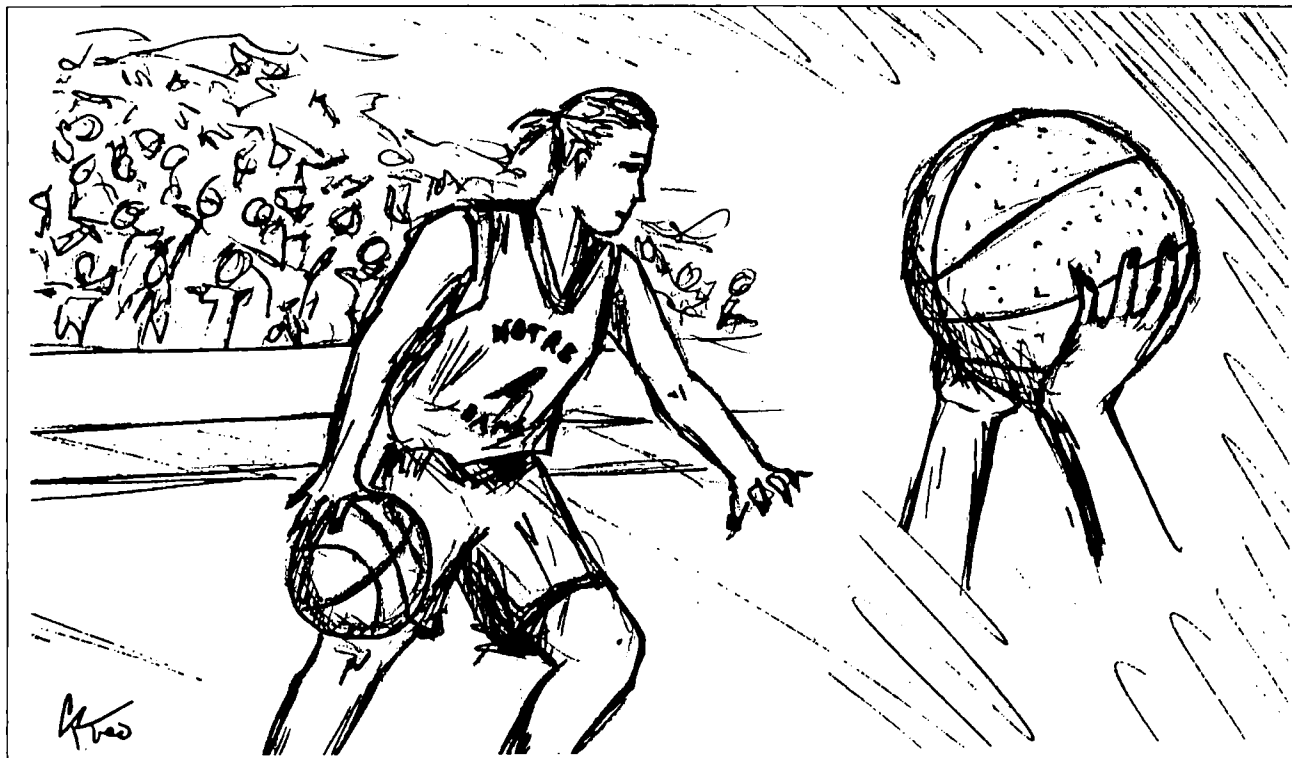
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■ CAPPY'S CORNER

The Game of the Year



Tomorrow evening, at 7 p.m., the No. 6 ranked Fighting Irish women's basketball team hosts No. 1 Connecticut in what promises to be one of the most exciting games ever played at the Joyce Center. Connecticut brings a veteran team with a big star in Shea Ralph, and the country's best recruiting haul.

Cappy Gagnon

They combine size, speed, rebounding, shooting and defense to earn their undisputed No. 1 ranking.

Notre Dame will not come into the game unarmed, however. Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame's coaching dynamo, has quietly put together a deep and balanced squad. The undefeated Irish feature a dominating presence on the boards in 6-foot-5 Ruth Riley ("You Can't Stop the Ruth") and a dead-eye, three-point shooter in Sheila McMillan ("She-Mack"). These two native Hoosiers form an excellent Miss Inside and Miss Outside combination.

Under coaching from Carol Owens, Riley has made remarkable strides in her second year. When teams front Roooth, the Irish guards lob the ball in to her; when teams play behind her, there are few defenders who can keep her from getting off her shot. Wearing her trademark sweatband, Ruth is also a big shot blocker, with 20 in the past three games.

McMillan doesn't change expression much as she floats around the three-point line. When the Irish are pounding the ball into the paint, teams sometimes drop off their guards to help out on defense. Big mistake. Sheila takes them out of that strategy, by firing in her trademark bombs.

Kelly Siemon plays the power forward position. She runs the floor well, is a tough defender, pulls down tough rebounds and gets a lot of garbage baskets. Her father, Jeff, was a star linebacker for the Minnesota Vikings. Kelly has the heart of a linebacker.

In last year's double-overtime win over UCLA, at storied Pauley Pavilion, both McMillan and Siemon showed what they were made of. Sheila attempted five three-point shots; Kelly was on the line for 12 free throws. The Irish needed every single point to preserve two overtimes and win the game. Neither player flinched under the pressure.

If that's all the Irish had, they would be fun to watch, but there's much more.

Two exciting frosh, Sherisha Hills and Ericka Haney, come off the bench to add terrific speed and jumping ability. Sherisha has a good shooting touch and is comfortable driving to the hoop. Ericka is a gazelle who is going to be a force on the boards.

The Lady Irish also have some strong bench players. Diana Braendly (6-foot-4) spells Riley and adds a

nice outside shot. Julie Henderson (6-foot-3) fills both low post spots and brings a sound overall game. Like Riley, Julie spent last Summer playing for a National Team. Sophomores Meaghan Leahy (6-foot-4) and Imani Dunbar add rebounds and spark, respectively, when they get their minutes in Coach McGraw's liberal substitution pattern.

I have saved the best for last. The piece de resistance of the Irish is their backcourt tandem, one of the most exciting in the country. Danielle Green (aka: my favorite player) and future All-American, Niele Ivey, have outstanding two-way games. Both can pick the pockets of opposing guards. Both can slash to the hoop. Niele is right behind McMillan with her three-point shot; Danielle leaps like a kangaroo and may be the top rebounding guard in the country. Green and Riley have had several double-doubles this year.

During Notre Dame's six game run, McGraw's juggernaut has soundly beaten two Top-10 teams (UCLA and Duke) and crossed the century mark to beat a 20th-ranked Illinois team which may be even stronger than both. The Irish have also taken the measure of good teams from Butler, San Francisco, and Toledo. Their strong schedule has prepared them well entering the first Big East match-up of the season.

If the Irish are able to pull off the upset and stop the Huskies, they will deserve the No. 1 ranking. Most of the other teams ahead of Notre Dame have already hung a "w."

There is only one ingredient lacking for a big upset win tomorrow night. This missing ingredient is

'THERE IS ONLY ONE INGREDIENT LACKING FOR A BIG UPSET VICTORY TOMORROW NIGHT. THE MISSING INGREDIENT IS STUDENTS. LOUD ONES.'

STUDENTS. Loud ones. While seemingly in plentiful supply on the campus, students have not been found at the Joyce Center in sufficient numbers to give the Irish the type of home court advantage they deserve. The University of Connecticut, for crying out loud, attracts 10,000 fans to their women's games. Loud ones. While I grant that there is not much to do in Storrs, Connecticut, compared to the night life here in River City, I challenge all Notre Dame students to get behind the Lady Irish. Recent government studies (I'm making this up, but it could actually be true) have shown that yelling and screaming just before exams is an excellent means of ridding the mind of unneeded information, so only correct examination answers remain.

Women's basketball is the best entertainment value on campus. Come on out to see the "Game of the Year."

Cappy Gagnon, ND '66, is the Coordinator of Stadium Personnel and supervises student employees of the Notre Dame Security Police Department. He remembers when "girls" basketball was played by six on a team, with only three players in each half court. He prefers to watch Danielle, Niele and Kelly sprint end to end. His column appear every other Monday.

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

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rice's Concerns and Observations Regarding Non-Discrimination Clause Do Not Hold Up

Professor Charles Rice should be thanked for doing something which the ND administration has not done: offering CONCRETE EXAMPLES proceeding to show how the proposed non-discrimination clause on homosexual orientation would put this Catholic University in an impossible legal bind (The Observer, Dec. 4). Do the examples hold up? I have three observations.

1. At this point, I fail to see how the examples he cites (appointing Resident Assistants/Assistant Rectors and commitment ceremonies) would necessarily lead, or would likely lead to an irreconcilable conflict between what the University is required to do under civil law, and what it wishes to and/or must do on moral/religious grounds.

Since ND's "no sex" rule flatly applies to ALL students, both heterosexual and homosexual, it is not clear how a sexually active gay or lesbian RA or Assistant Rector could successfully allege discrimination based on his or her homosexual activity. As for an UNSUCCESSFUL allegation, that is the price we pay for living in a democracy.

Furthermore, ND could, in its non-discrimination clause, reserve the right to discriminate against homosexual behavior, if it so chose.

As far as the commitment ceremony example is concerned, I believe a court would be loathe to let the issue go to a jury, for fear of treading on the First Amendment religious freedom rights of a worshipping community. I note that Professor Rice offers no legal support for his fears represented in these two examples.

2. Although Professor Rice begins his argument by asserting that the non-discrimination clause would, in practice, very likely erode the distinction between homosexual orientation and behavior, the distinction adopted by the teaching office of the Catholic Church, he ends up effectively OBLITERATING IT HIMSELF. How? His repeated emphasis on the homosexual person's "inclination" to be sexually active in an immoral way, to the exclusion of any consideration of the heterosexual person's desire to be sexually active, suggests that the homosexual RA has a greater propensity to have sex and lead others into sex than does the heterosexual RA. Thus, since orientation leads to behavior, ND "has a right and an obligation to take it into account," a euphemism for discriminating based on sexual orientation, the very thing ND sometimes suggests it basically does not want to do. At any rate, it is my understanding that when students apply for the positions of RA and Assistant Rector, the issues of one's sexual orientation and sexual history never come up.

3. In this article and elsewhere, Professor Rice takes Father Malloy and the Administration to task for not saying that a homosexual orientation is an "objective disorder," an expression used in the Catechism. "(T)he University refuses to acknowledge that the inclination toward those (homosexual acts) is itself disordered ... (I)l, as the Administration maintains, the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon?" To the best of my knowledge, the Administration has never "maintained" this at all; it has simply, and legitimately, chosen not to speak in these terms, terms which in my view are pastorally hurtful and conceptually ambiguous.

James Ball
Graduate Student
Department of Theology

'Psycho' flatters itself after 38 years

"Psycho"

Director: *Gus Van Sant*

Starring: *Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Viggo Mortensen, Julianne Moore, William H. Macy, Robert Forster and Rita Wilson*



(Out of five shamrocks)

By CHRISTIAN PIERCE
Scene Movie Critic

With a respected piece of art like the Mona Lisa, is it worth it to do a remake? Such a piece seems almost perfect, so improving on it would be almost impossible. Director Gus Van Sant has tackled just such a project in his new film "Psycho," a remake of the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock original.

Remakes are always an area of critical debate as each artist places their own spin on the project. Typically, these artists attempt to update the piece for their audience which inevitably changes the meaning of the original work forever. Van Sant, however, knowing the cultural status of "Psycho," attempted to stay true to the original. Oddly enough he opted to do a shot-by-shot remake of the film, only changing the time in which the film is set.

Going into the film there was doubt that such a project would work as the original "Psycho" is such an incredible piece. The prognosis was that Van Sant would fall flat on his face, but the way he designed his remake allowed the project to succeed.

Hitchcock was famous for the complexity of his plots, as the audience thought they were following one story when in actuality the film was about another. Now, this may not seem clear, but using "Psycho" as an example, this route of storytelling which Hitchcock mastered can be explained.

The film begins by following Marion Crane (played by Anne Heche in the '98 version) and the choices she makes

which forever change her life. Crane is in an intimate relationship with Sam Loomis, (Viggo Mortensen) but due to his financial debts the couple can not marry. While at work one afternoon, a gentleman brings in \$400,000 in cash to purchase a house. Marion is asked to deposit this money, but she realizes this hefty chunk of change could be her key to happiness. Marion steals the money intending to pay off Sam's debts, allowing the couple to then marry.

Now Hitchcock and Van Sant spend an incredible amount of screen time setting up this scenario, but honestly the money and Marion are completely



Photo courtesy of Universal
Norman Bates peeks at Marion Crane in "Psycho."

irrelevant to the story of "Psycho." This should not be a huge surprise as the title of the film is "Psycho," with no mention of money or love.

This style of storytelling—constructing a situation that sets the stage but in no way influences the overall story—was frequently used by Hitchcock. In actuality this film is about the character of Norman Bates, today played by Vince Vaughn.

As Marion drives from Arizona to California to be with Sam, torrential rain forces her to stop at a motel for the night. Marion stops at the Bates Motel, a creepy motel which is suffering due to its location on a rarely used highway. Here Marion meets the lonely motel owner and manager, Norman Bates. Norman lives alone with his mother and seems excited to have a guest, especially a single woman. From here the story transforms into a suspenseful tale of murder and insanity which will leave any audience member disturbed.

Having compared the two versions it is necessary to point out those elements which contrast. The most dramatic difference between the two versions is that Van Sant opted to film his version in color. In black and white the film did not seem quite so gory, as the blood in the famous shower scene was actually



Photo courtesy of Universal
Vince Vaughn (above) stars in the new "Psycho."

chocolate syrup, not the vibrant red that Van Sant uses. Color also plays an interesting role in costuming, which gives the film a campy feel. The costumes are all in fifties retro style, utilizing odd colors like a v o c a d o .

Clearly, Van Sant wanted to make reference to that era, but really, it was not necessary to dress Viggo Mortensen in tacky Roy Rogers apparel.

The only other main difference is the choice of actors. Anthony Perkins chillingly played Norman Bates in the original; he was an actor of much higher caliber than Vaughn. Perkins constructed Norman as a terrifying figure, but did so by using few words. He had a knack for using facial expression to convey the twisted thoughts running through Norman's head. Van Sant could never find an actor to replace such talent as Perkins. Other than these differences, Van Sant remains loyal to Hitchcock's masterpiece.

This loyalty to the original is clearly what makes this new version work. Van Sant uses the same incredible shots that Hitchcock used, with a few technological advances that were not available in 1960. Seeing both versions is a worthwhile endeavor, as each has so much to offer. This is a quality slasher film that worked well in 1960 and still works just as well in 1998.

Craziness makes 'bad things' very good

"Very Bad Things"

Director: *Peter Berg*

Starring: *Cameron Diaz, Jon Favreau, Christian Slater, Jeremy Piven and Daniel Stern*



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JOE LARSON
Scene Movie Critic

"Very Bad Things" is a film about a wedding, as well as other things—things that are bad—some would even say very bad. It all begins with Kyle Fisher (Jon Favreau, "Swingers" and the campus hit "Rudy"). All Kyle wants to do is get married to his lovely and beautiful bride, Laura (Cameron Diaz). They are going through all the pre-wedding preparations with Laura a little stressed out about everything. She really needs Kyle's help in getting (good) things like cushions for the seats in the chapel and the seating arrangements at the groom's dinner. Kyle is helping all he can. He has mailed all the checks and he is just that much closer to marrying and living happily forever after.

Now, things sound in control, and they both have taken care of everything for the wedding. Kyle and Laura now only have to wait it out to begin the rest of their lives together. First, there's the rehearsal and the fitting of everyone's dresses and tuxedos. Then, there's the groom's dinner. Then, oh wait—Kyle

never had his bachelor party. Well, that's just a little something. They can do that, right? That's no big deal.

Enter Kyle's friends: Robert Boyd, (Christian Slater) Adam, (Daniel Stern) Adam's brother Mike (Jeremy Piven) and Charles Moore (Leland Orser). Boyd, the best man, decides to take Kyle to Vegas for a small, intimate bachelor party. They do a little gambling (take into consideration these men are of legal

age to gamble) and drink some Mountain Dews. Then, they go back to their hotel room to watch Ultimate



Photo courtesy of Polygram
There's something about Cameron Diaz in her new film, "Very Bad Things."

Fighting Championships. I know, you're worried about these guys. I closed my eyes for parts because I was so perturbed by the behavior of these men.

You can imagine that with these guys' party, something would go wrong. So there was a little mishap, but they take care of it and it's over. Or is it? This small accident changes the lives of all the men at the bachelor party. It was like they killed a hooker or couldn't complete a pass against USC (sorry).

Anyway, the guys get back to town and start getting ready for the wedding. Only, everything blows up in their face. While they were having all that fun, Kyle forgot to call the people with the cushions for the chairs. Their geeses are cooked.

Laura hears about this and is very unhappy. Now, guests will have to sit on those hard, wooden chairs with no protection. This is what happens when people lose control of what's important in life and do crazy things like running with scissors or burying dead people in the desert.

After the loss of seat cushions, things go pretty much as planned. There are a few small problems, but every wedding has them. It was nothing out of the ordinary. So Kyle and Laura are married and they live happily ever after.

"Very Bad Things" is a hilarious and scary movie. The movie keeps you interested until the last scene—you really never know what is going to happen next. Credit must be given to Peter Berg for writing such an original screenplay. His dialogue is impressive and he injects humor at the perfect times. His characters are fascinating and full of surprises. Christian Slater is great and Jon Favreau does another

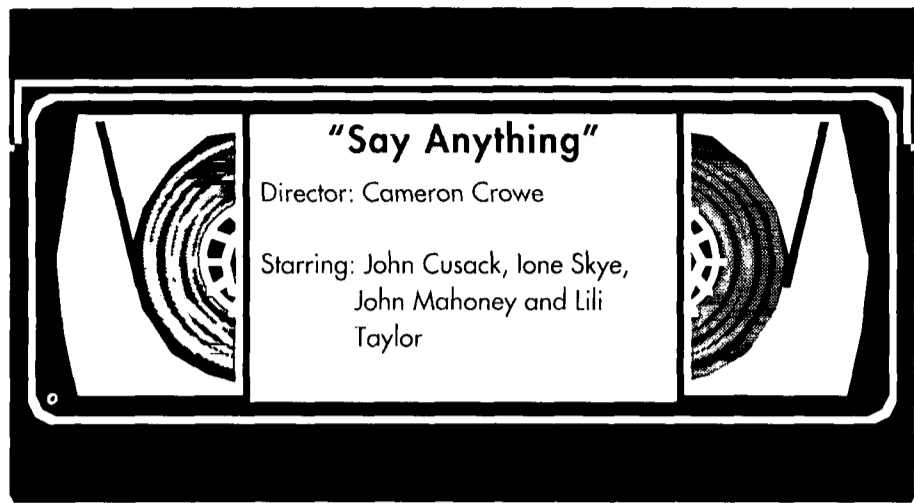


Photo courtesy of Polygram
The whole gang gathers for some "Very Bad Things."

good job portraying the "nice" guy. Jeremy Piven is always funny and you have Cameron Diaz as the neurotic bride trying to plan a wedding.

There are also lessons to be learned from this film. Two wrongs don't make right. The "Slippery Slope" theory does occur in real life. For example, you drink one or two Mountain Dews and you'll find yourself drinking more and more Mountain Dews until all hell breaks loose. The most important lesson learned is to order seat cushions for the guests at your wedding. Do you want grandma to have to suffer through the ceremony in discomfort at her precious age? Of course not. So maybe you should watch this movie just to learn what these "bad" things are so you can spot them and avoid them in the future.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



"Say Anything"

Director: Cameron Crowe

Starring: John Cusack, Lone Skye, John Mahoney and Lili Taylor

By CASEY McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

"To know Lloyd Dobler is to love him. Diane Court is about to get to know Lloyd Dobler."

This is the tag line for one of the greatest teen love movies ever made, "Say Anything." In it, John Cusack plays Lloyd Dobler, a high school senior who does not know what he wants to do in the future. And he does know what he does not want to do. Initially, Lloyd believes his ticket to the future is kickboxing, the sport of the future.

Aside from all of this not knowing, the one thing that Lloyd is absolutely sure of is that he wants a date with Diane Court, played by Lone Skye.

Diane, the school's valedictorian, has done so much studying in her high school years that she has forgotten to have any fun at all. Lloyd vows to change all of this if Diane will just give him a chance. Acting as adversaries, all of Lloyd's friends try to discourage him from pursuing his dream of Diane. They tell Lloyd that Diane is out of his league, but Lloyd refuses to listen.

He only wants one chance with Diane. And Lloyd knows that if Diane will just give him that one chance, he can show her that she is not out of his league and that they belong together.

Diane eventually gives Lloyd his chance and he sets out to capture her heart. In one night, Lloyd is able to show Diane his pure and innocent charm and make her fall for him.

However, they realize they only

have nine weeks to get to know each other before Diane goes to England to study with a fellowship she was awarded. Lloyd vows to spend as much time with Diane as he can to make her last nine weeks as memorable as possible.

They spend their time together, teaching each other about life and about each other.

Lloyd shows Diane the importance of having fun, of not settling for what is expected of you and of trusting your heart to love.

Diane teaches Lloyd the joy of learning from the elderly, the importance of looking toward the future and that love can be pretty complicated.

Together, Diane and Lloyd learn what it is like to fall in love. They both learn the joy and happiness involved, but also feel the confusion and heartache that comes with loving another person completely.

Directed by Cameron Crowe, ("Singles," "Jerry Maguire" and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High") "Say Anything" is a funny, but honest, look at falling in love for the first time.

Cusack is brilliant in his role as Lloyd Dobler, who has become a model for the guy that many girls are searching for in life. Skye is

convincing in her role as the brainy Diane, who has never truly experienced life as a kid. Together, Cusack and Skye electrify the screen with their chemistry, and draw the audience in to remember what it is like to fall in love for the first time.



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox
John Cusack (right) and Lone Skye star in "Say Anything."

CHART-TOPPERS



Photo courtesy of Disney

After its \$46 million take over Thanksgiving, 'A Bug's Life' continues to dominate the box office in its third week, outdueling Gus Van Sant's remake of 'Psycho.'

Top Ten Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title	Gross Sales
1. A Bug's Life	\$ 17.4 million
2. Psycho	\$ 10.5 million
3. Enemy of the State	\$ 9.5 million
4. The Rugrats Movie	\$ 8.0 million
5. The Waterboy	\$ 6.6 million
6. Meet Joe Black	\$ 2.4 million
6. Babe: Pig in the City	\$ 2.4 million
8. Home Fries	\$ 2.0 million
8. Elizabeth	\$ 2.0 million
10. I Still Know What You Did Last Summer	\$ 1.8 million

Source: Associated Press

Top Ten Last Week's Video Rentals

Video Title
1. Armageddon
2. Deep Impact
3. Godzilla
4. Small Soldiers
5. A Perfect Murder
6. Hope Floats
7. The X-Files
8. The Horse Whisperer
9. City of Angels
10. Mercury Rising

Source: Billboard Online



THE END IS NEAR

Scene presents a movie guide for Christmas Break

By MIKE VANEGAS
Assistant Scene Editor

"Titanic" is yesterday's news. "Armageddon?" Who cares about videos? It's Christmas, and Hollywood knows what that means — kids are not at school! Kids can go to the movies everyday if they want. Kids can spend their money.

Moreover, college students all over America will be on their winter vacation, wondering what to do with their non-scholastic time. Sure, they can go to parties, drink lots of happy juice and be with friends. But they can also go check out a new movie.

And there is plenty to choose from until we get back to school on January 11, 1999. Here's a preview of what you should look out for this month:

December 11, 1998

Star Trek: Insurrection

Why you should see it: The strong Star Trek franchise has proven not to disappoint in the past.

Why you shouldn't: That same franchise could be getting a little too old. Not everyone is a trekkie.

Jack Frost

Why you should see it: It looks to be a pleasant tale about family and love. The special effects look attractive, as Michael Keaton becomes a snowman.

Why you shouldn't: Seems very similar to Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause." Of course, kids won't care about that.

December 18, 1998

The Prince of Egypt

Why you should see it: This epic about Moses looks powerful, with great special effects. We all know the story from our Intro Theology class.

Why you shouldn't: This looks like a must-see. If you don't like cartoons, stay away.

You've Got Mail

Why you should see it: A reteaming of Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in this romantic comedy could work again.

Why you shouldn't: Or it might not work, again.



Photo Courtesy of Warner Brothers
Meg Ryan in "You've Got Mail."

December 25, 1998

The Faculty

Why you should see it: A unique film among the typical family oriented and Oscar-driven dramas. "Scream" worked a few years back.

Why you shouldn't: Aliens on Christmas?

Mighty Joe Young

Why you should see it: If you are a kid, the big gorilla should be a cool sight.

Why you shouldn't: If you are not a kid, gorillas won't do the trick.

Patch Adams

Why you should see it: This looks like a heartwarming comedy/drama that should make you laugh and cry. It takes place in a hospital.

Why you shouldn't: Robin Williams overload, anyone? After his Oscar win for "Good Will Hunting" and his Dante-esque "What Dreams May Come," America has seen enough of the comedian in 1998.

Stepmom

Why you should see it: This looks to be a strong film with two great actresses, Susan Sarandon and Julia Roberts.

Why you shouldn't: The story of the ex getting along with the young new wife is very soapy. Maybe this should be a Sunday Night Movie on CBS.

Do you like analyzing and scrutinizing Hollywood's best and worst offerings? Become a Scene Movie Critic! Give us a call at 1-4540 or 4-3271 if you want to write movie reviews for Scene next semester.

■ HOCKEY

Sloppy Irish Icers fall to Ohio State twice over weekend

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team dropped both its weekend games to Ohio State, finishing off what had been an impressive first half of the season on a disappointing note.

Friday night in Columbus, the Buckeyes used two five-on-three goals at the end of the second period to notch a 4-3 win over the Irish. Saturday night was probably Notre Dame's worst showing of the season; the team allowed its first two short-handed goals of the year en route to a 4-1 drubbing.

Friday night, the Irish controlled the offensive tempo in the first period. They registered at least four shots on the game's first shift and scored a goal at the 4:07 mark. Ben Simon managed to find the rebound of Brian Urick's shot and shoot the puck over Ohio State goalie Jeff Maund's left shoulder to put Notre Dame up by one.

With the game tied at 1-1 early in the second period, Aniket Dhadphale took a pass from Brian Urick as he gained the blue line with speed. He then took a quick wrist shot, which again bounced out in front, and Simon again cleaned up for his second goal of the game and ninth on the season. Simon's nine goals this season already matches his total from last year.

But the story of the first period was the Ohio State goaltender. Notre Dame peppered Maund with 14 shots on goal in the first period, but the goalie was brilliant and gave his team a chance to get back into the game, which it did.

After Ohio State tied the

game at 2-2 midway through the second period, what was once a great hockey game turned into a mess.

Referee Matt Shegos, the

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DAVE POULIN
HEAD COACH

much-maligned official at the center of several controversies surrounding Notre Dame last season, decided to award the Buckeyes two consecutive five-on-three power plays near the end of the second period.

The ensuing power plays resulted in two quick goals for Ohio State, as Vinny Grant and Jean-Francois Dufour took advantage of rebounds left from point shots. This left Notre Dame trailing by two entering the third period.

Early in the third period, the Irish took advantage of an early power play opportunity to narrow the gap to 4-3. Sophomore Dan Carlson fed a brilliant pass to Urick in the slot, which Urick promptly fired past Maund for his team-leading tenth goal of the year. But the team couldn't tie up the game.

The final game in the horribly inadequate Ohio State Ice Arena was a strange game from start to finish. Once again, discipline failed the Irish, as they were assessed a total of 38 penalty minutes — but many of the penalties

were questionable.

"The officiating was probably the worst I've seen since I've been here, but that's still no excuse," said junior right wing Joe Dusbabek. "You have to fight through stuff like that."

The Irish allowed Ohio State two power play goals in the first period to put themselves in an early hole. Both goals were scored on rebounds, as two terrific saves by Forrest Karr were wasted by Buckeyes banging home goals from just outside the crease.

The choppy play on both sides escalated in the second period, and the Irish looked worse for wear. After sophomore Ryan Clark took out Ohio State star forward Eric Meloche with a clean body check into the boards, the Buckeyes decided to strike back.

"We had Simon getting hurt, Tyson [Fraser] got hurt, [Ryan] Clark was hurt, and they're hacking up Urick. They were gunning our big guys; just chopping us down...The referees lost control of the game," freshman Sam Cornelius said.

Then, what may have turned out to be the decisive moment of the game for the Irish occurred at the 17:37 mark of the second period. With Notre Dame killing yet another penalty, Brian Urick capitalized on a misplayed puck and headed down the ice on a breakaway. He was hooked down from behind, and was awarded a penalty shot.

On the penalty shot, Urick deked Jeff Maund to his forehead and got off a good shot, but Maund was able to move over quickly to make a sparkling save.

All in all, the Irish were lucky only to be down two

goals at the end of two periods, and they entered the third period with a power play for the first 1:39. Then came the collapse. Ohio State converted two misplayed pucks at the blue line into successive two-on-one breaks into the Notre Dame end.

The first one saw Forrest Karr stand his ground by robbing Neal Rech, but the Buckeyes converted the second opportunity. The short-handed goal was the first given up by the Irish all season.

Then, some 2:27 later, on another Irish power play, Brandon LaFrance streaked in on a clean breakaway from his own blue line and put the puck past Karr for a second

the team has played all year. A combination of bad penalties, sloppy passing, a failure to charge the OSU net, a failure to clear rebounds on the penalty kill, and a slew of mental mistakes (including a too many men on the ice penalty) added up to a terrible performance in one of the biggest games of the year so far.

"The penalties were uncharacteristic of us as a team. We let emotion get the better of us," Coach Dave Poulin said. "Emotion has to be a part of your game, but you have to keep it under control."

Following Friday's loss, the game not only was important in the CCHA standings, but for postseason implications as well.

"We had a challenge in front of us, and I don't think we answered the bell," said Dusbabek. "It was such a big series. We were one win away from a season series victory."

A season series victory would give Notre Dame the edge in a tie breaker over the Buckeyes, who took the season series two games to one.

Perhaps the only bright spot for the Irish on Saturday night was the play of their backup goaltender, freshman Jeremiah Kimento. He stopped 14 shots in the 17 minutes he played without allowing a goal. Ohio State had four power plays while Kimento was in goal, including a five-on-three advantage for the last minute of the game.

"Some of the saves he made were ridiculous. They had a one-timer in the slot and he got a glove on it. All you could say is, 'wow,'" Dusbabek said.

Kimento's heroics allowed the Irish to avoid complete embarrassment in Columbus as the game ended 4-1.

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JUNIOR, RIGHT WING

shorthanded goal. Despite playing well in net, as he has done all season, Karr was pulled from the game after the second shorthander gave the Buckeyes a 4-0 lead.

"Two two-on-ones within a minute of each other [on the power play] is just unacceptable. We played sloppy and I don't think we deserved to win that game," Dusbabek said of the early moments of the third period.

Saturday's game was certainly the worst 60 minutes

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Can you forgive me? - S.

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Can we still be friends? - S.
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WE WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

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Is this really a fire drill? Is this for
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Thanks for all of the Christmas
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Annex last night! Fire drills are so
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ALL -
The Le Mans home girl,
Sometimes you can be so JERSEY!
NO, REALLY, you are anything
BUT Jersey. You OHIO, baby.

OK, I admit it. I'm not from Toronto.
Sorry for all the lies. It's time to
come clean ... I'm from Halifax.

Here now I feel better.

JW- anytime you need to talk!

MW - thanks for being a cool
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Katie, Sarah, Stephanie - Great
SYRI!

CM- Lunch soon, OK?
Sorry, you're not here to see that
it's only 1:30 and i'm doing classi-
fieds. yeah, baby.

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for his brother-man. SHAFT, CAN
YOU DIG IT?

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Abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment demean the lives of countless individuals in our society. Gather with us in Eucharistic Adoration to pray for an end to the culture of death.



Jesus is here with us in the Eucharist to give us answers—answers that will lead us to truth, happiness and peace. In this culture of death, it is easy for people to become weary and indifferent to God and His gift of life. People often fall short of their obligation to care for and nurture the spiritual and physical lives of themselves and others. Eucharistic Adoration gives a person the opportunity to nurture his own spiritual life, as well as the spiritual lives of others (through prayer for them.) Prayer also protects the physical lives of those endangered by abortion, euthanasia and other forms of violence. It is only through the grace which comes from prayer that others' hearts can be changed from seeking death to loving life. Christ gives us the strength to press on in our battle for life. In order to be Christ-like in our service to preserve life, we must be filled with His life through prayer. We ask you to join us in prayer for life at Eucharistic Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

God is present to us in many ways in our world, but He is especially present to us in the Eucharist. As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ, who lived 2000 years ago, is truly present in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Host is placed in a monstrance, in order for us to be able to come and pray. Jesus is always hidden in the tabernacle, but in adoration He is exposed so that we can come and kneel before Him, face to face, and speak with God. When Jesus is exposed like this, **He can never be left alone.** Thus, people sign up to be responsible to come and pray with Him for a certain amount of time (usually 1/2-1 hour) every week.

Why should I go?

If Jesus were to come to the JACC, wouldn't you come and stand in line for hours just to talk to Him for a minute? Even if you weren't Christian, wouldn't you be at least interested in this God so many people talk about? Well, Jesus is truly present here on campus—in the Eucharist. **IN ADORATION YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SPEAK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE.** You can confide in Him, plead with Him, question Him. And if you sit quietly enough, He will inspire you with answers.

What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. It is common practice during Adoration to genuflect on two knees, instead of just one (like you do whenever you enter a chapel.) You can stand, sit, or kneel—whatever helps you pray. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray: you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus—like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and allow Him to love and strengthen you.

What does the Church think?

"Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in a pyx or a monstrance, is a recognition of the wondrous Presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to Him in a spiritual communion. It is, accordingly, eminently in harmony with the worship which we owe Him in spirit and truth..."

—Post-Conciliar (Vatican II) Document, S.C.D.W.

"I make a holy hour each day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All my sisters of the Missionaries of Charity make a daily holy hour as well, because we find that through our daily holy hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate..."

—Mother Teresa

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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Belles finish runners-up to Doane College at Classic

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The First Annual Inn at Saint Mary's Roundball Classic was a success even though the Belles of Saint Mary's were the runners-up.

Doane College, a perennial Division II powerhouse, captured the title by winning both of its games by large margins.

Doane defeated Bethel College in the semifinal round on Friday,

winning 75 - 70.

Also on Friday, Saint Mary's beat Kendall College 63 - 55.

The Belles had not faced Kendall before this tournament. Their main objective was to win this game and, as head coach Dave Roeder said, "Things will happen from there."

Kendall and the Belles were fairly evenly matched, but Saint Mary's proved to have the edge in the end.

Kendall committed nearly

three times as many fouls as the Belles leading to the Belles scoring four times as many points from the charity stripe.

Roeder was happy with the Belles' performance on Friday in what was a close game.

"I think we had a little more talent; we had a better ability to shoot," he said. "They may have been a little quicker and that made it hard to defend them, but we sunk some key shots at the end."

Leading scorers for Saint Mary's were freshman Mary Campione (11 points.), senior co-captain Charlotte Albrecht (10 points.), senior co-captain Nicole Griffin (10 points.) and freshman Amy Clark (10 points.).

"Our team just had more depth," said Campione. "When it came down to crunch time at the end, we had better legs left."

Doane faced Saint Mary's in the championship game while Kendall faced Bethel in the consolation game on Saturday. Doane proved to be too much for Saint Mary's, winning 76 - 45.

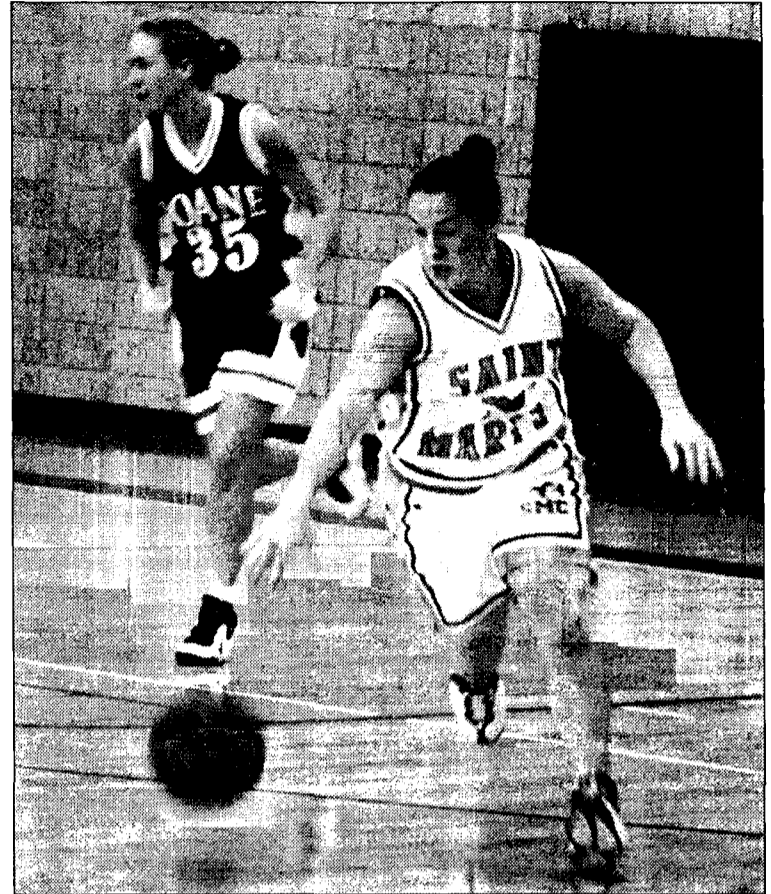
The Belles played tough but could not overcome the experience and talent of Doane.

"They've been to the final four for the past three years. They just have more experience, and the ability to give scholarships to their players," said Roeder. "They have a lot of talented players."

The Belles were not out-shot by a wide margin but their shooting percentage was much lower.

The Belles shot 21 percent from the floor while Doane shot 36 percent.

Despite numerous scoring streaks, the Belles were unable



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

Saint Mary's defeated Kendall but could not break away from Doane this weekend at the Roundball Classic.

to consistently out play Doane.

Leading scorers for the Belles were Albrecht (11 points.), sophomore Julie Norman (9 points.), and freshman Kelly Jones (10 points.). Even though they did not return victorious, this tournament gave the entire team some needed playing time. It also gave Roeder an opportunity to evaluate his team.

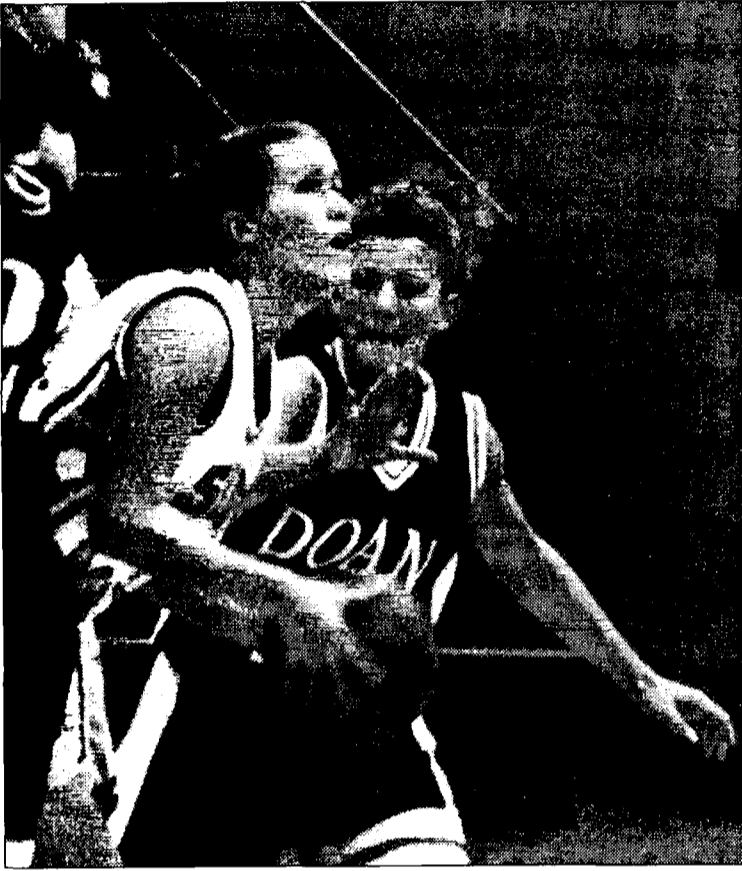
"Right now, we're playing a lot of different people," he said. "We

need to settle into a rotation and a consistent line-up."

This tournament may have given him some inclination as to who to play in the future.

In the consolation round, Bethel recovered from their earlier defeat and downed Kendall, 81 - 53.

Next up for the Belles is an important home conference game on Wednesday versus Olivet College.



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Senior co-captain Charlotte Albrecht chipped in 21 total points this weekend during the Belles' home opener.

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10 rebounds. Even though the outcome was never in doubt, MacLeod did react to the second half. "We didn't respond well to the defensive pressure in the second half. We didn't handle the ball well, but over-all I saw a lot of good things today," he said. Troy Murphy led the team in scoring with 16 points on 5-of-6 shooting from the floor. Murphy single-handedly put Central Michigan to bed in the second half with six points in the first three minutes coming on two reverse dunks and an alley-oop lay up. David Graves scored 15 points and constantly put pressure on

the opposing defense by sprinting out for easy transition baskets. Harold Swanagan continued to impress and should receive more playing time in the future. Swanagan had seven points, six rebounds and two assists, and wowed the crowd with two thunderous blocks in the first half. Swanagan and Murphy continually crashed the boards, especially on the offensive glass. "Coach MacLeod stresses the offensive rebounding," Murphy said. "We do drills in practice and Coach watches the stats to see how many we have and if we need to work even harder." This kind of win was just what the Irish needed after the disappointment of letting the Indiana game slip away in the last minutes.

"The IU game was a good game for us, but let me tell you this team was spent after that game. We played a lot of games over the weekend, it was good to see the team could bounce back and play hard," MacLeod said. Murphy and his teammates also had the Indiana game on their mind. "We knew we let the Indiana game slip away," Murphy said. "We heard Central Michigan was practicing 45 minutes before the game and were really stressing this as a potential upset. We wanted to protect our home court and were able to do it." Notre Dame has two solid games in a row. The freshmen are showing signs of leadership on the court and will get their first taste of Big East action at Providence on Tuesday.

V-ball

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but Stanford tallied seven consecutive points on its next possession to keep the match out of reach for the Irish. Notre Dame started off well in game two, jumping out to a 3-1 lead on an ace by senior captain Lindsay Treadwell and two Cardinal hitting errors. But the Irish were only able to score two more points in the game, as Stanford used the serving of Lindsay Kagawa and strong team blocking to put the game away. Stanford leapt to a 5-0 lead in game three, after which the Irish scored their lone point of the game on a Cardinal hitting error. The Stanford blocking and digs proved too much for the Irish as they were unable to get any sort of offense going. Stanford hit an outstanding .422 in the second-round match, while the Irish could only manage .033 hitting. The Cardinal had twice as many kills as the Irish with 48, and also outdid the Irish in blocks and digs. Notre Dame was also hurt by errors, as the team recorded 21 in the match. The Irish dropped to 0-5 in the all-time series against Stanford with the loss. In the first round of the tournament, the Irish used outstanding performances by Kreher and middle blocker Treadwell to eliminate the Eagles. Kreher hit .541 to lead Notre Dame, recording a career-high 24 kills and 31 attempts. She earned her first career triple-double with the addition of 14 assists. Treadwell also had a triple-double, with 11 kills, 16 digs and a team-high 10 blocks. "I think we did a lot of really good things," said Brown. "Our blocking was really good, we

did a pretty good job passing, and obviously, we had a great performance out of Kristy Kreher and Lindsay Treadwell." The Irish were assisted by the return of sophomore setter Denise Boylan to action. Boylan started the match and had 25 assists, while only able to play in the back row. It was her first time playing since tearing ligaments in her right elbow on Oct. 24. Michelle Graham, who replaced Boylan in her absence, added 16 assists. Brown considered the key to the match to be the fact that the Irish shut down Eastern Washington's star player Kim Exner. Exner hit an abysmal .051 for the Eagles, contributing 13 errors in her team's loss. The Irish hit .259 to the Eagles' .120, while only committing 22 errors. They also outblocked Eastern Washington 16.5 to eight. Junior Emily Schiebout contributed to the Irish attack with eight kills, while Mary Leffers added six blocks and Jo Jameyson had nine digs. Several players earned honors for the Irish this season. Freshman outside hitter Marcie Bomhack was named to the Big East all-rookie team and was named the Big East tournament MVP. Treadwell was selected to the all-Big East first team and the Academic All-District team. Sophomore Christi Girton was chosen for the all-Big East second team, and Kreher was a Big East all-rookie team pick. This season marks the first time under Brown in which the Irish have not had at least 20 wins. Despite the lack of wins, the Irish have a bright future, as the only graduating team member who saw any playing time this season is Treadwell. The rest of the team will be back for the 1999 season.

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M. Swim

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medley, pushing the time down 3:58.44. Zumbach scored the most points for the Irish, winning both individual medleys and placing second in

the 200-yard butterfly.

"This year's meet will help establish around the country that the Notre Dame Invitational is a solid, pre-Christmas meet," Welsh said. "We wanted to be the fastest team in the pool, and we were. We had 26 guys and 26 great meets."

Notre Dame's dominance over Florida State may be partially attributable to the fact that the Seminoles were not as prepared for the meet as were the Irish, according to Welsh. Kuna attributes the team's success to placing more importance on the meet than the Seminoles and to consis-

tency in summer training.

"Across the board we trained well, and it shows in meets like this," he said. "We went faster than we did at Big East last season."

The Irish were ahead the entire meet, and usually place three or more swimmers in the top eight of each event. Notre Dame dominated Friday night's 400 individual medley, scoring a whopping 151 points in a single heat. With such a successful meet behind them, expectations of the Big East Championships are greatly improved for the Irish.

"It (the win) says that our ambitions to move up in the Big East are realistic. That's the best sign. We like to say, "Yeah, you guys are right to dream of going higher," Welsh said.

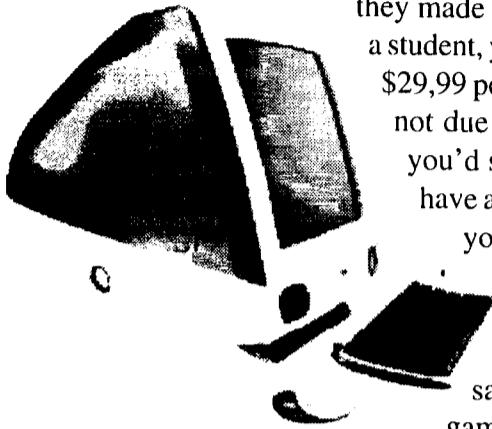
"Right now it puts us ahead of where we finished last year," Kuna said. "We have a slim chance to win it (Big East Championships). We're more confident now after this meet."

Despite the upset, the Irish are not likely to be ranked among the nation's top 25 teams until they send a swimmer to the NCAA Championships in March. Szilier's 200 breaststroke consideration time increases the chances of this happening.

The team is confident that it can swim more qualifying times at the Big East Championships in February. Likely candidates are Zumbach in the 400 individual medley and Ray Fitzpatrick in the 200 freestyle.

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W. Swim

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sprints by placing second in the 50 freestyle at 23.78 and fourth in the 100 freestyle at 51.83.

Michigan's Shannon Shakespeare had the most notable individual performance with three individual wins, three meet and pool records, and four NCAA Championship automatic qualifying times.

The meet helped prepare the women for defending their Big East title as well as two more meetings with Michigan.

The Irish face the Wolverines again at January's Rainbow Invitational in Honolulu, and a

third time in Ann Arbor for the last dual meet before Big East Championships.

"Our focus was on using the meet as a learning experience and preparation for Big East. It also makes the team excited for our dual meet against Michigan," Iacobucci said.

The fact that the meet was held at home was the cause of

some distractions, according to Shepard and Iacobucci.

"It was harder to focus on the meet because finals are coming up and we have so much else going on," Shepard

said. "We did really well considering people we going to classes during the meet."

"There were a lot of mental challenges coming off the break and the Minnesota meet, and with exams and papers coming up, it presents a challenge to focus on the meet," Iacobucci said.

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RANKINGS

AP POLL

1) Tennessee	12-0	1,750
2) Florida State	11-1	1,671
3) Ohio State	10-1	1,602
4) Kansas State	11-1	1,476
5) Arizona	11-1	1,412
6) UCLA	10-1	1,398
7) Florida	9-2	1,337
8) Texas A&M	11-2	1,310
9) Wisconsin	10-1	1,176
10) Tulane	11-0	1,067
11) Arkansas	9-2	960
12) Georgia Tech	9-2	874
13) Virginia	9-2	817
14) Nebraska	9-3	815
15) Michigan	9-3	793
16) Air Force	11-1	689
17) Notre Dame	9-2	665
18) Syracuse	8-3	610
19) Georgia	8-3	478
20) Texas	8-3	442
21) Oregon	8-3	322
22) Penn State	8-3	293
23) Missouri	7-4	206
24) Miami, Fla	8-3	190
25) Mississippi St.	8-4	159

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech (106), USC (50), West Virginia (38), Purdue (21), Marshall (15), Miami, Ohio (4), Kentucky (3)

ESPN/COACHES' POLL

1)Tennessee	12-0	1,548
2) Florida St.	11-1	1,464
3) Ohio St.	10-1	1,405
4) Kansas St.	11-1	1,337
5) UCLA	10-1	1,253
6) Arizona	11-1	1,244
7) Florida	9-2	1,156
8) Wisconsin	10-1	1,103
9) Texas A&M	11-2	1,092
10) Tulane	11-0	964
11) Arkansas	9-2	820
12) Virginia	9-2	818
13) Air Force	11-1	799
14) Georgia Tech	9-2	749
15) Michigan	9-3	674
16) Nebraska	9-3	590
17) Syracuse	8-3	538
18) Notre Dame	9-2	522
19) Georgia	8-3	405
20) Penn St.	8-3	350
21) Oregon	8-3	270
22) Texas	8-3	253
23) Mississippi St.	8-4	205
24) Virginia Tech	8-3	189
25) West Virginia	8-3	127

BCS - FINALS

- 1) Tennessee
- 2) Florida State
- 3) Kansas State
- 4) Ohio State
- 5) UCLA
- 6) Texas A&M
- 7) Arizona
- 8) Florida
- 9) Wisconsin
- 10) Tulane
- 11) Nebraska
- 12) Virginia
- 13) Arkansas
- 14) Georgia Tech
- 15) Syracuse

Upsets help determine BCS standings

Associated Press

College football has the national title matchup fans want to see every season — No. 1 vs. No. 2. And this time it will be Tennessee vs. Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

It took a wild Saturday of upsets, but when the results were in there was really no need for computers, quartiles and strength-of-schedules after all.

The biggest loser in the maneuvering was No. 4 Kansas State (11-1). The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M 36-33 in double overtime in the Big 12 title game and lost out on a \$12 million payday by not being included in the Bowl Championship Series mix.

The biggest winner turned out to be No. 7 Florida, which despite losses to Tennessee and Florida State was selected because it will help fill the Orange Bowl by bringing tens of thousands of fans. In the final BCS standings, which uses a complicated formula of polls, computers and strength-

schedule, the Volunteers and Seminoles came out a clear 1-2 on Sunday and were invited to play in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4, where the national title will be on the line.

In the other BCS matchups, it's No. 5

Syracuse (8-3) in the Orange Bowl and No. 3 Ohio State (10-1) vs. No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2) in the Sugar Bowl.

Ohio State (10-1) might have been left out of the BCS picture if either UCLA or K-State had won on Saturday.

But the Bruins lost, too, beaten 49-45 by Miami and knocked out of the national title picture.

UCLA, though, still gets the trip to Pasadena as the Pac-10 champion.

The BCS standings were created this season to set up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup and incorporated The Associated Press' media poll, the coaches' poll, three computer ratings, strength-of-schedule and the number of losses into the process of picking the top two teams.

The Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., was the site of the last 1-2 matchup in a postseason game. In the '96 Fiesta, a No. 1 Nebraska won the national title with a 62-24 rout of a No. 2 Florida.

Fiesta Bowl Florida St. vs. Tennessee	Sugar Bowl Ohio St. vs. Texas A&M
Orange Bowl Florida vs. Syracuse	Rose Bowl Wisconsin vs. UCLA

UCLA (10-1) vs. No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, No. 7 Florida (9-2) vs. No. 18

Vols eyeing National Championship prospects

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Let everyone else worry about polls, quartiles and strength of schedule.

Unbeaten Tennessee knows it will be playing for the national championship.

After Kansas State and UCLA were beaten Saturday, Tee Martin and the Volunteers brought a semblance of order to the Bowl Championship Series with a 24-14 victory over Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference title game.

"We have one more big one to play," coach Phillip Fulmer said about his team's season.

It wasn't easy. Tennessee (12-0) needed a fourth-quarter comeback worthy of a champion to assure itself of a chance to play for the national title.

Martin threw two touchdown passes 28 seconds apart to erase Mississippi State's 14-10 lead.

"The chance to play for a national championship comes around once in a lifetime," said Peerless Price, who caught a 41-yard touchdown pass that put the Vols ahead with 6:15 remaining.

"We knew we had to pick it up."

Mississippi State (8-4) went ahead 14-10 on Kevin Prentiss' 83-yard punt return with 8:43 remaining, but the Vols weren't about to suffer the same fate as the Jayhawks and Bruins.

Martin, who was 15-of-32 for 208 yards, directed Tennessee's struggling offense right down the field, throwing the touchdown pass to Price to complete a five-play, 75-yard drive.

Then, after Wayne Madkin fumbled on Tennessee's next play from scrimmage, Tennessee needed only one play to score again.

Martin stood in the pocket under heavy pressure, lofting a perfect 26-yard pass to Cedrick Wilson for the clinching touchdown with 5:47 left.

Tennessee won its second straight SEC title largely because of its defense, which limited the Bulldogs to 145 yards and didn't allow their offense to score a touchdown.

Mississippi State, a 14-point underdog, put up a tougher fight than expected.

Tennessee was held under 200 yards until the fourth quarter, and the Bulldogs had a chance to win because of two long returns.

Robert Bean went 70 yards for a touchdown after intercepting a Martin pass before Prentiss stunned the largely orange-clad crowd at the Georgia Dome with his punt return.

He seemed to mesmerize the Tennessee defenders with a studder step, then burst down the sideline without being touched.

But Martin lofted a pass into the end zone just ahead of another blitz. Price got a step on Adesola Badon and managed to cradle the ball and get one foot down for the go-ahead touchdown.

Prentiss had 152 yards on six punt returns, more than Mississippi State's offense could manage even with James Johnson, the SEC's leading rusher, back in the lineup after being hobbled by ankle and shoulder injuries.

The Bulldogs had only 149 yards, including 38 yards on 14 carries by Johnson.

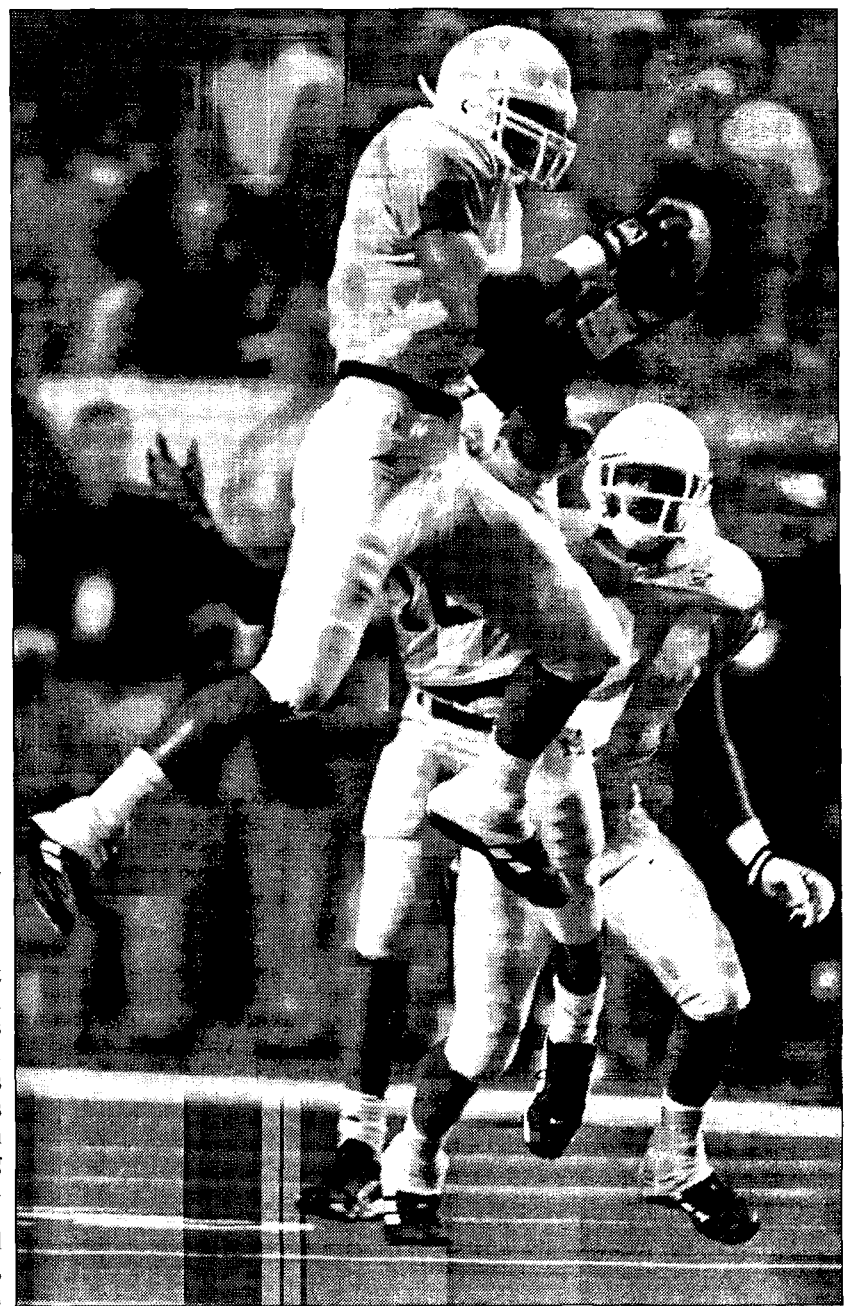
Madkin completed only 10-of-22 passes for 84 yards.

"We did not throw and catch the ball to help out running game," Sherrill said. The Bulldogs managed only one first down in 12 third-down situations.

After Tennessee built a 10-7 lead at the half, defense dominated the third quarter. The two teams combined for only 52 yards, but that only set the stage for a thrilling final period.

Travis Henry had 120 yards rushing, 79 coming in the final period when the State defenders finally tired.

The Bulldogs surprised



Deon Grant's interception against Mississippi State Saturday helped ensure the Vols a chance to play for the National Championship in the Fiesta Bowl.

Tennessee by jumping ahead just before the end of the first quarter on Bean's spectacular interception return.

When Martin overthrew Price on a deep pass, Bean managed to make a juggling catch off his knees even when bumped by the Tennessee receiver.

Going back the other way, Bean almost ran out of bounds along the right sideline before cutting straight back across the field, picking up a block from safety Ashley Cooper and tiptoeing the final five yards to stick the

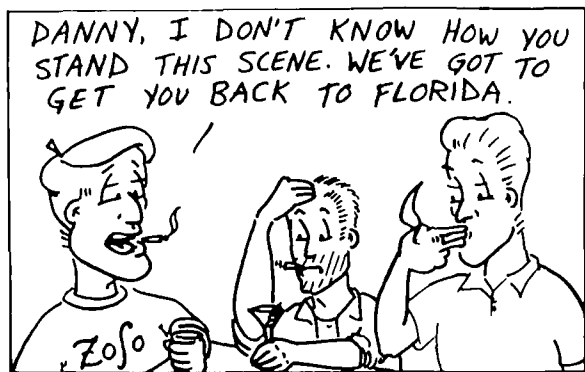
ball across the goal line.

The Vols evened the score in the second period after an interception return of its own. Madkin, under heavy pressure, made a freshman mistake by heaving the all into coverage, and Tennessee safety Deon Grant drifted in front of the receiver to pick off the pass.

Grant showed some nifty running on a 24-yard return to the Mississippi State 20, and the Vols quickly moved into position for Travis Stephens' 2-yard touchdown run.

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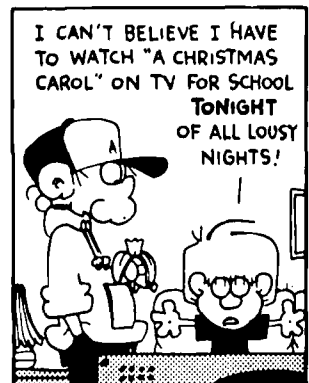
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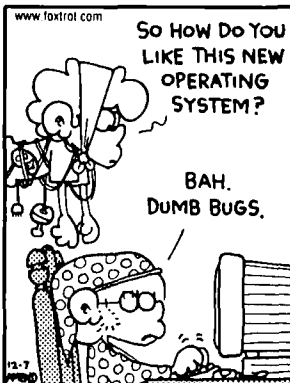
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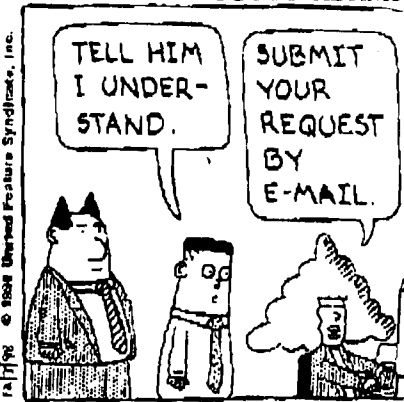
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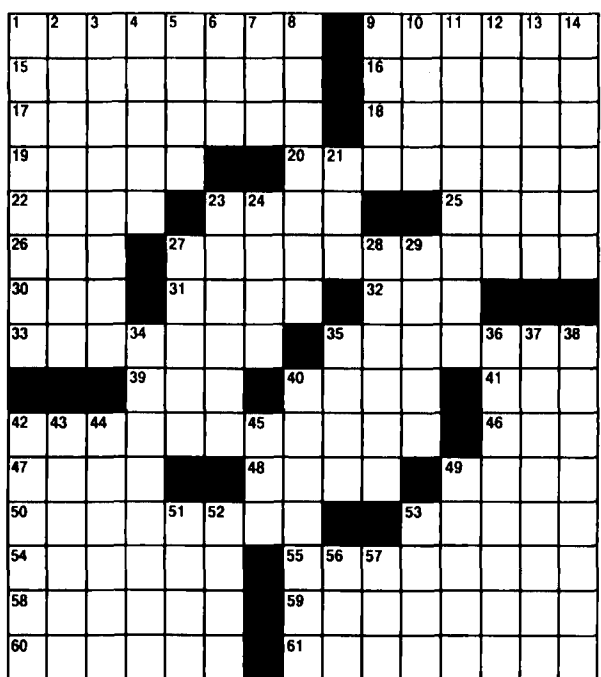


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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today will be progressive if you get involved in worthwhile organizations. Your ideas will be well-received and lead to a great connection that will help further your goals. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relax and enjoy yourself for a change. Plan carefully and there'll be no problem getting things done on time. Set your own standards and priorities and don't be swayed by what others want. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have the energy to accomplish your goals. Don't hesitate to present your ideas and put them into action. You'll be well-received if you talk to large groups. ○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll feel as if a weight has been lifted from your shoulders; however, the stress you've encountered has taken its toll. Take the time to pamper yourself and rejuvenate. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't trust a deal that looks too good. You may find that your personal partner is fed up with your preoccupation with business. Take time to do something special with the one you love. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may want to take a break, but too many good opportunities are taking place in your work area. If you can mix business with pleasure, all will be well. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make amends with children or good friends; however, you'll have to work hard to regain their understanding and trust. Take time to plan a special day with them. ○○○

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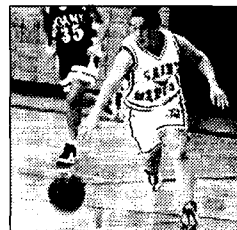
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SPORTS

■ BCS final standings were announced yesterday. Tennessee will face Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. p.18

■ Young Saint Mary's basketball team picked up needed experience at the Roundball Classic. p.14



■ SWIMMING AND DIVING

Women fall to No. 8 Wolverines

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The women's swim team placed second in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend, defeating eight teams but narrowly losing to eighth-ranked Michigan 1151-1163.

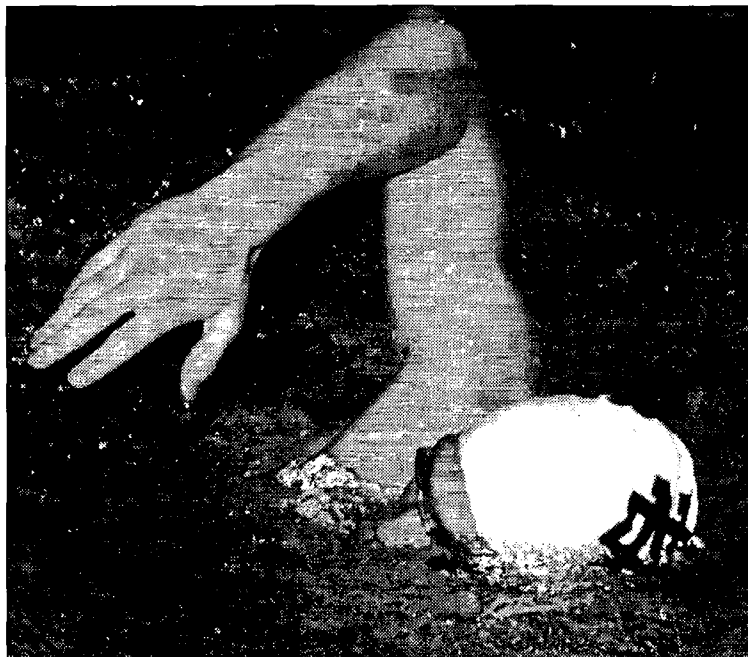
The Irish were in fourth place after Thursday's events, but pulled ahead of Colorado State and Florida State, who finished with 1016 and 964.5 points, respectively.

November's Minnesota Invitational was the primary fall meet for the women, so the team was surprised at the near win.

"We didn't expect to be so close to Michigan," Laura Shepard said. "They were shaved and tapered, and we weren't rested, but most people still swam faster than they did at Minnesota."

"Some individuals had some good races and some not so good races, but overall, being so close to Michigan, we were very pleased with our performance," co-captain Anne Iacobucci said.

The meet featured the largest diving competition to be held at Rolfs Aquatic Center. This was no obstacle to Notre Dame's strong diving corps as Heather Mattingly, Gina Ketelhohn, and Jessica



The women's swim team rallied from fourth place on the final day of competition to finish second. Observer file photo

Johnstone again outscored their competition.

Mattingly won the three-meter event with 526.75 points, a meet, pool and University record. She also broke her own one-meter team record and raised the bar to 471.45 points. Her second-place finish was followed by her teammates at third and fourth.

Allison Newel scored a win

for the Irish with a 2:04.48 in the 200-yard butterfly. Co-captain Liz Barger followed her in third place. Allison Lloyd won the 200-yard breaststroke with a 2:19.61, and was followed by teammate Shannon Suddarth at 2:20.55.

Carrie Nixon continued to show her prominence in the

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Irish men's team takes first at ND Invitational

Sophomore Szilier sets two records

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

Nobody would have bet on it, but they did it anyway.

In a three-day marathon of a meet, the men's swim team crushed its competition by compiling 1524 points to win the fourth-annual Notre Dame Invitational.

The Irish upset 12th-ranked Florida State, who placed a distant second with 1176 points, followed closely by Western Kentucky with 1130 points and Michigan State at 1085. Ball State, Ohio, West Virginia, and the Wisconsin-Milwaukee divers rounded out the field.

"We had no conception that this was a winnable meet," coach Tim Welsh said. "We were interested in beating the clock and not beating opponents. As it turns out, both things happened."

Said Vince Kuna, "We actually thought we were locked into second place, so I was really surprised that we beat Florida State."

The weekend at Rolfs Aquatic Center saw 12 pool records, 15 meet records and four University records. Two of these were set by Dan Szilier in the breaststroke events. Szilier's 56.88 in the 100-yard breaststroke beat the record set by Colin Cooley in 1993 by one hundredth of a second.

Szilier then obliterated a seven-year-old record on Saturday with a 2:01.02 in the 200-yard breaststroke. The time is a full two seconds faster than Ed Broderick's old record, and is the men's second ever NCAA Championships consideration time.

Brian Skorney broke his own team record in the 100 backstroke twice, once leading off Thursday's 400 medley relay with a 50.94, and again during the preliminaries of Friday's individual event at 50.76.

Scott Zumbach sliced a tenth of a second off his own team record in the 400 individual

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshmen lead Irish to victory

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

On Saturday, the men's basketball team proved it can still blow out a team at the Joyce Center.

Central Michigan came onto campus thinking upset, but during the game's first five minutes the Irish crushed those hopes. Notre Dame put together its best offensive and defensive efforts of the year in the first half, cruising to an 83-56 win over the visiting Chippewas.

There was no hint of a let-down from the Indiana loss last Tuesday in the first half. Notre Dame used good ball movement and defensive pressure to push the score to 9-0 on fast-break lay-ups and easy inside shots.

Before Central Michigan knew what was happening, the score was 33-7 and the game was, in effect, already over and with nine minutes left in the first half.

The key to Notre Dame's dominance was its defensive intensity. The Irish forced 14 Chippewa turnovers in the first half and never allowed any Central Michigan player a good look at the basket.

Reluctant to shoot the three-pointer early on, Central Michigan committed many of its turnovers on ill-advised entry passes into the lane and could only manage 29-percent field goal shooting for the entire game.

"It was our best first half of the year," head coach John MacLeod said. "Our defensive intensity was very good."

Most of the Central Michigan turnovers translated into fast break opportunities for David Graves and Martin Ingelsby. Graves scored nine points in the first half, most on fast break lay-ups. Notre Dame also got an offensive boost off the bench from Jimmy Dillon with two successive three-point shots that put Notre Dame up 24 points six minutes into the game.

The score was 48-20 by half-time.

To Central Michigan's credit, the team continued to battle in the second half. Notre Dame lost some of its focus and allowed the Chippewas to keep pace. Jason Webber led Central Michigan with 14 points while Mike Manceli chipped in with 11 points and

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Cardinal spikes ND in tourney

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team's season was cut short with a second-round NCAA tournament loss to eighth-ranked Stanford 15-1, 15-5, and 15-1.

In the first round of the tournament, the Irish defeated a 24-5 Eastern Washington team 15-2, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11.

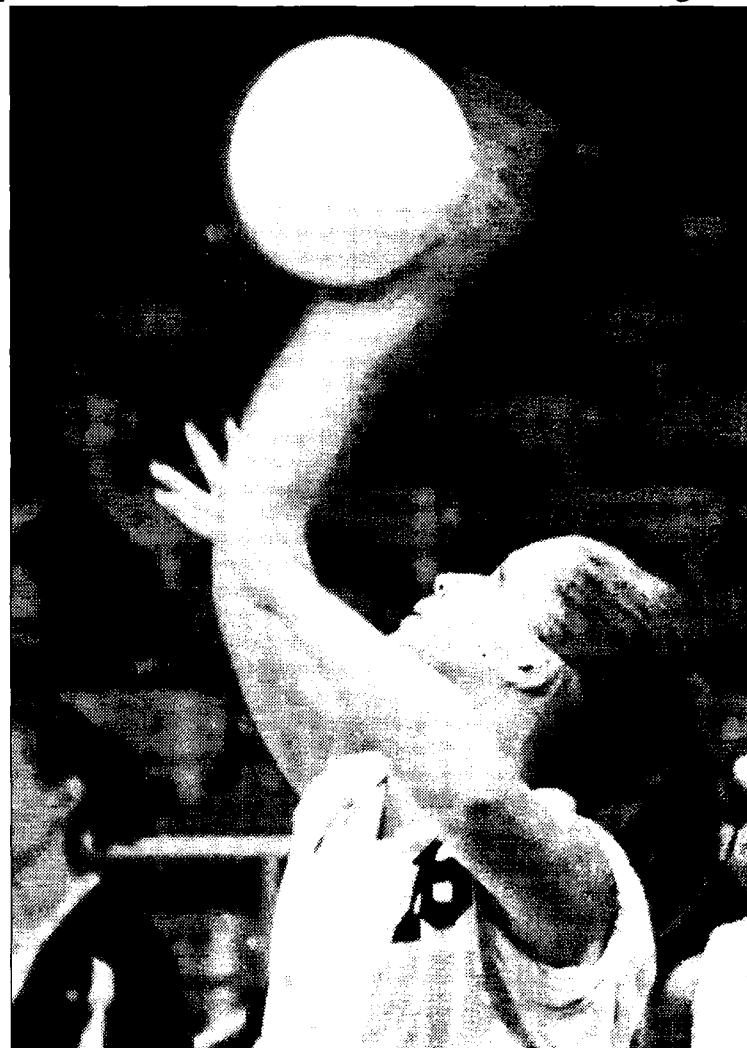
The Irish qualified for the tournament by beating Georgetown to win the Big East championship and secure the automatic NCAA tourney bid. Under eighth-year head coach Debbie Brown, the squad finished the year with an 18-3 record, earning its seventh straight NCAA tournament appearance.

Notre Dame's season-ending match, played on the Cardinal homecourt, was dominated by Stanford (27-3) throughout.

"We really were just outplayed in every aspect of the game," said Brown. "We weren't really able to run any kind of an offense."

The defending national champions jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first six points in the first game on one possession. Freshman Kristy Kreher stopped the run with a cross-court kill for Notre Dame,

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Sophomore Michelle Graham came up big for the Irish with 16 assists, replacing injured setter Denise Boylan. The Observer/Liz Lang

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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vs. Connecticut Tuesday, 7 p.m.



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Saint Mary's Basketball vs. Oliver College Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.