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Senate reduces O'Donoghue penalty

By LAURA ROMPF
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In an emergency meeting last night, the Senate passed an amendment 16-6 decreasing the campaign suspension on the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton campaign. The bylaw passed by the Senate in Wednesday night's meeting was approved yesterday by Joe Cassidy, director of Student



O'Donoghue

Affairs. This allowed the senate to reduce, increase or change the imposed penalty by the Elections Committee.

"We agreed [Wednesday] night that there was a violation," said Carroll Hall senator Patrick O'Donnell. "A penalty needed to be imposed on the O'Donoghue/Norton campaign. However, we are allowed to reduce, increase or change the other penalty. I vote that we make the suspension one day because the two day punishment is entirely unfair. I do have confidence in the Judicial Committee, but the punishment is unjust. Enough damage has already been done to their campaign."

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Candidates: student input is crucial

By LAURA ROMPF
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Several candidates' platforms before the student body presidential election address the feasibility of increasing student membership on University committees.

"Students offer a unique perspective which cannot be matched by any other contingent of the University community," said presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue. "While administrators and faculty can offer a great deal of information, they can never know exactly what it is like for a student. ... Students can constantly offer views which only can come from actually being a student and being on the receiving end of important decisions."

Other candidates agreed with O'Donoghue.

"Our entire platform is centered around the idea that the students should have a far more active role in the decisions made around this campus," said Jim Focht, vice presidential hopeful. "The more students on university committees, the better off this University will be."

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Vice presidential candidate John Micek said the Board of Trustee's report focuses on this issue and his ticket would also work to increase student representation.

"Hunt [Hanover] and I are dedicated to increasing this representation," Micek said. "We are committed to working with

the vice president of Student Affairs so that we may see an increased student voice on this campus."

Several faculty members of committees agreed with the students, noting student representation would be beneficial.

"Do I think students should continue to be on the committee?" said Kevin Huie, assistant

director of multicultural student affairs and member of the university committee on cultural diversity. "Absolutely. In my opinion, the student's voice is the most important assessment tool

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'Sister act' an option for college women

Students consider vocations with the Sisters of the Holy Cross

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
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On Saturday evening, Notre Dame junior Heather Phillips will be getting ready for a dance.

Unlike other young women, however, Phillips will be wondering what her date thought of this article.

The studio art major and theology minor enjoys aerobics, drawing and painting watercolors. She likes playing with kids and loves Hallmark cards. She enjoys writing and piecing together puzzles.

And, one day, she may be a nun.

"It's kind of a sensitive thing," she said. "I've been thinking about the sisterhood since I was 15. I would always joke around with my parents about it."

Phillips is one of only a few women studying with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in order to be a nun.

Across the country, the number of women joining convents has been decreasing.

Sister Margaret André and Sister Margaret Mary Lavonis, both in charge of the Vocation Ministry for Holy Cross Sisters, believe that the opportunities available to women today that did not exist 50 years ago have caused a decrease in women joining the sisterhood.

"When I was graduating from college, women were like second class citizens," said Lavonis. "The only women administrators of schools and hospitals were sisters."

In the 1950s and 1960s, about 50 formation classes for joining the Holy Cross Sister's Community were offered each year. Today in

the U.S., there is one a year.

"A lot of people find it hard to make a permanent decision," said Lavonis.

The Holy Cross community is international and has many sisters serving in eight foreign countries, which helps bolster numbers.

"Some communities are not international like we are and are dying out," said Lavonis.

The number of nuns teaching at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's has not decreased. Often, nuns do not wear traditional habits, which makes them less identifiable.

Although sisters are not very visible, the priests at Notre Dame are a part of everyday life and Old College is well-known on campus.

André attributes the high percentage of young men studying to be priests at Notre Dame to the visibility and daily interactions with priests around campus.

"I think it's because Notre Dame priests always talk about vocations and religious life. The visibility helps the students think," she said.

However, some students are aware of the nuns' presence on campus.

Phillips began talking to Lavonis last May and suggested the Holy Cross sisters start a vocation faith sharing group.

Phillips had been attending a vocation group with men in Old College and Father Bill Wack. However, being the only woman in the group "felt strange," to Phillips.

Now, Phillips attends the vocation faith sharing group she helped create with the Sisters of the Holy Cross once a month.

One reason Phillips believe she was drawn to learn more about the Sisters of the Holy Cross is because she is at Notre Dame.

Growing up in Sacramento, Calif., she attended a single-sex Catholic school. At home she would complain to her dad about the nun's habits.

"I used to say, 'Oh, dad, I could never be a nun because I hate their shoes,'" Phillips said.

Although stereotypes about nuns exist, such as they are only teachers or nurses,

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Heather Phillips and her mentor, Sister Margaret André, spend a moment in reflection in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

INSIDE COLUMN

Beware of the swans

The last few years of student government has seen an incredible variety of leaders. We have had a Student Body King crowned on the steps of the Main Building and declare that everyone bow to him in greeting. We have had candidates win under slogans such as "Bring the [Grateful] Dead to campus," and serious competition from "Kill the swans!" We've seen inept and unethical presidents blasted in national news wires as they faced ethics hearings and petitions of recall. We've even seen (and this is truly scandalous!) the successful implementation of a senate made up of democratically elected representatives to serve the students' interest.



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At the same time as this radical form of government was implemented, the duties of all student government officers were redefined. The role of student policy makers (who wrestle with administrators, represent the students and allocate our money) and student programmers (who coordinate concerts, An Tostal and other entertainment events) was divided. The Senate is invested with the responsibilities of leadership, and Executive Cabinet groups (CCC, HPC, SUB and class officers) take care of the fun stuff.

Despite this plethora of politicians, with a clear separation of powers, there is a perennial concern among some voters that student government is a clique that serves only its own interests and that the solution is to send in a few "outsiders" to break it up.

Unfortunately, the result of this effort has consistently been the election of "outsiders" who just bring in their own cliques. Then it seems we've been duped back to square one.

Just consider what happened a couple years ago when junior class officer Matt Griffin was elected student body president over senator Matt Szabo. No fewer than 19 ethical violations, a recall petition and a \$25,000 debt left from turning the President's Office into a private party marked that year.

The true solution seems obvious: Elect a ticket that's had enough experience as representative leaders. They should also know both how to get things done and how to bring in people from all over campus to work with. Striking examples of ideal presidential candidates have popped up in recent years: former vice-president Megan Murray, '98, former chief of staff and reformer Brendan Kelly, '98, and two-time senator and chief of staff Matt Mamak, '00.

Unfortunately, none of these ideal presidents even ran for the office.

What qualities did these people have that made them so ideal? All of them served on the Senate and either in the Office of the President or the Executive Cabinet. All of them had experience on the Campus Life Council. They all knew how to deal with the administration, and though diplomatic, all were rarely seen as conciliatory when it came to defending the students' issues. They were true enough politicians that they wouldn't turn student government into a private clique.

So, if students take the lessons of the past with them this year, we won't have to worry about it next year, and we can actually see student government accomplish all the things of our wildest dreams. Well, that, or at least keep out of trouble.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Director discusses crowded, co-ed dorms

Friday, Feb. 12, 1971

Director of University Residency announced to the Residence Hall Presidents that Flanner Tower would be a co-ed dorm during the 1971 summer session with men and women alternating floors. The incoming class was also much larger than expected. Six men would be placed in a three-room and four-man suite until other rooms would open up on campus.

ND student wins Publisher's Clearing House

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1991

On her way to a physics exam early in the morning, sophomore Annie Cahill received a surprise that really made her day. The Clearing House offered her a check for \$25,000 or a Nissan 300 ZX, but she opted for the car. Flooded with loans, Cahill was then certain that she could return to Notre Dame the next year. She also planned to go to Florida for Spring Break with the extra cash.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Ohio U. activist in court for burning gay flag

ATHIENS, Ohio

Charles Spingola, one of the religious activists who has preached on Ohio University's College Green, must defend his actions and beliefs toward gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people in court this week.

Spingola, an evangelical preacher from Newark, Ohio, ripped down and burned a rainbow-colored flag flying on the Ohio Statehouse grounds. The flag flew at the Statehouse for the first time in honor of Columbus' annual gay-pride march on June 27, 1999.

"I think he did it to upset the gay community," said Jeff Redfield, executive director of the Stonewall Columbus, which has organized Columbus' gay-pride march for 18 years.

"He wanted to disgrace and degrade us. We went through all of the proper procedures to have the flag flown for



us," he said.

Redfield filed the complaint against Spingola, charging that he broke Columbus' 10-year-old ethnic intimidation ordinance, which includes sexual orientation.

Attorneys wrapped up jury selection for Spingola's trial Wednesday. And Stephen McIntosh, chief prosecutor, said he hopes to conclude the trial Monday.

"We have to establish that his moti-

vation to destroy the flag was the sexual orientation of the flag's owner," he said. "This is the city's first ethnic intimidation trial involving sexual orientation that I am aware of."

If convicted, Spingola faces up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Spingola calls the charge nonsense. "This day is full of Orwellian doublespeak," Spingola said. "They're trying to include themselves in with [protection for] people of gender or race."

He feels the flag should not have been there in the first place. "When you start to put up flags on the Capitol building, it makes young people think [GLBT people] are dominating or claiming victory," he said. "But they're not dominating or victorious over anything."

Andrew Colopy, discussion leader for OU's Open Doors organization, said he disapproves of Spingola's behavior.

Court upholds NCAA standards

STANFORD, Calif.

A recent decision by the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals found that the NCAA's academic standards do not have a discriminatory effect against African-American student-athletes, reversing an earlier federal decision. The late December ruling will have little effect on the eligibility of prospective Stanford athletes, according to Athletics Department officials, because Stanford's academic standards are already so high. The decision resulted from the NCAA's appeal of an April 1999 case in which four African-American student-athletes complained that the minimum standards for accepting freshmen using standardized test scores violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The minimum standards are part of a 1996 NCAA ruling called Proposition 16, which mandated that athletes have a grade-point average of 2.5 and an SAT score above 820. If the athlete's GPA was 2.0, their SAT score needed to be at least 1010. Students also needed to complete at least 13 core academic classes. The plaintiffs argued the SAT is a culturally biased examination and therefore should not be used as an eligibility requirement.

Recruit receives 37 yrs. sentence

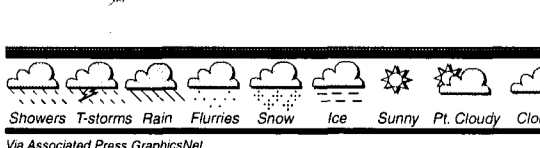
MADISON, Wis.

At an emotional sentencing hearing Wednesday, Jael Speights, 19, was sentenced to 37 years in prison and 40 years probation after pleading no contest to two counts of sexual assault and one count of robbery. Speights, of Zion, Ill., is a former University of Wisconsin-Madison freshman football recruit on full scholarship to play fullback for the Badgers. Since his Aug. 20 arrest, he has been held on \$15,000 bail set by Dane County Court Commissioner Todd Meurer. Head Coach Barry Alvarez suspended the 235-pound fullback from the Wisconsin football team in August. According to police reports, Speights entered through an unlocked door of a UW student's apartment at approximately 3:30 a.m. July 31. The victim told police officers that Speights, after originally identifying himself as a friend of her acquaintance, repeatedly threatened, hit and choked her as he sexually assaulted her. Several family members of the survivor spoke at the hearing, pleading Judge Stuart Schwartz to give the maximum sentence on behalf of the survivor. "For me to heal, I have to forgive him," the survivor's father said.

LOCAL WEATHER

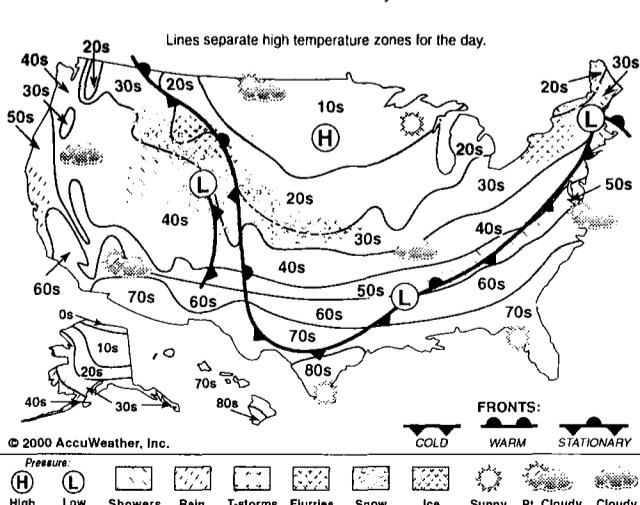
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New board to focus on increasing Saint Mary's diversity

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

With the advent of the Student Diversity Board, Saint Mary's continues to renew its pledge to increase the diversity of its campus. The Board of Governance approved the board Tuesday.

"This will be a governing board that will work to address diverse student issues," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, advisor to student government and director of student activities at Saint Mary's. "Like the areas of academics and residence life, diversity issues are so broad and deep in nature that it warrants more attention than one commissioner or individual clubs and organizations can give," she said.

Ideas were debated, but until a year and a half ago, no one seriously considered a board.

"The topic of how to support diversity on our campus has been an issue for [Student Government Association] leaders over the past years," Rosenbush said.

With the support of BOG, this

year's Ethnic Diversity Commissioner Akmaral Omarova, provided the leadership in formulation of the current proposal.

Omarova, a student from the former Soviet Union Republic Kazakhstan, was intrigued by the project.

"The initial idea was brought up to me by [Rosenbush], but I decided to go with it only after talking to students, faculty and administration," Omarova said. "I have talked to many students and have seen a burst of enthusiasm and excitement about it. Students have been saying that they needed something like this a long time ago. There is a definite need for this organization on the student body's part."

The board has a fourfold purpose. Its founders want to help students develop an awareness and respect for the history, cultures, traditions and religions of multicultural and international students.

"The number one objective of this board is to educate the SMC community on issues about diversity," Omarova said.

The board also hopes to bring the Saint Mary's community

together in a celebration of the diversity of every woman on campus.

"As we learn more about each other, we will become more educated, understanding and accepting," Omarova said.

"Every woman at SMC is unique and we want to celebrate this uniqueness."

The third goal of the board is to provide support for ethnic students and increase enrollment and retention rates of ethnic students at Saint Mary's.

"We hope that with the formation of this board we will demonstrate that the issue of diversity is important to both the students and administration of the College," Omarova said.

"This way, we hope to attract more prospective students from various backgrounds who will

know that there will be a network of support for them at Saint Mary's. Thus we hope to bring in more cultural diversity in student population as well."

The fourth objective of the new Diversity Board is to provide a discussion forum.

"I have spoken to many students who have expressed the lack of support for minority students on campus."

Omarova said. "Being a minority, these students felt underrepresented in terms of programming events, policies, and educational opportunities."

Membership on the board is open to all students at Saint Mary's College. Education, public relations, programming and admissions Committees will assist the board.

"I would like to encourage everyone to participate in our board," Omarova said. "There will be a lot of opportunities available through participation on the board or the committees."

The elections for the board will be run concurrently with class boards on Feb. 23.

Raising the awareness of diversity issues is one duty of the Educational Committee.

"Being by circumstances a rather secluded campus, the Saint Mary's community will benefit from having an organi-

zation that will provide educational opportunities about various cultures, countries and people," Omarova said. "These opportunities will include speaker series, shows, news and lectures."

The Public Relations Committee will publicize events sponsored by the Diversity Board and will be responsible for publications.

The Programming Committee will plan and organize social events sponsored by the board. The Diversity Board's Admissions Committee will assist the Admissions Office with recruitment of multicultural and international students.

"I believe that the new board established at this proposed level of student government will have an impact on the student and campus culture as a whole over time," Rosenbush said.


"As with any new student government Board, there will be a period of adjustment while building their identity and role within the Saint Mary's community. I anticipate many good things happening on our campus as a result of their good work," she added.

At-large representatives will also have a seat on the board, appointed by their respective boards, organizations and College departments.

"I have received extremely positive feedback and strong support from administration and faculty as well," Omarova said. "With all this support and enthusiasm, I have the confidence that over time the board will be successful in reaching its objectives and playing a vital role on this campus."

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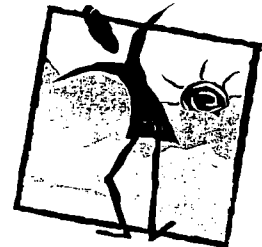
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SMC students circulate petition

◆ **Students say elections were 'handled unfairly'**

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Although the student government association constitution at Saint Mary's does not have provision for students who are displeased with election results, three Saint Mary's students have taken matters into their own hands.

Juniors Tara Cupelli, Katie Quinn and Meghan McCormick came up with a plan to help student voices be heard on campus regarding the election situation after attending a question and answer session with the Board of Governance on Tuesday.

Cupelli, Quinn and McCormick began circulating the petition on Wednesday and collected 332 signatures by Thursday, representing 25.4 percent of the student body.

"After the meeting, I was not happy," said Cupelli. "I wrote a letter to [College president] Dr. [Marilou] Eldred and decided we needed to start a petition."

The petition states that the election for president and vice president was "handled unfairly by the Board of Governance, Elections Committee, Elections Appeals board and the director of Student Activities." It goes on to state that "As students of Saint Mary's College we feel that our votes have been discounted and our opinion not valued."

By signing the petition, students are requesting for a fair and accurate representation of the views of the students, said Cupelli.

"We went door to door and took the petition to classes but some people found us because they heard we were circulating the petition," said Cupelli. "For the most part, peoples' responses were extremely positive."

The three women plan to submit the petition to the board of governance along with a letter that they will also send to Eldred, Linda Timm and direc-

tor of student activities Georgeanna Rosenbush.

"Our point is that by circulating this petition, we are not attacking any of the candidates," said Quinn. "They're all qualified to hold the positions, but it is not fair that Board of Governance took determining the decision of the election into their own hands and didn't let the students decide."

McCormick hopes the petition will send a message to the Board of Governance.

"We realize that Board of Governance's decision might be final, but we feel the majority of students weren't represented and that's what they said they were doing," said McCormick.

Cupelli hopes the petition will signal to the Board of Governance that they are not representing the majority of the students who voted in last Wednesday's election with their decision.

"Board of Governance said at the meeting Tuesday that their decision was final, but we want them to know that according to this petition, they are not representing the majority of the students," said Cupelli. "We want to make a point that students are not being listened to."

Although the three women do not expect that the Board of Governance will change its decision to render Renner and Nagle victorious in the election, they feel an apology from the Board of Governance is in order.

"At the very least, Board of Governance should admit they made a mistake by taking the election decision out of the hands of the students," said Cupelli. "I clearly think that with 332 signatures of the student body, it is obvious that the student body thinks they were wrong."

Quinn agreed. "I don't know that Board of Governance will change anything after the way they reacted at the meeting Tuesday saying their decision was final, but if so much of the student body wants the decision changed, how can this one board say no?" said Quinn.

Sisters

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Phillips said she has learned otherwise.

"I thought [nuns] were wonderful. Many touched my life by example," she said.

She does not feel she would be limited in life choices as a Sister.

"Part of me feels limited at times, but when I step back and look at it, it's such a liberating life choice — there's still so much freedom there," Phillips said.

Contrary to the sisterhood, Phillips still considers marriage an option.

"I think marriage is still such a beautiful option. Sometimes I think I would really miss out not having a family of my own or kids. But then I think, what if I was working in an orphanage for kids caring that way?" she said.

She also questions whether she will be lonely.

"What if I'm truly alone? What if you want someone to hold you — something like that?"

For now, Phillips will just keep praying about her choice.

Her family, Phillips said, is very supportive of her searching. Her mother once considered becoming a nun and her grandfather thought about the priesthood.

"It's something in our family. It's a way we see the best possible way to answer to God's call in complete service," Phillips said. Before joining, at least six months of discernment, pre-candidate (no set length), candidate (one to two years), noviate (two years), temporary incorporation (usually five years), and then the final vows are required steps.

Phillips is currently in the stage of discernment. She is exploring her options and learning more about the religious life.

"It's a process of 'yes, yes' or 'no, no' — a process of exposure," she said. "I got the impression they want people to wait and know for sure before making a commitment."

To help young women in deciding whether or not they want to commit to the sisterhood, the Sisters of the Holy Cross have created a place to help women ponder the commitment.

They have created a house, the Discernment House, also called the Upper Room. The house was created to provide a community and reflective environment while discerning whether God is calling them to religious life as sisters. The first young woman to live in this environment arrived in early January and is living in the Upper Room with four other nuns.

Not only is this Colorad-native Kathleen Hick's first time living in the Midwest, it is also her first time living with a community of Sisters. She admits it is challenging.

"It's a real challenging journey to be on. Being in my 20s, I'm the only one here my age and I am loosely connected to the community," said Hicks.

She believes it takes much courage for people to explore this commitment when they feel they have received a call to the religious order.

"This isn't a call to be a nun," she said. "This is a call about being a full person. It's not about becoming a nun — it's about becoming myself in the greatest way I can."

Hick does not feel there is a secure definition of what religious life is about. "It's a mystery," she said. "There are these old stereotypes that becoming a nun is like giving your life away. We're kind of afraid of this old tradition of nuns our mothers grew up with."

She said she thinks the nuns are also intimidated by the

younger generation.

"They may be intimidated by the lack of structure our generation has. The world is a different place than it was 20 to 30 years ago, and the Sisters are trying to redefine their life with the time going on."

Hicks, like Phillips, has doubts about her call to religious life.

However, she feels drawn to having a community life.

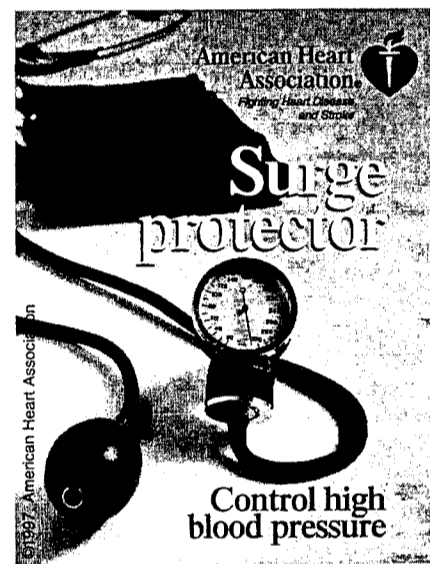
"I realize where I am is where I want to be," said Hicks.

Hicks can live in the Upper Room for up to two years.

"As long as I feel it's where I want to be, I'll stay," she said. "I can move on if I discover it isn't." Lavonis and André believe that young women need to know the option to be a nun exists.

"The key is desire," said André. "When you keep getting the same thought over and over again — it's a signal that God is trying to tell you something."

A vocation faith sharing group, open to all, will be on Feb. 17 at 8:15 p.m. in the guest house next to the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. A discernment retreat will take place the first weekend of March at Mary Solitude.



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Afghan plane hijacking crisis over

STANSTED, England

About half the hostages freed from a hijacked Afghan airliner requested asylum in Britain, but their 74 applications ran into immediate skepticism Thursday from officials who feared the four-day drama was all an elaborate bid to escape Afghanistan. Police arrested 21 people as the standoff ended peacefully before sunrise Thursday. At 3:50 a.m., about 85 captives — mostly women and 21 children — suddenly streamed down the aircraft's rear stairs, illuminated by bright lights, their flowing garments fluttering in the wind. The rest, including the hijackers, filed down the stairs two hours later. Officials said the hijackers never asked for asylum, but many others on the flight did. Home Secretary Jack Straw told the House of Commons that Britain would try to deport them, subject to legal requirements.

U.S. struggles with China trade deal

WASHINGTON

The White House knows it has a struggle on its hands getting fellow Democrats to sign on to a new trade agreement with China. Cabinet secretaries and President Clinton's top aide said Thursday. "This is going to be the toughest fight we face this year on Capitol Hill," said White House chief of staff John Podesta, as he asked for lobbying help from agricultural interests. The Clinton administration wants a vote as early as possible, and definitely before midsummer, on trade accords that would set China on the path toward joining the World Trade Organization. The accords would do away with the annual fight in Congress over granting China normal trading status by making that status permanent. Organized labor, environmental groups and many Democrats in Congress oppose the agreement as dangerous to U.S. workers.

Four captives freed in Sudan

UNITED NATIONS

Pro-government fighters released four people Thursday who had been held for a week in the southern Sudan with their U.N.-leased plane, the United Nations said. Three of the four — an American UNICEF staffer and two Kenyan pilots — were flown from southern Sudan to Lokichokio, in northern Kenya, the base of U.N. humanitarian operations for Sudan, spokeswoman Marie Okabe said. The three, who were not identified, were exhausted and were being examined by doctors, she said. The fourth detainee, a Sudanese national, was taken to Malakal, about 100 miles northeast of Old Fangak in Upper Nile Province where they were freed.

LEBANON



Lebanese Hozbollah fighters pray in the fields on the area bordering the Israeli-occupied zone of south Lebanon Thursday. A member of the pro-Syrian guerilla group was wounded in one of several Israeli air raids in south Lebanon the same day as Israel and Hezbollah kept up their attacks.

AFP Photo

Israeli guerillas fight in Lebanon

Associated Press

BEIRUT

Israeli forces and guerillas continued their attacks Thursday as international monitors worked to curb the worst conflagration in southern Lebanon in eight months.

In a clear sign that the worst may be over, Israel confined its air and artillery bombardments to the front line of the zone it occupies in southern Lebanon. Earlier in the week Israeli airstrikes hit power stations in north, central and east

Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the United States arranged a Friday meeting of the international monitoring group that has tried to enforce rules of engagement in the conflict since 1996. The monitors comprise representatives of Israel, Lebanon, Syria, France and the United States.

U.S. State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the agreement to meet was an "important development" that could help ease tension.

Recent fighting has killed six Israeli soldiers and two allied Lebanese militiamen and wounded 15 Lebanese civilians. It has also seriously eroded the chance of resuming the Israeli-Syrian peace talks, which were suspended indefinitely last month.

Israel demands that Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, rein in the Hezbollah guerillas if it is serious about negotiating peace.

"The pattern of talking and shooting is unaccept-

able," Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh said Thursday.

On Thursday — the 12th consecutive day of airstrikes — Israeli jets fired 20 missiles in eight raids against suspected guerilla hideouts in Zillaya Valley, 12 miles north of the Israeli border, Lebanese security officials said.

The strikes followed attacks by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah on Israeli troops and allied militiamen, the officials said.

Government makes plane tests mandatory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The government is requiring airlines to inspect the tails of MD-80 series jetliners and related planes for damage similar to what was discovered in the wreckage of Alaska Flight 261.

About 1,100 jets in the United States — all MD-80s, MD-90s, DC-9s and Boeing 717s — will be covered by an order that was being drafted late Thursday by the Federal Aviation Administration. The airlines will have two to three days to comply.

Boeing had recommend-

ed Wednesday that all 2,000 of the planes worldwide be inspected, and all major U.S. airlines had already begun an inspection process when the FAA decided to make it mandatory. Alaska Airlines grounded two planes Thursday after problems were found.

Passengers should expect minor delays, the FAA said.

"It's far more important that we get these airplanes inspected," said Tom McSweeney, the FAA's associate administrator for certification. "We want it done right, and we want it done thorough."

Alaska, which has 34 MD-80 series planes in its fleet, grounded two of the jetliners in Seattle and Portland, Ore., because metal shavings were found around the jackscrews — which drive the planes' horizontal stabilizers and control the up-and-down direction of a plane.

Shavings indicate wear on a nut that travels along the screw.

The horizontal stabilizer, the jackscrew, nut, elevators and other components that adjust the plane's up-and-down pitch have been the focus of the Flight 261 investigation. The pilots reported trouble with the

stabilizer and struggled to control the plane for at least 30 minutes before it crashed into the Pacific on Jan. 31, killing all 88 people aboard.

A 2-foot section of the jackscrew was recovered from the wreckage, and metal shavings found on it were determined to have come from the nut in the mechanism. It is unclear whether the damage was a possible cause or an effect of the crash, and the nut has not been recovered.

NTSB investigators also announced the Navy had recovered additional pieces of wreckage from Flight 261.

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Input

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in academic and campus life."

"The idealistic answer to the positive role students play is that students have a perspective on ND that faculty never have. They offer an essential point of view," said Elizabeth Eldon, assistant professor of biological sciences and member of the University committee on women and faculty and students.

Eldon cited several reasons why committees would benefit from student membership. Because students' population turns over quickly, this would help determine if change was actually occurring, she said. Also, students would gain an understanding of University governance, she added.

However, Eldon cautioned that there may be negative effects.

"In any committee there has to be a level of trust among members and an acceptance of common ground rules," she said.

"Faculty and students alike need to know when a certain discussion is confidential, and need to be able to trust that confidentiality will be maintained. Some faculty are uncomfortable discussing sensitive confidential topics when students are present due to this lack of trust."

Eldon also said that due to students' busy lives, they may not always be present at committee meetings.

"Committees work best, though, when all members attend regularly and are prepared for each meeting. Good committees do real work on real issues. Students [or faculty] who attend erratically have a negative impact, since time is wasted

bringing them up-to-date."

Huie also said that student attendance and other factors could result in a negative view of their membership "if the wrong student is put on or elected to the committee."

"A student who doesn't show up to the meetings all the time, or who isn't informed or educated about the issues that the committee addresses is not going to help that committee."

However, overall Huie and Eldon stressed student representation is essential. "Student membership on committees is important," Eldon said.

"I've been interviewing for jobs this semester, and I am most impressed by those places that have student representation on the search committee. It shows that they trust their students, and it

acknowledges that the candidate's ability to teach and interact with students is an important component of the hiring decision."

Huie agreed.

"Student voices are essential in honoring the commitment that Notre Dame upholds ... without them, staff and faculty too often have to speculate and assume. If committees do that, the initiatives and interventions that may be put in place may not have the potential or authenticity that produces results. Simply stated, without student input, staff and faculty most likely have failed to exhaust their resources when making decisions."

Although the candidates agree

with faculty and want to increase student membership, actually accomplishing their goal may be difficult. Micek said an increased awareness of student representative is essential.

"Currently students are often selected to sit on committees and student government never even knows who they are," he said. "We want to work closely with all student representatives so that we may keep our fingers on the pulse of the projects that are being worked on."

Focht said that cooperating with administrators is essential in getting more students on committees.

"We would talk to administrators regarding the benefits of increased student membership," he said. "Thereby increasing student influence, and we would ensure that committee members went into meetings with the administration with clearly defined goals and a spirit of open and honest communication."

O'Donoghue stated an aspect of the issue that concerned

William Berry, professor of electrical engineering and member of the review panel committee for appeals concerning sexual discrimination. Berry said his committee is one that does not need student representation. "I can only answer for this committee [on whether or not students representation is necessary]. I don't think student membership makes sense," he said.

O'Donoghue agreed, saying that while many committees would benefit from student mem-

bership, some may not and each committee should be viewed separately.

"We need to look at which committees need student members," he said. "For example, the first year of studies advisory committee already has student representation and there is not much need for a student to be on the biohazard committee."

Overall, candidates hope that their election would help increase the student voice on

university committees.

"It has been our experience that committee members truly do care about what students have to say," Micek said. "The only problem is that often times there are no students on these committees. We feel that students can make a difference and one of the best ways that they can is through creating professional working relationship with other members of the committees."

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John Micek
vice presidential candidate

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Discussion to Follow

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*Based on the Provost's Task Force Committee Report on Arts and Letters Departments, Institutes, and Collective Resources.

Senate

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O'Donnell also stressed that the Judicial Council's punishment was handed out against the rules of the constitution. The committee formed to decide the punishment did not meet the constitution quotas, and thus their punishment was "null and void," O'Donnell said. However, the senate did agree that a violation did occur and they should review the situation.

Before debate began, Senator O'Donoghue left the floor. "I am removing myself from the debate for obvious reasons," he said. "However, I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us. It came from outside our campaign."

Overall, the senators wanted to finalize the decision. "Rules are rules," said Fisher senator Philip Dittmar. "We decided that last night. For now let's make a decision and move on."

Knott senator Ed Foy added, "Let's get this over with now."

Some senators were upset the decision was reconsidered.

"We made a decision," said Zahm senator Ryan Becker. "Now to go back 24 hours later and hear this again ... we have to support the Judicial Committee and go with our original ruling."

Candice Marcum, Welsh Family Hall senator argued otherwise. "[Wednesday] night it came down to two decisions — either extreme left or right," she said. "There

was no room in the middle. Now there is much more of a variety on what we can do."

Off campus senator Pat Foy urged the senate to look at the situation objectively. "Do what is right," he said. "Last night, the decision didn't work out for several reasons. We made a mistake, but that doesn't mean we have to make another mistake tonight. The punishment must match the crime."

Bridget Tomes from Cavanaugh disagreed.

"I do not think we made a mistake last night," she said. "I do not think that the senate is a supreme body. It was the

job of the Judicial Council and I think the punishment should stand."

After debate ended, O'Donnell restated that the Judicial Council did not follow the rules of the constitution and thus an amendment should be made on the punishment.

"I want to reiterate what Pat [Foy] said: Do what's just. Do what's right," O'Donnell said. "I don't think the Judicial Council made the right decision and the constitution was not followed. The punishment should stand at a one day suspension."

Kelly Folks, Judicial Council President, was apologetic for the mistake, but stood behind her original punishment. "I did not make this decision by myself," she said. "I made it

by consulting many others. I know this is not what technically should have been done, and I apologize for that. But the issue is not the ethics of my decision. Please leave the ethics out of this."

After debate, the amendment was brought to the floor and with 16 of 22 votes, it passed.

"I think with the ruling we made [Wednesday] night we were going to deal with many apathetic voters," said Walsh senator Kate McCarthy. "Not only apathetic, but we would have confused apathetic voters. By the amendment tonight, we decreased the

confusion and allowed voters to receive the most information possible. The voters now have the choice to make the most

informed, best decision."

Pat Foy agreed.

"The senate thought a candidate going on a WVFI broadcast that reaches maybe three people ... did not warrant a two day suspension," he said. "We thought one day was more appropriate for the violation."

Overall, O'Donoghue's outlook was positive.

"We're happy [with the amendment], no doubt — especially because the appeal came from outside our campaign," he said. "It's been a trial but we never lost faith. We're going to continue on to make this University better."

"I want everyone to know that this appeal did not come from us."

Brian O'Donoghue
presidential candidate

CORRECTIONS

◆In yesterday's election pullout, Joe Shepherd was incorrectly identified as the 2-year president of the class of 2001. Shepherd was 2-year president of his high school class.

◆In yesterday's election pullout, a quote attributed to Greg Smith should have been attributed to Brian Clemency.

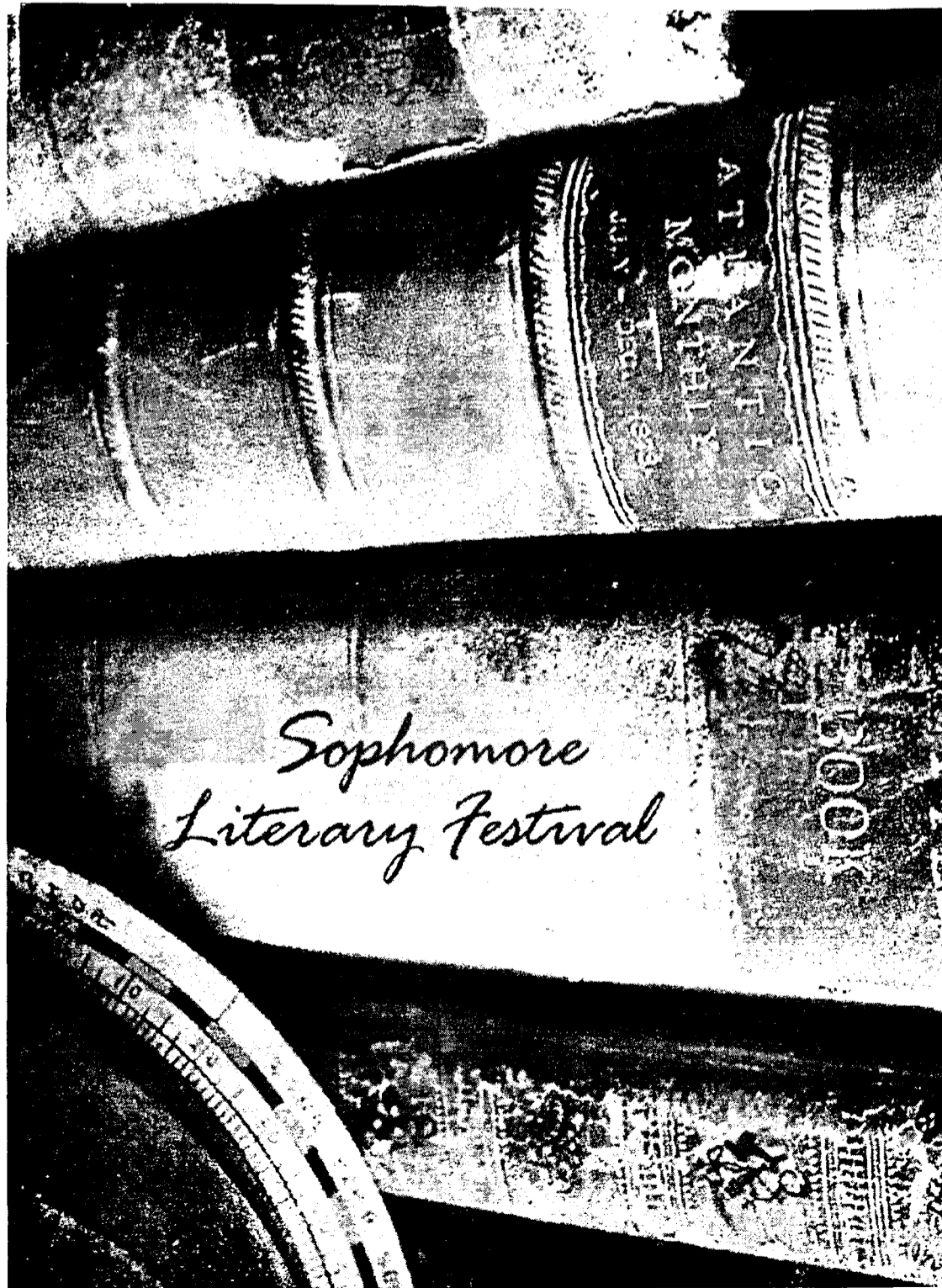
◆Clemency is a pre-professional/economics major, not a government major.

◆Laura Petelle assisted with interviews and profiles for the election pullout.

The Observer regrets the errors.



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Saturday, February 12	Bharati Mukherjee
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House passes marriage tax cut

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Dispatching an election-year valentine, Republicans won House passage Thursday of legislation that would cut income taxes \$182 billion over 10 years for all married taxpayers, including the 25 million couples who pay a "marriage penalty" compared with single people.



Clinton

The vote, timed to coincide with Valentine's Day next week, was 268-158 to send the bill to the Senate. Although 48 Democrats joined all Republicans in favor, it was short of a veto-proof edge.

Senate passage is far from certain and President Clinton is threatening a veto over the bill's cost and timing, yet House GOP leaders trumpeted the measure as the first in a series

of tax cuts that would return a portion of projected budget surpluses to taxpayers and limit the growth of government.

"We need a tax code that doesn't punish married couples," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "They need to buy braces for the kids. They need to buy insurance for the car and the home. They don't need the federal government picking their pocket."

It was a day for politicians of every stripe to ally themselves with the popular issue, even if they opposed this particular bill. Despite his veto warning, Clinton said at a Capitol Hill appearance. "We know we should do this." However, he wants marriage penalty tax relief targeted more toward lower- and middle-class taxpayers.

"We are united in saying, 'Let's do it now,'" Clinton told a Democratic rally.

The "marriage penalty" occurs because millions of couples who file joint tax returns are forced to pay taxes at higher rates than they would if they were single and filing separately, especially if each spouse

earns roughly the same income. The penalty strikes most frequently at income levels between \$20,000 and \$75,000 and costs couples an average of \$1,400 a year, according to congressional estimates.

The GOP bill would cut taxes for those couples as well as millions of others who already get a marriage "bonus," mainly those in which one spouse earns the lion's share of family income. It would gradually expand the bottom 15 percent tax bracket to apply to more of a married couple's income, boost the standard deduction in 2001 for married filers to twice that of singles and raise the income cap to allow more lower-income couples to claim the earned income tax credit.

About 50 million married couples filed joint income tax returns in 1997, the most recent year complete statistics are available from the Internal Revenue Service.

Democrats complained that half of the bill's total tax cut would go to couples who already receive a bonus and would consume a large chunk of the projected budget surplus before plans are laid to ensure the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare, to pay down the national debt and to guarantee adequate government spending.

"The Republicans want to have a political gimmick for Valentine's Day," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. "If they just want a political issue, they've got it."

Democrats also said two-thirds of the tax cuts would go to couples earning more than \$75,000 a year once it is fully phased in by 2008, and would entangle some of them in the complex alternative minimum tax.

Affirmative action ban denounced

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Black college students and hundreds of other critics of Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to get rid of affirmative action packed Capitol hearing rooms Thursday to denounce the effort as an attack on women and minorities.

Bush did not attend the third and final set of hearings on his "One Florida" proposal, which would eliminate race and gender as factors in university admissions and the awarding of state contracts. He watched some of the hearings on closed-circuit television in his office.

"The One Florida plan will not work," said Anthony Viegbesie, president of the Tallahassee branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "The One Florida plan is anti-minority, anti-women, anti-poverty and must be killed."

The Republican governor has insisted the plan would improve diversity in education and contracting jobs by increasing outreach efforts to minorities historically shut out of opportunities.

Bush spokesman Justin Sayfie said after the meeting that Bush still wants quick approval on key parts of the plan.

"The governor is committed to moving ahead with the One Florida plan," Sayfie said. Delay "would mean African-American high school seniors would lose an opportunity to attend the State University System."

Students who take a difficult enough course load and finish in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class would be guaranteed admission to some state uni-

versities under the proposal.

"The athletes that are needed to win football games will be included in that 20 percent whether they have the grades or not," said Brenda Holt, a high school teacher in Quincy. "If the government in this state does not protect us from the good-old-boy system, then who does?"

The legislators hearing testimony were split into two groups to accommodate the crowd. About 1,200 people attended, and 100 spoke. Each speaker was limited to three minutes.

"I think the governor has his heart in the right place, but has been misguided in his approach so far," said Kelvin Lawrence, a sophomore at predominantly black Florida A&M University.

For weeks, leaders in Florida's black community have protested against the plan.

In January, two black lawmakers staged a 25-hour sit-in inside Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan's office, demanding that Bush rescind his executive

"If the government in this state doesn't protect us from the good-old-boy system, who does?"

Brenda Holt
high school teacher

order to put One Florida in place.

Bush refused, but he agreed to three public hearings on the plan. The previous two, in Tampa and Miami, also were dominated by critics.

Then this week, while 1,000 students protested in the Capitol rotunda, Bush met with four students from Florida A&M and agreed to add a three-year "accountability measure" to make sure enough minorities are admitted into state universities.

Brogan said Thursday the plan would increase opportunities for minorities and streamline the application process for state business.

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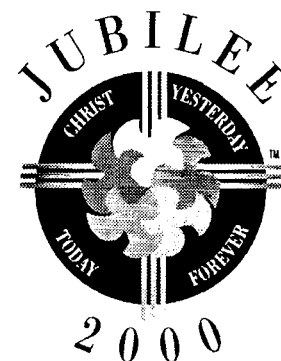
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Forbes drops out of GOP race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Ending his "swim against the tides," publisher Steve Forbes pulled out of the Republican presidential race today after spending personal millions on his second quest for the nomination.



Forbes

"We have created a new conservative agenda," Forbes told supporters, claiming influence in making the party take his ideas seriously.

"I have no regrets, and you shouldn't either."

Forbes exited in Washington, the place he railed against in two campaigns for the timidity of its tax cutters and the clout of its special interest lobbyists.

Champion of a flat income tax and a conservative voice on abortion, Forbes struggled to get his voice heard in a campaign dominated from the start by Texas Gov. George W. Bush, with John McCain coming on strong after a New Hampshire victory.

"We were nosed out by a landslide," Forbes said dryly.

His departure triggered a scramble among the remaining contenders for his anti-abortion, anti-tax supporters on the conservative right, and also set the stage for a two-way battle between Bush and

McCain, though former Ambassador Alan Keyes is still in the race.

Declining to immediately endorse another candidate, Forbes said on CBS' "The Early Show" this morning that his campaigns in 1996 and this year "changed the political landscape" and their cost — more than \$66 million — was money well spent.

"When you add it up, it's a formidable sum, but it will get you a handful of ads in the Super Bowl," he said. "I think we have changed the dialogue."

Forbes cited his focus on overhauling the income tax system, ending abortion, giving parents more control over schools, and allowing people to control their Social Security savings. He said his flat tax proposal forced candidates Bush and McCain to release their own tax-cut plans.

Forbes won the Delaware primary in 1996 but decided to get out of the race this year after placing third in that state on Tuesday, behind Bush and even McCain, who didn't campaign at all in Delaware.

"This was a fantastic phenomenal experience, seeing America, learning about America in a way few people

get to do it," Forbes said. He declined to say whether he would run for the presidency again or some other office, but said, "I will participate in the public square one way or another."

Forbes left the presidential race today in the company of a select few who spent millions of their personal fortunes on back-to-back political campaigns that ended in defeat.

Like Reform Party founder Ross Perot and Californian Michael Huffington before him, Forbes helped set the standard for sparing no expense on a political dream.

He spent an average of \$160 per vote to finish second in an Iowa straw poll in August, although no delegates were at stake and anyone could vote for the price of a ticket.

He spent more than \$3 million a month in the last three months of 1999 in

advance of the Iowa caucuses, where he finished a strong second, and the New Hampshire primary, where he came in a poor third.

"Never has so much been spent with so little in return," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a research group that studies money and campaigns.

"This was a fantastic phenomenal experience, seeing America, learning about America in a way few people get to do it."

Steve Forbes
former presidential candidate

Bradley criticizes Gore on gun control

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bill Bradley, standing Thursday with parents of children killed by guns, accused Al Gore of coming late and ending up weak on the emotional issue of gun control.



Bradley

Framing his contrast in unusually barbed terms, Bradley said: "This is not an issue that I came to after seeing television pictures of Columbine. This is an issue that I believed as a matter of fundamental principle throughout my public life."

"I have always supported common-sense gun control. Al Gore has not always done that," Bradley said.

The Gore campaign countered that Bradley was trying to manufacture differences where none exist.

"Vice President Gore has been a strong advocate for gun safety laws," said Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, co-chair of Gore's California campaign.

But spokesman Chris Lehane acknowledged that Gore's record in Congress bears little resemblance to his gun-control stance of today.

"His position changed to match the changing times," Lehane said, noting the proliferation of gun violence in the past decade. "The public looks for leaders who respond to the changing times."

Gore was campaigning in Los Angeles Thursday, too, promoting his health care proposal at a hospital. In a striking counterpoint, his motorcade was held up temporarily because of a shooting at a fast food restaurant nearby.

Speaking to youngsters at El Sereno Middle School — parents of youngsters who were killed standing with him — Bradley said Gore voted against a 1990 bill to expand a federal ban on assault weapons and only wants to register new handguns while ignoring an estimated 60 million current weapons.

Bradley said he wants to license and register all handguns but Gore has dismissed the plan as too difficult.

"The essence of leadership is to take on that which is considered too hard to do and make it happen. That's what leaders do as opposed to politicians," Bradley said.

In addition to national registration of handguns, Bradley's plan calls for banning gun dealers from residential neighborhoods, limiting the number of guns a person can buy each year, banning small, cheap "Saturday night specials" and ordering background checks for purchases at gun shows.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prisoners deserve the vote

EVANSTON, Ill.

journalism students, is it really unreasonable to assume that there are hundreds of Illinois prisoners serving regular jail sentences who also are innocent?

Yet given the possibility that our justice system is incapable of proving true guilt or innocence, there still are no candidates for public office paying attention to the plight of prisoners who are serving jail times for crimes they did not commit. Why?

Manu Bhardwaj

Daily
Northwestern

Because, just like Mandela, none of our prisoners has the right to vote. That's right. Despite the fact that the 15th Amendment says "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States," we are consistently denying U.S. prisoners the right to vote in all U.S. elections.

I am not arguing that people who kill and rob other people don't deserve to go to jail. What I am saying is that people in jail deserve to vote, for two reasons:

1) Innocent people are serving time in jail for crimes they did not commit. The only way politicians will start paying attention to them is if they are given back the right to vote.

2) Even though U.S. citizens who kill and rob other people deserve to go to jail, all citizens still deserve the right to vote in America.

Although giving the vote to innocent people in jail won't change the justice system overnight, it will give those innocent people a voice and a means to try to change the system.

This column first appeared in the Daily Northwestern at Northwestern University. It is reprinted here courtesy of the U-WIRE.

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Give thanks for all the goodness

I am so thankful I am not a Viewpoint editor; it would be depressing to read the millions of complaints people have about a school I happen to love.

I am thankful for this school, and the

fact that if there is any aspect that I am unhappy with, I can always either join or start a group to actively improve it. And, if I cannot improve it, I am thankful that I do have the free will to quit complaining and transfer to another school.

I am thankful for you, the many people (who I don't even know) who did help me up when I fell carrying my books in God Quad, who offered to carry my backpack and held doors for me the time I was on crutches, and who offered to lift my car out of the ditch and over the cement block it was stuck on during that awful day my freshman year.

I am thankful for the snowangels, snowmen and snowball fights that I happen to see around campus, and for my cozy dorm room with its own adjustable thermostat. And, after experiencing the alternative, I am even more thankful for the summer.

I am thankful that I have a car, access to a parking lot for only \$75, and for all of the groundskeepers I DO see around trying to keep up with the snow as best as they can.

I am thankful for the dining hall ladies, who let me eat the day I forgot my ID, who always have a hello and a smile, and who willingly clean up after me when I accidentally leave my



Observer on the table.

I am thankful for all of the service opportunities available here, and for all of the students who participate in them. (Do a Summer Service Project in Philadelphia if you get the chance ... you'll be thankful too!)

I am thankful for the ability to take advantage of the free food, free t-shirts, free massages and free entertainment offered by SUB, and even for those events that do cost a little money. And I am also thankful that if an event doesn't interest me, then I am in no way forced to attend.

I am thankful for the Debartolo clocks that run a little slow, and for the fact that if I ever did need to know the time on my way to class, that at least 98 percent of the student body regularly wears watches.

I am thankful for my own beliefs about God, my life, my religion, my body and my own sexual choices.

I am thankful for the Irish Guard, the chants at basketball games, for Mike Brown, for our school spirit and for all other Notre Dame traditions.

I am thankful for all of the people that I don't have room to mention here, from my professors and roommates to the stir-fry chef who washes out the wok before steaming my vegetables.

I am thankful for our sports teams ... all of them. They are OUR teams, OUR classmates and OUR friends, whether they win, lose OR get arrested.

I am thankful for bun runs, joke ballots (vote for the Horney-Priest ticket in '01!), dining hall riots, and everything else that makes this school a little more fun.

I am thankful that I do not have to rely on negative, sarcastic comments alone for humor. (Bring on the penis jokes!!)

I am thankful I am not bitter, complaining about every little detail about this school.

But most of all, I am thankful I am not a Viewpoint editor!

Angie Rausch
Junior
Pasquerilla West
February 8, 2000

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Women ought to have representatives, instead of being arbitrarily governed without any direct share allowed them in the deliberations of government."

Mary Wollstonecraft
revolutionary

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Adios, Wadsworth

Regarding Wadsworth's firing, I say "HURRAY!" and so do many of my Charlotte Club fellow alums. Despite his many accomplishments for the Title IX sports, and the overall Big East record, he was a total flop in the two sports which REALLY matter — varsity football and men's basketball. Both teams have become an ND embarrassment, to say nothing of the Dunbar and Joe Moore fiascos, so much so that Monk had to step in and personally start cleaning up the poop that Mike left all over campus!

Here's hoping Monk has the guts to finish his rehab job, fires that Faustian-fool Bob Davie and hires a REAL football coach before the football program goes brain-dead!

Peter W. Murray, '64
Notre Dame Parent, '89 and '93
February 9, 2000

Don't steal from DeBartolo

One of the most frequent complaints I hear around campus is that people feel they have more rules here at school than they do at home and it seems as if we are constantly babysat by the administration. Well, I am now getting a clear understanding of why some of these things need to take place. Before I explain, I pose this question to you, would you ever enter a friend's home and rip down a family portrait that they have on the wall?

In my four years here, I have seen many traditions ruined because of the irresponsibility of students, such as the ticket campout. Well, my fellow students, we are now in fear of losing one more privilege. Last Saturday night during the SUB movie at DeBartolo, the portrait of the donor of the building was ripped off of the wall. Now this act may have seemed funny at the time, but it has put the SUB movies under some serious heat and we now have to live in fear of any other incidents being the reason that movies are cancelled forever. This is disappointing, especially since student affairs recently allowed us to start showing movies in DeBartolo 101 and SUB has just purchased new lenses for the projectors so that the picture takes up the whole screen. Both of these things are for the benefit of the 1000 students that watch SUB movies on a weekly basis.

Ideally, I would like to see the return of Edward DeBartolo to the wall of his building.

However, more importantly, I am requesting that everybody who attends SUB movies in the future show some responsibility.

Please, realize that one stupid action may seem insignificant, yet it will directly affect the entire student body of today and the future. I don't want to have to hire a security guard to sit outside the movies and create one more situation where intelligent, young adults are babysat.

Ross J. Kerr
Board Manager
Student Union Board
February 8, 2000



O'Donoghue/Norton's vision untarnished

This letter is about the character of our friend Brian O'Donoghue. Many of you know him as "Odie." To others, he is just a figure that appears on the cover of The Observer on Thursdays with a summary of the previous night's Student Senate meeting. To those who have had any contact with him, there is no doubt that he is one of a kind. He has the uncanny ability to seem like the most insane person you've ever met, but in the next instant, he can say the perfect thing to lift your spirit in a time of crisis.

If you ask him what he wants to do with his life, without hesitation, he'll respond, "To save the world." And the crazy thing is that he's serious. The first time we heard this we almost laughed, but the look in his eye wouldn't let us dismiss it. Look at what he wants to do as President, and it's clear that he's a dreamer. He has set his sights on enabling the students of Notre Dame to do great things. It has been obvious that Odie has been working for this goal since he set foot on this campus at Freshman Orientation in 1997, even to the extent of passing up time abroad in order to serve the community in the Student Union.

The past few weeks have seen the escalation of Odie's vision. Unfortunately, one wrong step may hamper his chance of achieving this goal. While campaigning officially started Tuesday, candidates were interviewed by campus publications on Saturday. Believing this exception covered all campus media, Brian and running mate Brooke Norton accepted an offer to appear on campus

internet radio WVFI with Jabari Holloway.

On Sunday, Odie was casually asked if such interviews were allowed since campaigns started on Tuesday. To be certain, Brian made a more official inquiry, and to his dismay found that his radio appearance was, in fact, prohibited. Brian turned himself in at once, and received a two day suspension of campaign activities, which he in turn appealed to the Senate.

It's become far too commonplace for politicians, and people in general, to cover up their mistakes. However, as soon as he realized he might have committed an infraction, Odie sought to turn himself in. This is honorable trait is one of the qualities that we claim as one of Notre Dame's founding principles. Apparently, Brian's colleagues in the Senate agreed with him as they unanimously agreed that while he had made a mistake, the punishment was too severe. In response to the Senate's decision, Student Activities, an administrative group, determined that the Senate had no right to overturn the penalty.

This letter is not meant as an endorsement of any candidate for Student Body President, but as a sign of support for our senator and friend, Brian O'Donoghue.

Christopher B. Anderson
Christopher D. Clement
Keough Hall Presidents
February 10, 2000

Awareness of social irresponsibility of Republicans should be raised

In his Inside Column from Tuesday, Dustin Ferrell is quite right in claiming that Democrats have their individual failings, and he also correctly points out that some Democrats do not hold positions of highest virtue on every issue. But one could claim that of any human, for we all fall short of perfection. Does human imperfection mean that no idea is better than any other idea? Does the fact that policies are frequently imperfect mean that one should attempt to improve those policies or, rather, just abandon the issue altogether? Of course, "not supporting ineffective legislation" does not mean "not caring."

However, in the absence of proposals of effective legislation from Republicans, suspicion arises as to real motives. The traditional Republican approach to the environment is the frequently discredited one of allowing companies to enforce themselves. Of course, Republicans receive millions from companies to encourage this position — a cynical person might even say that many companies have no intention of enforcing themselves.

Ferrell vastly understates the overwhelmingly positive impact of environmental legislation. And without Democrats (and a few Republicans of good will), there would be no Clean Air Act, no Clean Water Act, and no effective method of enforcing corporate responsibility in regard to the environment. Give credit where credit is due. It is ludicrous even to compare the Democratic party record to the systematic attempts of the Republican party in 1994 to dismantle even the most basic environmental legislation.

Let one think naively that no corporation is completely irresponsible anymore, I point to the long-standing battle between the National Resources Defense Council and Texaco. The NRDC is a highly respected, non-profit, public interest group. According to the NRDC, in 1988, "our scientists uncovered evidence from Texaco's own internal reports showing that the company had been knowingly and illegally discharging tons of oil, grease and other highly toxic pollutants into the [Delaware] river since 1983." Armed with Texaco's own pollution reports and the testimony of local residents, NRDC quickly filed suit against Texaco in federal court. The oil

company responded with legal delay tactics for three years, during which it continued to pollute the Delaware River. Finally, in 1991, the case went to trial and a federal judge, calling NRDC's evidence against Texaco (practically unassailable), determined that the company had violated the Clean Water Act on a total of 3,360 days." Texaco, fined heavily and discredited, continued to resist and eventually faced contempt proceedings for its obstinate delays in undertaking a court-ordered environmental study. The court battle continued into January 2000!

In regard to race relations, critics of the Democratic Party like Ferrell enjoy pointing out the traditional racism of Southern Democrats. Unfortunately, time has passed for that objection. Long ago, the most notorious racists in our government (such as Strom Thurmond) got the message and switched allegiances, to the Republican Party.

Many Republicans these days endlessly lambaste President Clinton while lionizing Ronald Reagan as the serene embodiment of the ideals of the Party. Reagan demonstrated his concern for children and education by trying to abolish (not revamp!) the Federal Department of Education, all the while selling weapons to the Contras in blatant defiance of the law. Let us forget, Bill Clinton was not the first president to have trouble recalling facts while under oath.

Ferrell imagines that there is no coherent ideology to political parties. However, there is, and it's called a platform. In the real world, most of the time, legislators vote the party line. If conscientious Notre Dame Catholics should not be Democrats because of the abortion issue, a host of issues dictate that they not be Republican either. Realistic voters must honestly address the institutional Republican Party's legacy of social irresponsibility on a wide range of issues, not wish it away.

Tim Campbell
Senior
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February 8, 2000

Saint Mary's: It's one heck

Editor's note: Scene will continue to feature the dorms and residence halls of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's throughout the spring semester. Anyone interested in writing a dorm feature should e-mail Scene at Scene@nd.edu

By ANDREW McDONNELL
Scene Writer

It is now; it is here, that the loneliest tears fall, muffled in drifts of dirtied snow. Now. What is now? Now is the lull that rests quietly between Groundhog and Valentine's Day, the days where we sit with hearts in a quivering flux between the loss of a rodent whose very shadow is feared and revered, and a day devoted to the expression of romantic love. Where can a young person turn in a time of such straining flux? The answer, which you are all surely screaming in your thoughts, is community.

This, and nothing less, is what life in the residence halls of St. Mary's is all about.

Now you're probably thinking: Oh, a boy is writing this article about St. Mary's? Ooooo a boy! What's a boy doing writing an article about a school that would not admit him, even after five attempts? Well, I'll tell you what, everyone, before we go any further, let's just get this out of the way and say that I love Saint Mary, I love her college, and as an Observer journalist I possess the integrity to discuss Saint Mary's with an objective eye and a professional pen.

That is to say, this is not just going to be another article about tickle fights.

Saint Mary's has five residence halls in four buildings, strange as that might sound, and each one has its own character and spirit. The residence halls are the heart of St. Mary's identity, and it is from this beating heart that the college arteries pump out fresh, newly oxygen-invirogated women into a global body eager for strong and vibrant voices with pleasant pitch and timbre. For many of these women, their journey to the world begins in Regina Hall.

Regina Hall

From the outside, Regina Hall, not to be pronounced with a "long i" unless one wants to be "smacked," is perhaps Saint Mary's most unremarkable residence hall: flat and block-like in appearance. The beauty of a place is more than brick-deep, however, and once one has entered the lobby of Regina, one knows that this is a special place. The foyer of this impressive structure holds two tiny pews on each side, as if to say, "Welcome to a place of worship. Pop a kneel." It also has a tiny potted plant that looks like a palm tree, seemingly placed to compliment the pews. One is left with a sensation that this is a place both sacred and tropical.

Inside the main doors, the visitor is confronted with an impressive chapel, and two expansive lounges on either side of the main lobby. The lounge on the south side is brilliantly furnished in clusters of sofas and easy chairs ideally arranged for conversation. It also features an enormous glass wall that peers over the indoor swimming pool and a very nice grand piano where people can rattle off a few ditties while they smoke a well earned and fully acceptable cigarette. The North Lounge is also nice and features a fireplace.

One of Regina's most popular features is that it is composed almost entirely of singles. The first floor offers larger rooms, but for the most part the rest of the dorm is filled with singles, most belonging to younger members of the Saint Mary's community.

Regina is a building that can produce very different responses when it enters the ring of candid discussion. Sophomore Stephanie King



Home is where the heart is, and the distractions. A couple of Saint Mary's women take a study break.

said, "The best part of Regina is probably living across the hall from all of your friends. Since almost every room is a single, you get your own space, and your friends are all right there."

Senior Kathleen Foley disagreed. "I feel bad for them," she said of Regina residents. "It's funny 'cause it sounds nice in all the brochures. It's got a pool, it's close to classes, you get a single. But when you open your door, your room is closet-size. Well ... it ain't so bad."

That is apparently the most common complaint of Regina residents, but King said that though the rooms are roughly 8-by-10, it is worth it in the end, just to be part of the Regina community. King said, "It's a really good community. It's friendly, and everyone says hi to everyone."

McCandless Hall

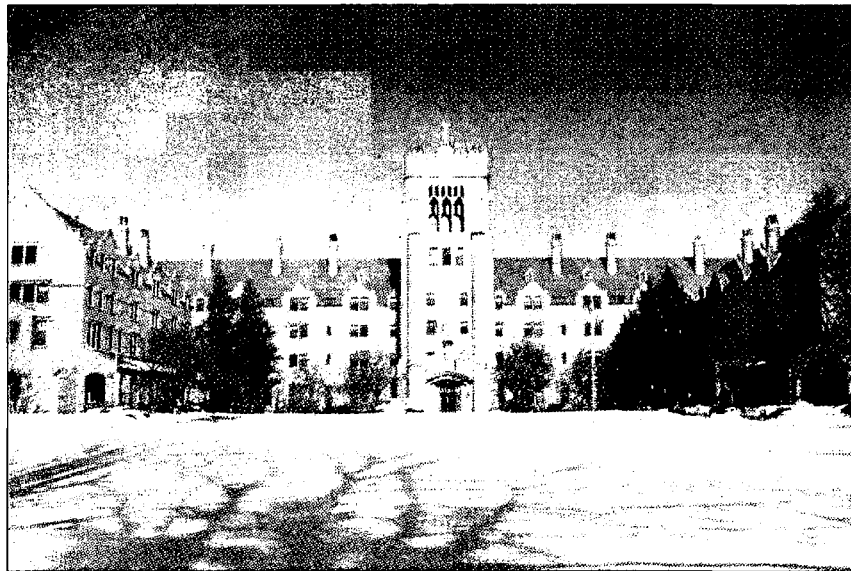
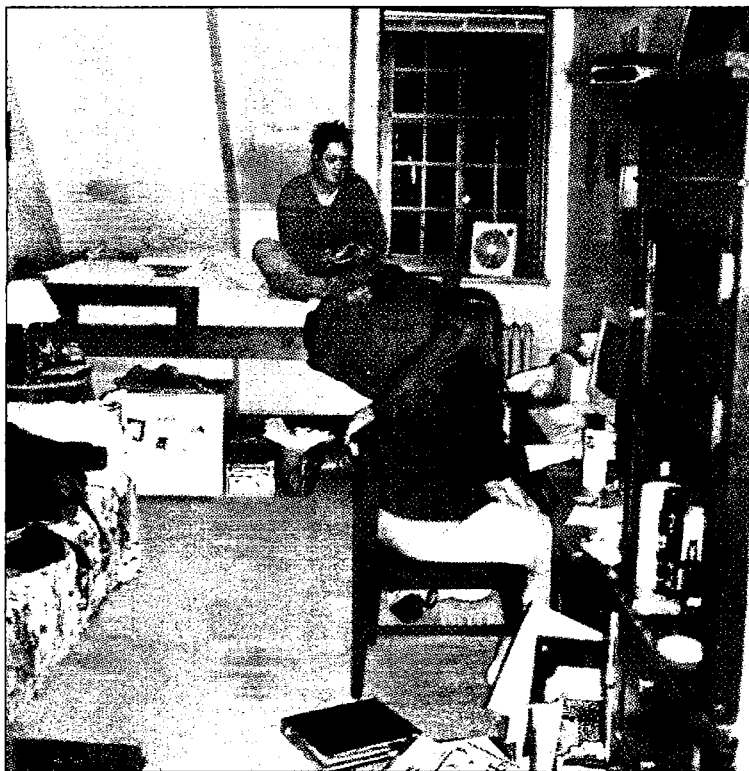
McCandless Hall is another residence hall largely associated with underclasswomen and also one that lacks some of the visual appeal of the older buildings. It was completed in 1964 and named for Saint Mary's Marian McCandless, the alumna who founded the Saint Mary's publication, *The Courier*, in 1966. Its exterior is a fairly plain brown brick face with rows of what look like compressed train tracks wrapped around the building's perimeter.

Like Regina, the interior of McCandless distinguishes it from the rest of Saint Mary's living facilities. Having the advantage of being the newest residence hall, McCandless can offer such amenities as the air-conditioned study carrels for each room, and um ... a sink in every room. Which is admittedly a smaller amenity,

but think of how much time a body doesn't have to spend walking back and forth every time those chompers need a brushing. OK, so it's not the nicest of interiors either, physically, but look deeper. Look at the community within!

According to the staff of McCandless, it has sections that are a little smaller so they are more closely knit. Additionally, the students living in McCandless are mostly underclasswomen, so it is a very energetic place.

Hall Director Kelly Ignatoski is very enthusiastic about her new role in McCandless. "I love McCandless," she said. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. It is a



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(Top) A Saint Mary's woman works on a computer. (Bottom left) A couple of SMC women chat between a studying session. (Bottom right) Le Mans Hall serves both as a residence hall and as an administrative building.

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of a happenin' community



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dy break to sit back, relax and watch some TV.

great building, and it has a great spirit. And we have a great staff. And I'm not just saying that because they're all standing behind me." And that is when the brawl erupted. Not really, but it was touch-and-go for a minute there.

Asked what she thought of McCandless Hall, Le Mans senior Kathleen Foley replied, "No tunnels, no way," in reference to McCandless's omission from the underground tunnel network at St. Mary's. Foley continued, "And it's closer to Angela Athletic Facility, so it's probably full of really skinny girls."

But the residents of McCandless know it as more than a location. To them, it's just home.

Holy Cross Hall

At the end of the tree-lined Avenue lies a monument to the architecture of the past — Holy Cross Hall. It is a beautiful old building, the oldest of the residence halls in fact, and just by walking across its front porch and into its classic lobby with twin, curved staircases, one cannot help but feel a pang of jealousy that one cannot live there. Especially if one isn't even afforded the chance just because of one's gender. One can really feel the pangs if that's the case. That's when the sting begins to burn.

Holy Cross is home to 320 residents, mostly second- and third-year

students, and it is possessed of some of the largest rooms ever created. No joke — you could squeeze a roller skating rink into some of these rooms and still have room to herd alpacas. They are immense and feature hardwood floors, incredibly high ceilings, enormous windows, but they only have two temperature settings — Hell and Eskimo Hell.

The real charm of this building is not in its parlors or its Vendo host. It is in its community. These are no hostile Amazon women in Holy Cross, living in gated seclusion bringing in men for the sole purpose of breeding and then sending them to the place from whence they came. No, these be a friendly and chaste people, and though the author of this article was required to be accompanied by an escort, as are all men in all St. Mary's residence

halls, it was still one of the most welcoming environments on campus.

Responding to inquiries of her opinion of Holy Cross Hall, though, LeMans Hall resident Foley stated, "I think it's gorgeous and it's beautiful, but sh-t, the whole distance to class thing. It's way out there."

Annunciata Hall

The fourth floor of Holy Cross Hall is actually a residence hall unto itself. Annunciata Hall, a.k.a. "The Rockin' Sorority," is a special section designed for seniors to live in community together, and that is exactly what happens. They live in community. It looks like a normal floor, but Annunciata offers extra amenities such as a very nice break room with a big screen TV. It also has its own computer lab and kitchen, and members of the community are given a key that accesses the basement entrance so they do not have to pass the scrutiny of the front desk every time they want to enter and leave the building.

An Annunciata resident who would only identify herself as "Gabby" explained: "It's just nice being on a floor with all seniors. The extra door is just a little extra incentive."

Fellow Annunciataette Megan Bodary agreed: "I feel tough. I feel like a big kid, finally, you know? I just like the feeling when you walk in the elevator and get to say, 'Could you press four, please?' It's a separation. It's just enough."

While there will always be a naysayer such as Foley, — who said: "I always thought it was so funny that they renamed it a whole hall when it's just the fourth floor. That's all it is!" — there is something impressive about the community of Annunciata. It is composed entirely of women on the brink of leaving one stage of life and embarking on another journey, and they are all in it. They are all in it together.

Le Mans Hall

Opened in 1925, Le Mans (silent "s") Hall houses 520 students and numerous administrative offices, but it is also the most recognizable landmark on the Saint Mary's campus. It is an enormous structure with a commanding bell tower as

its focal point. Once inside, the first floor is a wonderland of classy wood paneling, and the main lobby is speckled with small metal chandeliers that give it an almost medieval flavor. Large wooden pillars also make their presence felt in the lobby, softly whispering, "Is it a forest, or is it an indoor place?" And then it cackles.

Most Le Mans Hall residents are absolutely in love with the building and the people who people it. "There's a lot of quiet," said RA Sara Velligan, "so it's easy to get things done. And at the same time there are a lot of distractions whenever you want to find them. Best of both worlds, really."

Surprisingly enough, Foley agreed: "I'm lazy and Le Mans is close to everything. Yeah, we're huge. We have the most washing machines of any building on campus."

And the one naysayer in Le Mans, who desired anonymity, stated, "There is no best part about living on campus. They're unhelpful and stupid ... I just don't like the business department, that's all. I'm sorry." So really, she can pretty much be discounted.

Indeed, any residence hall at Saint Mary's offers a sense of spirit that is difficult to match at other schools; almost all of the women interviewed agreed. Even Kathleen Foley. Despite the sometimes-hindersome issues of visitation hours and access cards, life on the Saint Mary's campus is a life lived in community, and it is largely through this community that Saint Mary's students are able to prepare themselves for the world outside.



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(Top) Some women hang out in the hallway, proving that Saint Mary's extends even to its hallways. (Bottom right) A gal studies for class; remember, Saint Mary's is also a school. (Bottom left) The grand Holy Cross Hall has really big rooms.

SUB's SLF pulls into ND

This week's Sophomore Literary Festival brings bright writers to Notre Dame, including Pulitzer Prize winner William Kennedy.

By MARY ANNE LEWIS
Scene Writer

"Who do we want? Do you guys have any ideas?"

"I was thinking of Tori Amos or Sarah McLachlan."

"All right — those are pretty big names. Anyone a bit more subtle?"

"How about some authors from Core?"

"Hey, good idea."

It's coming. Momentum has been building since April of last year. Dozens of people are involved and even more are excited. The train arrives this Saturday and all are invited to hop on for the ride. The journey offers excitement, danger, romance, beauty, satire and imagination.

The conductor's name is Sara Branch. She has organized the route through hard work and good timing — time is of ultimate importance on the rail-ways. And over there is the assistant, Mary Ellen Donahue. Well, all aboard!

First stop: Library Auditorium

The train arrives Saturday at 8 p.m. sharp to visit Bharati Mukherjee. Arrive early to ensure seating. She will read, answer questions and develop thoughts. The train departs after 10 p.m. Destination is the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune for a reception with the author.

Second stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

Departure takes place Sunday at 11 a.m. Travelers will once again be able to see Bharati in all her personal glory as she hosts a workshop for aspiring authors and all others interested. The trip should grant a nice view and many new insights.

Third stop: Washington Hall

See William Kennedy at 8 p.m. on Sunday. The evening will consist of a reading performance and is anticipated to particularly delight the students taking Core classes.

Fourth stop: Library Auditorium

All day trips cancelled so that Sophomore Literary Festival Lines (SLFL) can make this spectacular offer of an afternoon with William Kennedy Monday at 3 p.m. in the Library Auditorium for a Seminar session concerning his writing and related experiences.

Fifth stop: The land of poetry

Our host will be none other than Li-Young Lee. This trip is recommended to the light of heart and to all lovers of poetry. It is this year's only voyage to this special spot, and places are going fast. So grab a place as soon as possible. Seating is limited.

Boarding time and place: Monday 8 p.m., Washington Hall. Reception follows in the

Notre Dame room of LaFortune, so make it a date. Bring that special someone for a special time with rhyme.

Sixth stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

If the date went well, why not bring that significant other to a follow-up date? Lee will host a workshop Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Seventh stop: Washington Hall

Now SLFL offers you a very special opportunity to see fellow students read their own works. Each student will have approximately 30 minutes to present his/her work, and the evening should last about two hours. Hear the innermost thoughts of your friends on this entertaining evening, which will take place Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Eighth stop: Washington Hall, again

On Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m., see author Andrew Hudgins as he presents his own work to Notre Dame students, staff, faculty and other members of the community. A reception will follow for the writer in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Ninth stop: Notre Dame Bookstore

Work personally with Andrew Hudgins in a workshop offered Thursday at 10 a.m. Meet the man himself, and learn from his work and experience in the literary world.

Tenth, and final, stop: Washington Hall

The last opportunity to board takes place Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Train leaves from a presentation by John Edgar Wideman and moves on to the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune for a special thank you to Wideman for joining everyone at Notre Dame. Climb on for the grand finale before returning home.

Thank you for riding SLF Lines. We hope you have enjoyed your trip, seen interesting things, and learned a bit along the way. Thank the Student Union Board for the \$20,000 funding for the trip, as well as the concentrated efforts of such people as Branch and Donahue. They have put in quite a bit of time, work and thought into this project and have every hope for its success.

Donahue, working on the public relations committee, has tried to ensure publicity for this occasion through the newspaper, radio and by word-of-mouth.

Furthermore, Branch has been working as the head of the committee since Amy Sellers stepped down from the position last year. Since April, the committee in charge of the Sophomore Literary Festival has been working to find authors and other types of writers to come to Notre Dame. They have

About the speakers ...



Bharati Mukherjee, Saturday, 8 p.m.

Novels: "Leave it to Me," "The Holder of the World," "Jasmine," "Wife" and "The Tiger's Daughter"

Non-fiction: "Days and Nights in Calcutta" and "The Sorrow and the Terror: The Legacy of the Terrorist Bombing of Air India Flight #182"

Collections: "Darkness" and

"The Middleman and Other Stories"

Awards: The National Book Critics' Circle Award for Best Fiction ("The Middleman"), Guggenheim Fellowship, NEA grant, NEH-funded "resource expert" on world literature, Canada Council Senior Arts Fellowship and Woodrow Wilson Guest Residencies

William Kennedy, Sunday, 8 p.m.

Novels: "The Ink Truck," "Legs," "Billy Phelan's Greatest Game," "Ironweed," "Quinn's Book," "Very Old Bones" and "The Flaming Corsage"

Screenplays: "The Cotton Club" and "Ironwood"

Collections: "Riding the Yellow Trolley Car"

Children's Books:

"Charlie Malarkey and the Belly Button Machine" and "Charlie Malarkey and the Singing Moose"

Plays: "Grand View"

Awards: National Book Critics Circle Award, Pulitzer Prize, PEN Faulkner award, member of American Academy of Arts and Letters, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters (in France)



Li-Young Lee, Monday, 8 p.m.

Books of Poetry: "Rose," "The City in Which I Love You"

Autobiographies: "The Winged Seed"

Awards: National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, Lannan Foundation fellowship, John

Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship, Illinois Arts Council grant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grant, Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Writer's Award, New York University's Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award, Lamont Poetry Selection of the Academy of American Poets

Andrew Hudgins, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Books of poetry: "Babylon in a Jar," "The Glass Hammer," "The Never-Ending," "After the Lost War" and "Saints and Strangers"

Collections: "The Glass Anvil"

Awards: Wallace Stegner fellow (Stanford University), Alfred C.

Hodder fellow (Princeton), National Endowment for the Arts fellow, Ingram Merrill Foundation fellow, 1989 Poets' Prize winner, 1997 Frederick Bock Prize, Ohioiana Poetry Award for lifetime contribution to poetry, The Fellowship of Southern Writers' Hanes Prize, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters' Witter Bynner Prize



John Edgar Wideman, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Novels: "Two Cities," "Sent for You Yesterday," "Brothers and Keepers," "Fatheralong: A Meditation on Fathers and Sons, Race and Society" and "The Cattle Killing"

Awards: PEN/Faulkner Award (twice), The New York Times "Best book of the year," American Book Award, Lannan Literary Fellowship for fiction, member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" and Rea Award for the short story

Student readers include: Paul Camarata, Michela Costello, Andrew McDonnell, Lisa Marie Fabrega, Brian O'Donoghue and Kara Zuaro

written hundreds of invitations, and Branch has been keeping in touch with the writers. "They seem very excited to come here, to see Notre Dame and to learn what Notre Dame students are like," she said.

Students have been auditioning and perhaps even performed in November's

Coffeehouse in order to prepare for personal presentation in the hopes of claiming a precious half-hour in which to pour forth their most intimate writings Feb. 15. Four very talented student writers will finally have the opportunity on Tuesday.

All students working in Core classes this year are encour-

aged to attend the presentations and workshops held by Bharati Mukherjee and William Kennedy, both of whom were read by Core students.

The train is leaving soon. Jump on, and keep your eyes and ears wide open!

ALL ABOARD!

TECHNOLOGY SCENE

Get free stuff with 21st Century Digital Boy

Whatever side of the millennium debate you are on, you cannot argue the fact that the digital revolution is in full swing. So much so that this new century is promising to be one that will witness the greatest advances in computer technology that the world has ever seen, or even dreamed about.

With the sights of the hardcore programmers set on artificial intelligence, and the sights of the computer engineers on placing computers in every facet of domestic life, this century will be nothing short of a wild technology roller coaster ride.

So you ask, what does this really mean to me, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public?

Naturally, it means a faster dissemination of information and access to things that were previously unavailable.

So, what things and great sources of information am I talking about? Well for starters, news sources like the *Observer.nd.edu*, and *nytimes.com*.

These two sources are virtually the only thing you as a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student need to stay on top of the current news. And the best part is that they are free! In fact, there is a whole plethora of things that you can find for free on the Internet. If you read my inside column awhile back, you already know about *mrwakeup.com*, a free online service that will call you in the morning and wake you up for class.

But there is really so much more to talk about, like *dialpad.com*, which will allow you to call anywhere in the United States over the Internet for free. All you need is a microphone and you can talk for as long as you want, to as far away as you want — this one is my personal favorite.

That is only the beginning though. There are tons of free software and utilities that you can download from sites like *znet.com*, *shareware.com* or *filez.com*. Many of the programs are shareware, but some are freeware, and really, there is nothing better than free.

Oh, but that isn't even the half of it! Do you like music? Looking for that hard to find picture? Looking for a movie clip?

Why not try one of the best media search engines, *Scour.net*? This site is fantastic for everything MP3 to JPG, and it's very easy to use. How about some extra hard drive space? Well, why not simply use the free space at *freedrive.com*. They will give you up to 50 megabytes of free space when you sign up.

Need to send some letters in the mail, and can't quite scrape 33 cents together? No problem: Just surf over to *postage4free.com* and get 10 free envelopes with postage licked on them for nothing. The possibilities are endless!

I am sure there are more things out there on the Internet too, but I don't have enough space to probably list them all. I have tried all aforementioned services, confirming that they are all legitimate, and all follow through on their promises. But there are things that you can get right here on Notre Dame's campus for next to nothing.

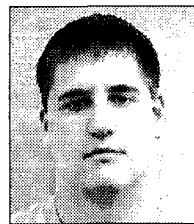
For instance, educational discounts run rampant on a college campus, and

in the case of software, can save the student a ton of money. If you are looking for some software from Adobe, Macromedia, or even Microsoft, look no further than the OIT's computer store.

Not only will you probably find it right away without having to go to Best Buy, but also you will find it for much cheaper. Every company has different set discounts for educational software though, so the best advice is still to shop around. Don't forget though, the University has a signed deal with Microsoft to receive the Office Suite and many other applications at a next to nothing price of \$5. Just make sure not to pay \$250 for it at the bookstore!

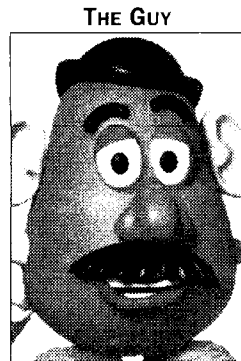
The best thing to do in this age of technology is stay informed and jump at the free stuff when you can. Most of the time a company only collects some basic information like an address and phone number, which won't be the same next year anyway! Check out these sites which I have listed, and happy surfing.

If you have any ideas for next week, let me know at revers.1@nd.edu or scene@nd.edu.



Mike Revers

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THE GUY

SCOTT LITTLE

He said ... She said ...

Scene asks about love in a series of columns leading up to Valentine's Day.

~ Today: The campus dating scene ~

Respond to these columns at Scene@nd.edu



THE GAL

ERICKA RAVETTINE

Dating at ND. Dating is a good idea. Because guys and girls live in separate buildings it is extra important that you date, otherwise it gets scarier and scarier to take a shower. I like to visit the girl's dorms. Since all the girls are in one spot they aren't afraid to let it all hang out and sometimes you can see some interesting stuff. I was in PW a few days ago and saw a girl zipping up her fly while walking down the hall.

I want to take a time-out here and ask all ND students and faculty to make sure they flush the toilet after they do the poo. If you don't flush, and you don't do it because you think your poop looks neat and you want other people to see it, I can promise you that we don't. If you really are amazed at the treasures that come out of you, then bring a plastic bag or a bowl, and some rubber gloves and bring it home with you. In the meantime for all of us clean people, keep pooping on the end toilet.

The Lone Response:

I would just like to thank Scott Little for his stereotypical generalization of women. It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of such a good laugh. A—hole.

There are nicer places to live than South Bend, but we can make it seem better by flushing. Maybe someday they will get a town sign that says "South Bend: The town that flushes."

As for dating, there are many things to do, you just have to be a creative mastermind to find them. Going out to eat is popular on Wednesdays. And it doesn't take long to figure out what bar to go to on every night. There are always the movies. Anything can really be a date. People should just be lighthearted and accept that massage from a stranger. Or sit by that lonely person at lunch. That's a date. Invite some opposite sexers over for an episode of "The Simpsons." Climb some trees, go to the Snite, jump off the diving board at Rolf's. Go date, it's the best time in your life to meet all sorts of people. Then when you get to know them better ask them if they flush the toilet. And if they don't, tell them you never want to see them again.



Jessica Needles
Freshman
Regina Hall

Notre Dame is one weird place when it comes to gender relations and commitment between men and women. I think to have commitment, relationships are necessary; and those seem few and far between here at ND.

Let's examine the Notre Dame relationship, shall we. We'll begin with freshmen year: This is a time when crowds of first-year students can be seen roaming campus (and the off-campus apartment complexes) on Friday and Saturday nights. These groups participate in dorm-hopping. They move from building to building looking for a good time. Many of these students engage in multiple random hook-ups those first few months of school. They're looking for a good time in a dark corner with an unfamiliar face. Someone they can brag to their friends about, or more likely, avoid in the dining hall for the next four years.

The darker side to the freshman idea of the relationship — the permanent commitment. These not-so-rare people find another like-minded individual and begin the dating ritual. These people want to continue on the Notre Dame family — personally. Before you know it, it is four years later and the couple is trying to decide which city could provide themselves and their children with the best opportunities. How does it happen? Why isn't their an exorbitant amount of relationship-hopping going on? The answer, my friends, comes in the

form of an example: the SYR.

Ah, the SYR. This is a dance no one really wants to go to, but everyone must. It's a rite of passage for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student. However, with the dance comes the undue pressure of "who do I take?" This is the trouble.

By the time the dance draws near, you are ready to invite just about anyone — a friend, a friend's friend, that person who sits next to you in class, some guy/girl that passes you in the dining hall or the first cute picture you come to in the Dog Book.

Though everyone experiences this feeling of desperation, the invitee always reads too much into the invitation. Fleeting thoughts of "Oh, he/she must really like me" and "Next spring will be our one year anniversary" are pervasive throughout the evening. The problem (in this example) lies in the mixed-up mindset of the invitee; commitment and dating relationships will not ever be normal here if men and women can't learn to talk to each other, rather than jumping to grand conclusions on their own.

So, what does that leave us with? By senior year, you will know a handful of couples getting married after graduation; you will actually know a few couples who are tying the knot before that. The rest of your friends, however, will still be in that dark dorm room corner from freshman year, still terrified of any kind of commitment.

NFL

Marino voids last two years of contract

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. Dan Marino now has some time, and the Miami Dolphins have more money. Marino, the NFL career leader in passing yardage, voided the final two years of his contract with the Dolphins on Thursday. It remained unclear whether the 38-year-old quarterback will retire or return for another season.

Marino could rejoin the Dolphins or go to another team as a free agent.

"I'm not going to speculate about what Dan's going to do," Dolphins president Eddie Jones said Thursday.

"Dan is a great athlete and he's done everything possible he can do in football.

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better. I'm sure that's what he's thinking about."

Marino threw 12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions last season, missing five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury. He finished with a career-low 67.4 passer rating.

Coach Dave Wannstedt has indicated that he would prefer to go with a younger quarterback like Jim Druckenmiller or Damon Huard, who was 4-1 as a starter last season.

Though there is no timetable for Marino's decision, he likely will make an announcement before March 20, the day the Dolphins begin their offseason workout program.

"We've got a new coordinator, a new head coach and we're going to have a new offensive

system," Jones said. "And I don't know how Dan fits into that."

With Marino no longer under contract, the Dolphins gained \$5.8 million to spend during the free agent signing period, which begins Friday. They also released veteran tight end Troy Drayton on Thursday.

Drayton, 29, said he will not re-sign with the Dolphins for less money.

"I've paid my dues as far as a football player," said Drayton, who caught 32 passes for 299 yards last season. "I'm financially secure, but money is definitely an issue. I'm a veteran and I consider myself one of the best tight ends in the league."

"I'm just going to put some bait on the end of the hook, watch the line and see if there are any takers."

Marino might have some takers, too.

At times, last season, Marino showed glimpses of the player who owns nearly every NFL passing record.

He led Miami to two fourth-quarter comebacks during the regular season. But the Dolphins were embarrassed 62-7 at Jacksonville in the second round of the playoffs. Miami trailed 38-0 before Marino completed a pass. He finished 11-of-25 for 95 yards with three turnovers.

"I don't think anybody wants to end a career on the kind of game that we played in Jacksonville," Drayton said. "He deserves to go out on a white horse and with lots of fanfare. He's done a lot to revolutionize the quarterback position and the NFL as a whole."

"I can't see Dan in another uniform."

"I'm sure he's going through the thought process of, 'Do I still want to do this?' He had the injury last year and his knees are not getting any better."

Eddie Jones
Dolphins president

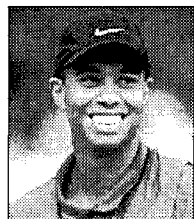
PGA

Tired Woods falters in Buick Invite

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson, two victims of the greatest winning streak on the PGA Tour in 52 years, put themselves in position Thursday for another crack at stopping Tiger Woods.



Woods

While Woods was out of sync and usually in the rough, Love recovered from one mess after another and finished a roller-coaster round at 7-under 65, giving him a one-stroke lead over Mickelson in the Buick Invitational.

"I just didn't have it," Woods said after a 1-under 71.

Love, who finished four strokes back of Woods in the Tour Championship, made 10 birdies and a 30-foot par save on the South Course at Torrey Pines, considered the more difficult of the two tracks.

Mickelson, the first victim in the streak that began with the NEC Invitational in August, shot a 66 on the North Course.

While Love is trying to win for the first time in nearly two years, his thoughts were never too far away from Woods.

"He's the guy to beat as long as he doesn't hurt himself," Love said. "He's been on a roll since high school."

Woods was two days removed from his sixth straight victory Monday at rain-delayed Pebble Beach, and he looked like he could have used a day off.

Trouble was, there was a tournament going on.

When he failed to birdie the par-5 ninth on the North Course, Woods limped in at 1-under for a six-shot deficit, the largest he has faced after

the first round since he trailed by eight strokes in the Bay Hill Invitational 11 months ago. He tied for 58th in that event.

"It's OK. There are a lot of holes to play," Woods said. "I proved that last year. You can go out there and make it up on the weekend, or even tomorrow."

Last year? What about last week?

He was five strokes back going into the final round at Pebble Beach — seven shots back with seven holes to play — and still managed to win for the sixth straight time, matching Ben Hogan in 1948 for the second-longest streak on the PGA Tour.

He has his work cut out for him if he is to take another step toward Byron Nelson's record of 11 in a row. And if the first round was any indication, a couple of prime players are lining up to stop him.

"I think guys like Fred Couples (68), Davis Love and myself are really trying to play at a different level, and hopefully have a different winner out on tour," Mickelson said. "Nobody has really done it yet."

Maybe the secret is to give Woods a short week to get ready. After the Monday thriller at Pebble, he was at Torrey Pines at the crack of dawn on Tuesday and spent Wednesday in the pro-am. All of it seemed to take a toll on the 24-year-old Woods.

He was 2-over after three holes, and lucky to be that. He didn't hit a fairway. He didn't even hit a green in regulation. Woods had to make a 15-foot putt on his first hole (No. 10) and a 6-footer just to salvage a bogey on the next one.

By the time he reached the 507-yard 14th hole, Woods wore a look of exhaustion.

Even after making a 30-foot eagle to get back to even par, it was all he could do to muster a smile, raise his putter in the air and lick his fin-

ger to chalk one up.

He missed a couple of 15-foot birdie putts before his first nine was over, and was muttering to himself on a long walk to the first tee.

"I think I need a day off," he said after his round, evident by the fact he declined to go to the range as the sun set over the Pacific Ocean. "I've been grinding pretty hard lately. I've been hitting a lot of balls. Maybe I'm just a little tired and need a little rest."

That's not to say he had no energy. Woods swung so hard with his driver on the 326-yard second hole that he fell a few steps back.

"That's all I've got," he whispered as the ball came one hop short of landing on the green. He lipped out a 3-footer for birdie, however, wasting the good drive.

Still, a tough day at the office for Woods is better than par for the course.

Even though Woods was six off the lead, keep in mind that last year he nearly missed the cut and went on to win by two strokes with a 62-65 on the weekend.

"The guy is awesome, man," said J.L. Lewis, who was in the group at 67. "He can play bad and win, and there is not very many guys that you can say that about. There are other guys who have a lot of talent, but he gets the most out of his."

That's the task facing Love and Mickelson, two supremely talented players who haven't gotten much out of their games lately.

Mickelson failed to win last year for the first time since 1992, ending the longest active streak on the PGA Tour. Love won over \$2 million last year, but also failed to win.

Love spent the offseason trying to retool his swing, which he says partially contributed to his back and neck problems last year. The swing held up fine Thursday, even though it took him 10 holes to record a simple par.

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Deadline is 2 pm on Friday, Feb. 11.

I am so, so tired.

And there is no Heartland for me tonight.

Riiiiiiiight, Vanegas. Self-checking. As if.

Shannon is my hero.

Did you watch Oprah last Wednesday?
~ The SinNott

Erin, congratulations on catching up with IR. I fear that I will never accomplish such goals.

Like, gag me with a spoon.

Alright, cropped and saved.

Sweet.

There's a wall between us and the boys.

Okay, you have a screen.

But you still have a wall.

And no nachos for you.

Cold, long walk to SMC.

Thankfully for him (okay, and I guess for me too), his taste has gotten better.

That's totally radical, dude.

PUFFY PAINT!!

Dude.

Dude, my room is a mess.

Dude, my roommate stole my socks.

There has to be a Ghostbusters 3.

Dude, there just is.

I'm a good freshman.

With very nice eyes.

And I'm just naturally gorgeous like that.

You know how it is.

Oh wait, you don't. I'm the only lucky one here.

"Fudge! ... Oh, sorry."

"Right, like I've never heard 'fudge' before ... my virgin ears!"

NEMATODE!
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Barkley's suspension lifted after St. John's appeal



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

St. John's sophomore guard Erick Barkley, shown here in a recent game against Notre Dame, successfully appealed his three-day NCAA suspension for an alleged "extra benefit."

Associated Press

NEW YORK

St. John's successfully appealed the suspension of sophomore guard Erick Barkley on Thursday and he will play Saturday against Villanova.

On Tuesday, Barkley, the team's leading scorer at 16.9 points per game, was suspended by the NCAA for three games for an undisclosed rules violation. St. John's appealed that ruling even though he had already served one game — last Saturday's victory over Boston College — and missed a "second" that night at Providence, another victory for the Red Storm (15-6).

The Division I Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement upheld St. John's appeal, reducing the suspension to two games.

"Erick is obviously very happy," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said Thursday night. "He appreciates the game more than he did before. He was glad to practice today. Usually it's a chore. ... You get a sense of how relieved he is because he was concerned about his image and perception."

Through Jarvis, Barkley said he was going home after practice and would speak to the

media after Saturday's game at Madison Square Garden.

"Today is a time to move on," St. John's athletic director Ed Manetta said Thursday. "We're not going to get into specifics of the case because that has to do with a student's privacy and we're going to respect that right now."

Manetta wouldn't give details about the process that stretched almost a week, from notification of the possible violation to the appeal hearing.

"The NCAA interpreted rules differently than we did," he said. "The committee today ruled on what we presented and took a middle decision and that's frequently a good way to resolve them. This committee heard from both sides and made a decision on that."

The NCAA won't comment on specifics involving a decision without written permission from the athlete.

The violation in question concerned exchanging cars with a family friend, two sources familiar with the case have told The Associated Press.

Barkley traded his late model Jeep Cherokee for a bigger but older Ford Expedition that belongs to a family friend, said a source close to Barkley and another with knowledge of the matter,

both speaking on condition of anonymity.

That exchange would have been a violation of NCAA rules if Barkley received preferential treatment because he is an athlete or if it constituted possible payback for when he turns professional.

Jarvis said that as far as details, "it was pretty much what I've been reading in the paper."

"It was just a matter of if the process were different then we wouldn't have ever had this situation in the first place. This is about the process. It needs to be changed and improved. You should be innocent until proven guilty," he said.

"If there was a problem with the fact there was an exchange of autos among the friends, the first thing was re-exchanging the cars. Again that would be common sense."

Jarvis made some strong comments about the NCAA last Saturday when the suspension was announced and he publicly apologized for using rape when describing his feelings.

"The outrage had to do with the fact that our arguments were based on common sense and any time someone is wronged when it just doesn't make sense, then that would obviously make anyone outraged," he said Thursday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey joins sluggers in NL Central

Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. swinging for the fences with the wind blowing out at Wrigley Field.

Sammy Sosa patting Mark McGwire as he rounds first base on yet another home run trot.

McGwire launching one of his home run bombs over Griffey's or Sosa's head.

Just a couple of years ago, those were mostly dreams. Now that could be a typical day in baseball's most exciting divi-

sion: the Home Run Central.

With Griffey's trade Thursday from Seattle to Cincinnati, baseball's three most prolific and exciting sluggers all play in the same division, the National League Central.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Griffey traded to Reds for 4 players

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Ken Griffey Jr. was traded from the Seattle Mariners to the Cincinnati Reds today after agreeing to a contract with his hometown team.



Griffey

The agreement was confirmed to The Associated Press by a source close to the negotiations who spoke on the condition he not be identified. The deal sends pitcher Bret Tomko and outfielder Mike Cameron to Seattle along with minor league infielder Antonio Perez and another minor leaguer, the source said. Cincinnati called a news conference for 6:45 p.m. EST.

Seattle and Cincinnati agreed Wednesday night to a tentative trade that would end the 10-time All-Star's stay with the Mariners, and Cincinnati was given 72 hours to work out a contract extension with Griffey that would make the trade final.

The trade involved only the Reds and the Mariners. There had been speculation a three-way deal including Anaheim was in the works.

"The Angels are not included in any transaction involving the Reds and Mariners," Angels vice president Tim Mead said today.

The terms of the contract and the other players involved in the trade were not immediately known.

Griffey's agent, Brian Goldberg, said earlier this week that his client would take less-than-market value to play for

Cincinnati, where he grew up. Griffey, who is eligible for free agency after the season, rejected a \$148 million, eight-year extension offered by the Mariners last year.

Seattle and Griffey wanted the matter resolved by the start of spring training.

Griffey, 30, had 398 career home runs in 11 seasons, along with a .299 average and 1,152 RBIs. Hank Aaron, baseball's career home-run leader with 755, thinks Griffey has the best chance to top his record.

Griffey, who will earn \$8.25 million this season, the final year of an \$34 million, four-year contract, told the Mariners in November that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Orlando, Fla.

Mariners general manager Pat Gillick held talks with the New York Mets the following month, but Griffey then said he would accept a trade only to Cincinnati.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden cut off negotiations at the winter meetings, saying the Mariners' demands were too steep. But talks resumed in recent weeks.

Goldberg said Tuesday the Mariners gave him permission to talk directly with the Reds in an effort to break the impasse. Since there was no deal in place then and no 72-hour window, that appeared to violate baseball's rules.

"Enough occurred for us to look into it," said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

Alderson said whether any penalties would be issued is something "that still has to be determined."

"I would say this wouldn't take us very long," he added. "Sometime next week at the latest."

NBA

Rodman gets desired attention

Associated Press

DALLAS

Now that Dennis Rodman has played his first game for the Dallas Mavericks, the wait begins for his first outlandish act.

There was no reason for Rodman to dye his hair a new shade or to try anything wild on the court in his debut Wednesday night, a 117-106 loss to Seattle. His mere presence already had him where he wanted to be: in the spotlight.

The key with Rodman will be how he responds once people get used to him being around again. That's when he's likely to start pulling the stunts that have made him more famous than rebounding ever could have.

Another way to push his buttons is for the Mavericks to lose a lot, something that's entirely possible. Just because Rodman knows Dallas' past doesn't mean he's ready to lose more often than he wins.

Still, no matter what Rodman does is interesting to a lot of people. His return to the NBA after 10 months of making movies, wrestling and generally getting into trouble was truly a big-time event.

The game drew 18,203 fans, the second-largest home crowd in the Mavs' 20-year history. More than 150 media credentials were issued, triple the typical amount.

Plenty of fans were watching at home, too. Fox Sports Net reported Thursday that it was the most-watched Mavericks game the regional sports network has televised since it began receiving ratings in 1994. Viewership peaked at 111,700 from 8:15-8:30 p.m. and there were an average of 94,065 television homes tuned in throughout the game.

With so much buildup, all

Rodman had to do was show up. And he did, even arriving five minutes earlier than he had to.

Rodman played 32 minutes without any problems.

He grabbed 13 rebounds and played tough defense. He committed five fouls and drew just as many. He missed his only shot, an attempted tip.

"Same old Dennis," said Sonics forward Horace Grant. "He is still the same, pushing old Dennis."

Rodman got away with one of his old tricks — locking his arms in another player's, then acting like he was the one knocked down when the other guy tries to get untangled. And he was effective at doling out shoves in traffic; Emanuel Davis still may not have regained his balance from one particular jolt.

But Rodman will need to learn about the NBA's new rules limiting contact. While he's at it, he should consider a refresher course in illegal defense as he was twice caught out of position.

Teammates were excited by what they saw Wednesday. They figure that as he gets into the swing of things, he'll become

more of a force.

"He just has to get his lungs and his feet ready for basketball," teammate Cedric Ceballos said.

Rodman told The Dallas Morning News he doesn't consider his return a sideshow.

"I think this is a real good opportunity for me to come back and one, just to see if I can do it," Rodman said. "Two, the people here are very generous and nice. Three, to prove a point. If I can make this team get to the playoffs, my job is done. My job is done."

"It's a challenge, a hell of a challenge to try to turn this team around. Even though I'm not the Michael Jordan of the NBA, I can do something to make this team a little more physical, a little more hard-core minded that they can go out there and say, 'Hey, we can't be beat. If we're going to get beat, let's go out there and fight our butt off every night.'"

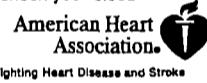
If it happens, the perception of Rodman being a grand disruptor could change.

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To the Saint Mary's College Community:

As the current Board of Governance and in light of the recent elections complications, we feel it is necessary to address the members of the student body. Let us start first by assuring each of you that the members of the current student government association who have been handling the recent events have done so with the utmost courage, responsibility, dedication, and intelligence. They deserve our support and encouragement. Their task is not, and has not been, an easy one.

The 2000-2001 Student Body Election began with the informational meetings that are attended by all tickets considering running. At these meetings, candidates are informed of the election bylaws, and made aware of requirements and deadlines. After these meetings four tickets declared candidacy. The primary vote was conducted on Monday, January 31st and no one ticket emerged with 50% plus one vote-the requirement established in the SGA constitution for a win in the primary election. As a result, according to the stipulations in the bylaws, a run-off election was held. The constitution states that, "The winner of the run-off will be that ticket with the highest number of raw votes." As we are all aware, the results of Wednesday's run-off election were a dead tie. Each ticket received the exact same number of raw votes. As this is a situation that Saint Mary's had never before been presented with, the Elections Commissioner, at the encouragement of the Director of Student Activities, approved a third election. This decision was not made according to the bylaws established in the constitution. The constitution clearly states that, "The only time a revote is to occur is if improper voting procedures were followed." **Due to the fact that proper voting procedures were enforced for Wednesday's election a revote was indeed uncalled for, and in fact, was a direct violation of the stipulations set forth in the Student Government Association constitution.** Furthermore, decision-making at that point rested in the hands of the Elections Committee, not the Elections Commissioner nor the Director of Student Activities. We acknowledge that this oversight was a mistake.

Unfortunately, this oversight was not brought to our attention until after Friday's election. The results of Friday's election awarded the Koelsch/Rodarte a higher number of raw votes than the Renner/Nagle ticket. These results, however, are deemed unofficial for 48 hours according to the SGA constitution. This time period is the window of opportunity that is present in every election, giving either ticket the opportunity to file an appeal. Proper election procedure is to inform the candidates of the unofficial results. If, after having been informed of the results, no appeal is filed by either ticket, the results become official. Complaints, on the other hand, and **a careful distinction must be noted between a complaint and an appeal**, can be filed at any time by any member of the student body. Again, these guidelines are set forth in the elections bylaws of the Student Government Association constitution.

Sunday the Renner/Nagle ticket filed such a complaint. Their complaint was based on the fact that the Elections Committee was erroneously not consulted in determining to conduct a third election. It also sighted another oversight regarding Friday's election procedures: off-campus voting was not allowed in the Off-Campus lounge.

In light of these complaints, and according to the SGA constitution, the Elections Committee met on Sunday night to discuss the validity of the complaint and establish a course of action. A quorum of the Elections Committee voted unanimously to nullify Friday's election in light of what they considered to be valid complaints filed by the Renner/Nagle ticket. At this point, the Elections Committee notified both tickets of the decision to nullify Friday's election. The Elections Committee then continued its thoughtful deliberation. The Elections Committee, made up of representatives from each residence hall and off-campus students, faced a great challenge in reaching what they considered to be a fair, just, and impartial decision. The committee mentally placed itself in the position that they should have been in on Wednesday night: the point at which, according to the constitution, they should have been consulted. They were faced with determining what an appropriate policy would be in light of not only this election, but also bearing in mind the relevance of this decision on future elections at Saint Mary's. Several options were thoroughly discussed by the committee, including sending the tie-breaking vote to Board of Governance, establishing an emergency electorate, and reverting to Monday's numbers. **A revote was NOT an option; it is a direct violation of the Student Government Association Constitution. After approximately four hours of discussion, the Elections Committee reached a conclusion.** The decision of the Elections Committee is the following: In the event of a tie in the run-off election, the total raw votes cast from the primary and run-off election will be tallied and the ticket with the highest number of resulting raw votes wins.

After a majority of the Elections Committee voted in favor of such a policy, the candidates were notified, as well as the Observer. At this point, after the decision of the Elections Committee was made, the constitution states that each ticket has 24 hours to make an appeal.

In anticipation of a possible appeal from the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket, the Interim Elections Commissioner took steps to insure that the Elections Appeals board would be fully functioning. The Constitution states that the Elections Appeals Board is made up of three members of the senior class who are also members of either Board of Governance, Student Academic Council, Residence Hall Association, or Student Activities Board. Furthermore, the members of the Appeals Board are asked and expected to remain unbiased and refrain from campaigning for any candidates. Unfortunately, one member was unable to serve. The SGA constitution states that, "An Elections Appeals Board will be appointed by the Elections Commissioner and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governance..." In light of the inability of one member to serve, the executive board voted to approve the appointment of her replacement, a senior member of Student Activities Board.

As expected, an appeal was indeed filed by the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket on the grounds that, "the decision to use the raw votes from the Monday and Wednesday elections is not a valid representation of the wishes of the student body..." and that they believe the Renner/Nagle complaint was not filed in a manner compliant with the time restrictions stated in the Student Government Association constitution. The Appeals board convened to discuss this appeal. Again, they faced a very difficult task and several options again surfaced. However, the one option the Appeals Board knew was invalid was to call a revote or to take into consideration Friday's vote due to the explicit laws stated in the Student Government Constitution. As written by the Appeals Board, their decision is the following, "...we affirm that the Elections Committee holds sole responsibility to assess elections procedures...In the case of the 2000-2001 election, improper elections procedures occurred...Therefore, Friday's vote was nullified...Because Wednesday's election resulted in a tie, we refer back to the vote of the Monday, January 31st elections. Monday's results showed that the Renner/Nagle ticket received 43% of the total votes while the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket received 37% of the total votes. The goal of the Elections Appeals Board is to keep in mind the voice of the student body, while remaining fair to the tickets involved. We believe that our decision does accomplish this objective. The decision of the Elections Appeals Board is final and binding."

After reaching its decision, the candidates were notified, as well as the Observer.

The intensity of this election reflects something that we should all be very proud of. This is reflected in the narrow split of the elections. Both tickets are made up of strong women yearning to serve Saint Mary's. Both are highly qualified and exemplify the best of Saint Mary's. Both have struggled to stand up for their rights as students and as candidates for Student Body President/Vice President.

We regret that the unfortunate events of the past week have occurred. We always hope that elections run smoothly, and they usually do. However, these recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association. Events unfolded such that the Constitution was our framework. Due process was followed every step of the way. Decision-making was conducted justly and fairly. In the process, we have maintained the integrity of the elections process and the future integrity of the Student Government Association. In particular, Bridget Heffernan, our interim elections commissioner, has conducted herself ethically, honestly, and has acted with the utmost concern for the interests of the student body.

This past week has not been easy for any of the parties involved: the candidates, the members of the Elections committee, the Appeals Board, or the student body. This election has served to illustrate the importance that even one vote can bear. Finally, we would like to remind everyone that we are all members of the same student body. We implore you to act with graciousness and maturity. There is no one to blame. It was an unfortunate occurrence, however, the strong guidelines established by the SGA constitution have insured fairness. Keep in mind that the student body elected the officials that are currently serving their terms; it is imperative that we have faith in and support the decisions made by the current Student Government Association.

Thank you very much and good luck to everyone involved. We are sure that the talents of the four young women involved will not be wasted next year. Saint Mary's is truly blessed to have such skilled and able women present among its student body.

With Regards,
1999-2000 Saint Mary's College Board of Governance

The SMC student body will receive a copy of this letter in their mail tomorrow.

NFL

Colts to keep Dilger for next five years

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
Ken Dilger got the long-term commitment he wanted from the Indianapolis Colts.

The veteran tight end signed a five-year, \$15 million contract on Thursday with the AFC East champions.

"I'm very happy. I wanted to stay in Indiana and finish my career here," said Dilger, who could have become a free agent Friday. "I always felt we would get it done without having to have the franchise tag put on me. There were a couple of sticking points and we were able to work them out."

Dilger's agent, Mark Bartelstein, said the Colts agreed to the long-term deal rather than designate Dilger as their "franchise" player, which would have given him a one-year salary equal to the average of the top five tight ends in the league — \$2.385 million.

"It was a long process," Bartelstein said. "We didn't really want to be franchised, so we tried to come up with something that would work for everybody, and I think this does it."

As a "franchise" player, Dilger still could have signed an offer sheet with another team, but then the Colts would have had the option of either matching the offer or receiving two first-round picks as compensation from Dilger's new team.

"We're very happy to have Ken Dilger on board with us for

the next five years," Colts president Bill Polian said. "We look forward to a great season from him."

The league's free agency period begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

The Colts already waived linebacker Michael Barber, receiver Lake Dawson, running back Darick Holmes and quarterback Steve Walsh. Tackle Adam Meadows,

running back Leeland McElroy and quarterback Kelly Holcomb received one-year contract offers as restricted

free agents, meaning they may sign offer sheets with other clubs but the Colts have one week to match the offers or receive compensation through draft picks.

Dilger, a former Indiana high school All-State quarterback at Heritage Hills and a second-round draft pick out of Illinois in 1995, earned about \$1.2 million last season. His wife, Heidi, is expecting their first child late this month.

"I'm very happy. I wanted to stay in Indiana and finish my career here."

Ken Dilger
Indianapolis tight end

Free agency creates new rosters

Associated Press

The NFL's annual free-agent period starts Friday with the possibility that some of pro football's biggest stars will be on the open market, victims of age, injury or the salary cap.

That group includes Steve Young, Jerry Rice, Dan Marino, Bruce Smith, Thurman Thomas and Deion Sanders, who all could be retired or with new teams next season.

Marino, the leading passer in NFL history, took the first step Thursday by voiding the last two years of his contract. Marino has indicated that if he doesn't retire, he'd prefer to re-sign with the Dolphins for a reduced salary rather than join another team.

Smith and Thomas, meanwhile, followed Andre Reed into free agency Thursday, breaking Buffalo's last ties to the Super Bowl teams of the 1990s.

"It's a sad day, a very sad day," Smith, 36, told The Associated Press after his release. I thought I would have finished my career in Buffalo and had an opportunity to go back and win a championship in Buffalo."

Instead, Smith, Thomas and Reed — none ready to retire —

will test the free agency market.

"The Bills felt squeezed by 'cap-onomics,'" agent Leigh Steinberg, who represents Smith and Thomas, said. "Neither of these players wanted to leave. It was their intention, since they both had long and illustrious careers, to stay."

Most of the NFL's 31 teams were battling salary-cap problems as the midnight deadline approached. The cap this year is increasing by only \$5 million per team — the cost of one good free agent — to \$62 million. That means even major stars could face the choice of accepting pay cuts, going elsewhere, or, in the cases of Young and Marino, considering retirement.

Young, Rice and Marino are the most intriguing.

Steinberg is renegotiating Young's deal with the 49ers, but only to help San Francisco get under the cap. The 49ers were \$13 million over at midweek. Steinberg said Young will probably decide in April

whether to retire following a series of concussions, stay with San Francisco, or to ask for his release.

Rice, who interests Washington and Dallas among others, wants to play next season but might be released for cap reasons or at his own request.

Sanders, on the other hand, already wants out of Dallas, which in any case would release him June 1 to make cap room. He's due to make more than \$12 million next season.

On Thursday, the New England Patriots saved some money by waiving tight end Ben Coates and signing Lawyer Milloy to a seven-year, \$35 million contract.

Tim Brown passed on free agency and signed with the Oakland Raiders. Terms weren't disclosed.

Denver cleared some cap room by cutting defensive ends Alfred Williams and Neil Smith, two veteran members of their two Super Bowl winners. Smith was due to make \$2.5 million and Williams \$1.6 million.

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playing to our advantage. But we're so happy we're fourth right now ... I'm going to take a picture of that scoreboard and mount it on the wall. This makes a huge statement."

With Thursday's events behind them, day one's performances have set a precedent that success is to be expected in this meet. Record breaking performances proved to be the rule rather than the exception, and the team has yet to attack the events that record breaking performances were expected in.

"They've seen what they can do, and it's contagious," Hildebrandt said. "There is no stopping this team."

Colleen Sullivan set the pace for the meet early in the day, when, in her first individual event, she broke Danielle Clayton's 1999 50 freestyle record. Sullivan's mark, which undercut Clayton's by two

tenths of a second to 25.73 seconds in the morning, was enough to earn her a place in the consolation finals. Stepping up again, Sullivan broke her own record, cutting it to 25.60 and an eighth place overall finish.

"I just wanted to take control of that race," Sullivan said. "I wasn't focused on my competitors. I try to focus on myself, on my race. I just wanted to give it all I [could.]"

Sullivan also anchored the 200 medley relay team that cracked a 15-year-old record set by Rafferty, Pancrantz, Murtaugh and Byrne in February of 1985. The record, set during the team's championship season, was the oldest record left on the Saint Mary's board. The team of Sullivan, Clayton, Alicia Lesneskie and

Lane Herrington lowered that mark by over two seconds, updating the record books to 1 minute, 43.95 seconds.

"Breaking a 200 freestyle record by two seconds is unheard of," said athletic director Lyn Kachmarik. "This is unbelievable."

"Breaking a 200 freestyle record by two seconds is unheard of, this is unbelievable."

Lyn Kachmarik
Saint Mary's Athletic Director

The 400 medley relay team of Michelle Samreta, Herrington, Lesneskie and Clayton also rewrote the books, resetting their own record by more than six seconds.

Aware they had to edge Alma College to finish fourth for day one, the record wasn't even a consideration. Advancing past Alma and threatening Kalamazoo College by less than a second, the team posted a surprising drop from their record posted in late January.

"I didn't expect that," said Hildebrandt. "They broke their own record by six seconds — that's amazing. I knew that everyone was going fast, but I didn't realize they broke it."

Individual performances were also strong, with Olivia Smith securing a sixth place finish in the 500 freestyle, followed by Lesneskie's 11th place finish. Freshman Lauren Smith finished 11th in the 200 individual medley, and Clayton earned 11th in the 50 freestyle.

The Belles will return to Rolfs Aquatic Center tomorrow morning, to defend their fourth place position and potentially challenge more records.

"They are just mentally there," Hildebrandt said. "It's going to be awesome."

Sullivan

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guidance, Sullivan began to realize that she could challenge what she had done before — and supercede it.

"She's a very hard worker," Hildebrandt said. "I knew right away that she could beat all of her previous records."

Sullivan did beat all of her previous records Thursday night, engraving her place in Saint Mary's swimming history by setting the 50 freestyle record twice, and anchoring the 200 freestyle relay that cracked the oldest record left on the record board.

Hildebrandt was visibly moved on the side of the deck, glancing at her watch and up at the scoreboard for confirmation, holding in tears of pride.

"It brought tears to my eyes," she said. "Everything about her race was perfect — her start, her turn, her stroke. I was watching in so much anticipation that I didn't even want to look at the board, because I didn't want to be disappointed. The swim was so perfect ... she deserves this so much."

But Sullivan, who prefers middle distance events, had no idea she had set the record.

"I just wanted to give it all I could," she said. "In the 50, there's really no time to think. I was just looking forward, thinking, 'I own this lane.' I knew that I was going to swim fast."

But she was unaware of just how fast she would swim.

"I don't train for the 50, so

this was a pleasant surprise," she said. "I didn't even know I'd broken it until I walked around [to Gretchen]."

Sullivan's role has been one of silent necessity throughout the season, as the junior has the ability to pull out a tight win in critical situations. As the season progressed, Hildebrandt watched the woman who came to her uncertain mature into someone who played an integral role on the team.

"In her lane, she is the motivator," Hildebrandt said. "She works hard, and they have fun. She is someone I look to for leadership both in and out of the pool ... she is an excellent role model."

Her newfound confidence was based in her mental training, an aspect of swimming she had never considered before, Sullivan said.

"I had never trained mentally before," Sullivan admitted. "Since I've gotten back from Ireland, I've had a much more laid back attitude towards the sport. Under Gretchen, I've also learned to be mentally tough, and that mental toughness matters."

Mental focus will surely come into play for Sullivan, who still has the 100 and 200 freestyle events on her schedule for this weekend. But as far as she's concerned, for now, she just wants to take it easy.

"I'm just trying to have fun, and enjoy swimming because I know one day I'm going to miss it," she said. "As far as breaking records, I hope we're surprising some people — maybe scaring some people. I'm excited for tomorrow — everyone shocked themselves today."

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lar performance, Murphy personally showed the Huskies that their guard Khalid El-Amin is by no means assured the status of Big East Player of the Year.

El-Amin ranks fifth in the conference in scoring with 17.5 points per game, but Murphy leads the league in two categories with his 23.2 points per outing and 10.9 rebounds.

"We've got to contain Khalid El-Amin from scoring and execute our offense," Murphy said.

Junior guard Albert Mouring and senior forward Kevin Freeman both average in double digits for Connecticut.

For Notre Dame, sophomore forward David Graves and freshman guard Matt Carroll each average more than 10 points per game.

Notre Dame is looking to rebound from disappointing losses at Pittsburgh and Villanova.

"We just have to keep our focus and keep to our game plan," Murphy said. "We've gotten away from our game plan the past couple of games."

Doherty elaborated on Irish troubles of late.

"We needed to get our cage shook up a little bit," he said. "Maybe we started feeling too sure of ourselves. I'm going to try to deliver a bit of a wake-up call in practice."

It will take an inspired and error-free performance to deliver a second loss to Connecticut. Connecticut has only lost three times since falling to Notre Dame, with two of the three defeats coming at the hands of foes ranked in the

top five in the nation — Syracuse and Michigan State.

"We need to make sure we get good shots," Doherty said. "That will help us, not only in field goal percentage, but keeping them from running the break. We need to get back in transition, and be very active in our zone and box out."

Keeping turnovers at a minimum could prove crucial for the Irish, who have struggled in that area.

"We've got to take care of the ball," Ingelsby said. "We know that we can go out and play with one of the top teams in the country in Connecticut."

Chalking up a win has depended most strongly on two factors for the Irish this season — home court advantage and Murphy's scoring output.

With the crowds coming out in force to home games, the Joyce Center has turned into a tough arena for opponents. The Irish have taken full advantage of the home court support, holding a 12-2 record at the JACC. Their play on the road has been unpredictable, however. They sit at 2-8 away from home, with the two road victories coming against the most formidable opponents in UConn and Ohio State.

"I don't think it's jitters on the road," Doherty said. "It's more of the energy we get from the home crowd that we obviously don't get on the road. You have to create that for yourself on the road, and we haven't been able to do that."

In all but one of Notre Dame's losses this season, opponents held Murphy below his scoring average.

"I think it's an important figure, but not a crucial figure," Doherty said. "Other guys need to step up at times."



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Sophomore Troy Murphy moves past a West Virginia defender in a recent game. Murphy leads the Irish host defending national champion Connecticut Saturday at 12 p.m.

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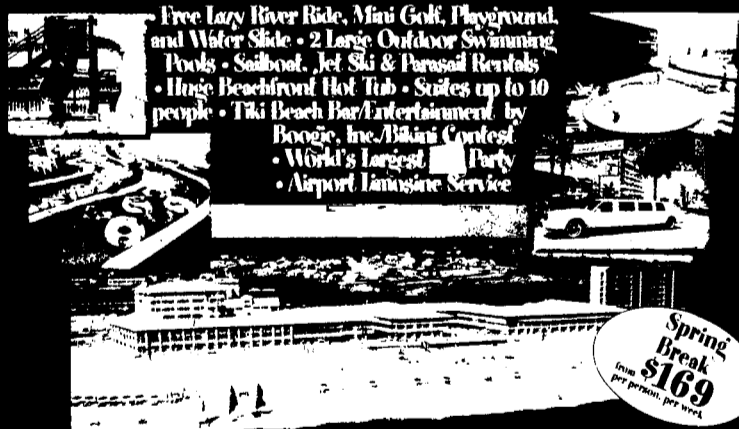
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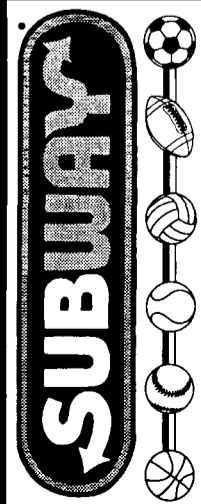
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MEN'S TENNIS

Kentucky upset encourages Notre Dame for OSU game

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

After posting a huge win over 18th-ranked Kentucky on Tuesday, the 38th-ranked Irish look to keep their hot streak alive, and improve upon their 3-2 record when they meet 58th-ranked Ohio State this Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The recent win over Kentucky marked the biggest upset by Notre Dame since the 1997 Irish squad, then ranked 29th, upended eighth-ranked Duke 4-3.



Sachire

However, after the big win, the Irish are being careful not to take Ohio State lightly.

"We are pretty concerned about Ohio State because they are undefeated," Notre Dame coach Bob Bayliss said. "They are pretty solid from top to bottom."

Ohio State has yet to encounter rough terrain this season, blowing by former number 51 South Alabama, Toledo, Bowling Green and Robert Morris.

After posting wins, the Buckeyes received attention by being granted a national ranking for the first time in at least four years.

Chris Porter, ranked No. 62, will lead the Buckeyes into Saturday's match, and will most likely face Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire in the top singles battle.

Including the recent win over Kentucky's ninth-ranked Carlos Drada, 14th-ranked Sachire has put together an impressive string of victories and should pose an obstacle for Porter.

The rest of the Irish lineup will presumably remain the same as in the previous match, barring the return of injured 56th-ranked junior and No. 2 singles player Matt Daly, who has been hampered by a shoulder injury.

Freshman Brian Farrell stepped up in the No. 6 slot to fill in for

Daly, and demonstrated his poise and power by clinching the Irish victory over Kentucky in their previous match.

Sophomore Casey Smith will most likely follow Sachire in the ranks at No. 2 singles, followed by sophomores Javier Taborga, Aaron Talarico and Andrew

Lafin. This established squad stands as a formidable opponent for any team, especially for a team like Ohio State who has yet to prove they are national contenders.

"It's going to be a tough match for us," OSU's assistant coach Dave

Schilling said. "We were able to play well against South Alabama, the No. 51 team in the country, but this match will be a whole new level of play and we are going to be on the road as well. This will be by far the toughest test of the season to date."

The Buckeyes are under the new management of head

coach Ty Tucker who brings a wealth of tennis knowledge to the improving program. He left Ohio State in 1992 after his junior year to become a professional tennis player, and achieved a world ranking of 232, and in 1994 he was nationally ranked No. 35.

Tucker's arrival has attracted a number of key additions to the Ohio State program, including freshman Philip Metz, who was ranked 22nd in the United States Tennis Association national rankings in the 18 and under division.

The Buckeyes also boast the 35th-ranked doubles team of Andrew Carlson and Porter, who look to take away the doubles point when they meet the Irish in dual-match play. But the Irish's 48th-ranked pair of Taborga and Talarico hopes to alter the Buckeye game plan. Notre Dame proved the importance of garnering the doubles point in dual-play, after doing so helped them secure their recent upset.

"It is important to stand up to them early," coach Bayliss said. "And let them know who we are and that we are here to play."

"We are pretty concerned about Ohio State because they are undefeated. They are pretty solid from top to bottom."

Bob Bayliss
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Terrapins serve up competition

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team won't have to wait much longer to find out exactly where it stands in relation to its competitors.

The Irish women will take on the talented Maryland Terrapins this afternoon at the Eck Tennis Pavilion in a showdown that should serve notice as to exactly how far they have come, or perhaps how far they need to go.

Coming off an easy 9-0 trouncing of Yale, Notre Dame will be provided with a much more daunting test when they take on Maryland this afternoon and attempt to run its season record to 4-1.

"They're very talented," head coach Jay Louderback said. "They're as athletic as any team we'll play all year."

As always, the Irish will be led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso, who will play both No. 1 singles and doubles. Dasso played exceptionally well in her last singles match and looks to have recovered from a fall shoulder injury.

Sophomore Becky Varnum and junior Kelly Zalinski will be relied upon heavily to pick up key points in No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively.

Maryland has been surging lately, easily winning its first three dual meets of the season. The Terps are young — almost to a fault. And their lack of experience could play into the hands of the Irish.

"They haven't had a tough test all year," Louderback said. "With the freshmen playing in their first big match, that could be a difference."

The Terps' top two players are extremely talented, yet inexperienced, freshmen. First year player Delia Causevic, a native of Bosnia, will battle Dasso in No. 1 singles, while her classmate Jessica Johnson will take on Zalinski.

Causevic has been on top of her game lately but she too will be tested as her match with Dasso will be her toughest to date.

With the Irish having sent two doubles teams to the Rolex Indoors last weekend, and the Terps featuring the Johnson and Causevic as their No. 1 doubles pair, the doubles matches should be interesting.

Dasso and Varnum will receive a strong challenge from Causevic and Johnson.

Junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha will play No. 2 doubles in hopes of continuing their fine play.

Maryland, rarely tested in three previous victories over Missouri, West Virginia and Georgetown, faces a difficult test in meeting on Notre Dame's home court.

Since beating the Washington Huskies last month, the Irish have not taken on a quality opponent, making this match a valid indicator of the squad's current state.



Dasso

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to improve against Red Storm

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When the time ran off the clock against Pittsburgh Wednesday, the Irish were able to put another notch in the win column, but their sloppy play left a mark on the fifth-ranked squad.

Faltering for the first time in conference action, the Irish allowed the Panthers hang with them too long and let the unranked 13-9 squad come too close to an upset in the 81-74 contest.

As the final stretch of the regular season brings a flurry of tough matchups for Irish head coach Muffet McGraw's 20-2 team, tonight's game against Big East rival St. John's may just be what Notre Dame need to get back on track.

Defending an undefeated conference record and looking to increase an already record-breaking 16-game winning streak, the Irish play host to the Red Storm in the teams' second meeting this season.

"I don't think we'll have the same performance against St. John's," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "We learned a lot from our game Wednesday night. You never want to say that playing bad is a good thing, but there is a lot we can take from that game."

The Irish are all too aware NCAA that the Big East and tournaments are looming and recognize the importance of staying on top.

McGraw will look for more consistent play from her starters in the lane and an improved effort from the bench against St. John's. The Irish have struggled recently getting the ball to the post.

"We've been working in practice now for weeks on throwing the ball high," said McGraw. "It's not that difficult. We continually throw it to the defender. We'll have to keep working on that."

Riley scored 19 points in Wednesday's game, but didn't play a major role on offense until midway through the second half.

Riley knows that she and her teammates will have to stay focused to

ensure a win over St. John's.

"A lot of the players on the team weren't ready to play on Wednesday," said Riley. "Each time you play a team twice it's harder to beat that team a second time. It's a great opportunity for St. John's to come here and gain some respect in the polls because we are ranked fifth."

When the Irish traveled to New York in January for the teams' first game, they handed the Red Storm a crushing 69-49 loss. Guard Danielle Green teamed up with Riley to lead the Irish with 16 points apiece.

The Red Storm's Latasha Thompson scored a game-high 20 points and has continued to lead the St. John's squad in their three games since last matching up with the Irish.

The Red Storm, at 8-13, has won only three conference games this season. The unranked squad is coming off an overtime loss to Syracuse Wednesday.

The Irish have never lost to the Red Storm, holding a 7-0 advantage in the series.

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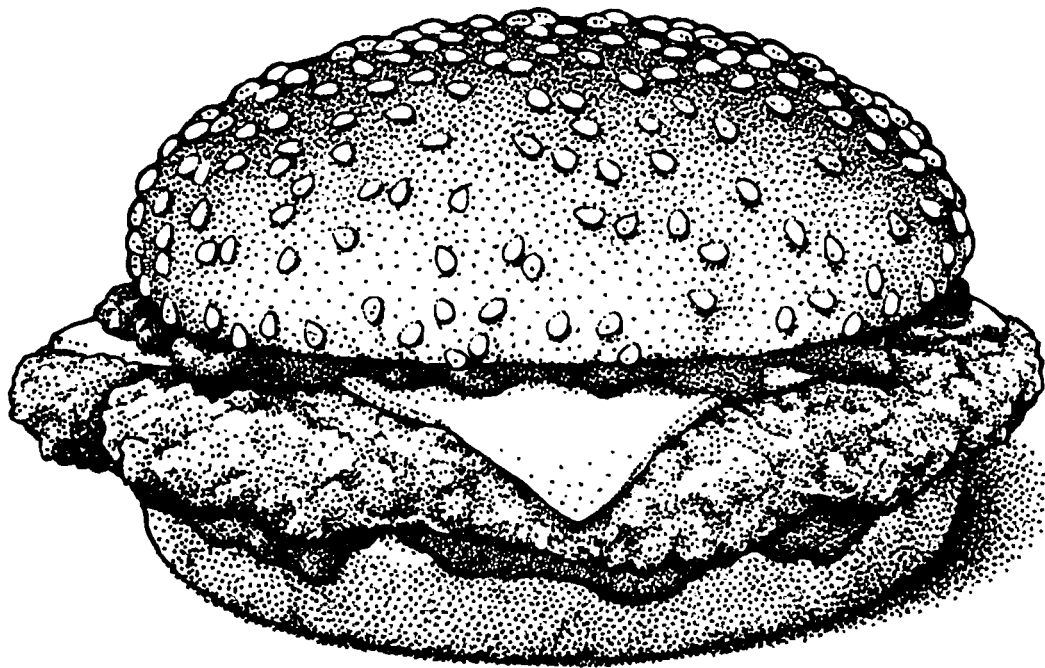
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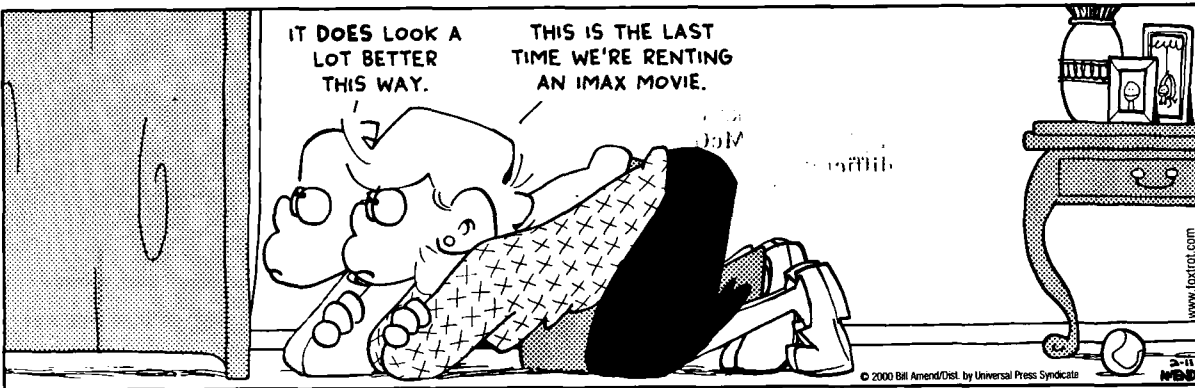
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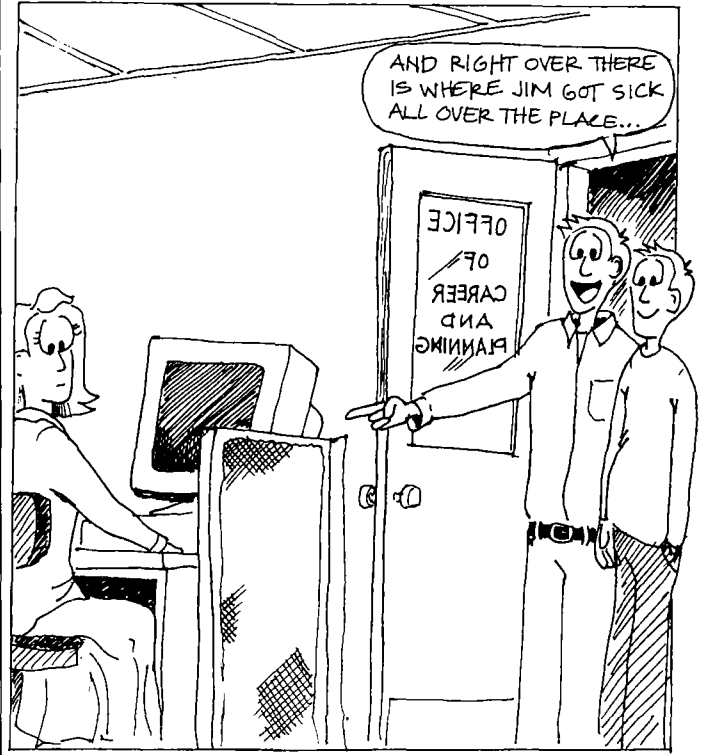
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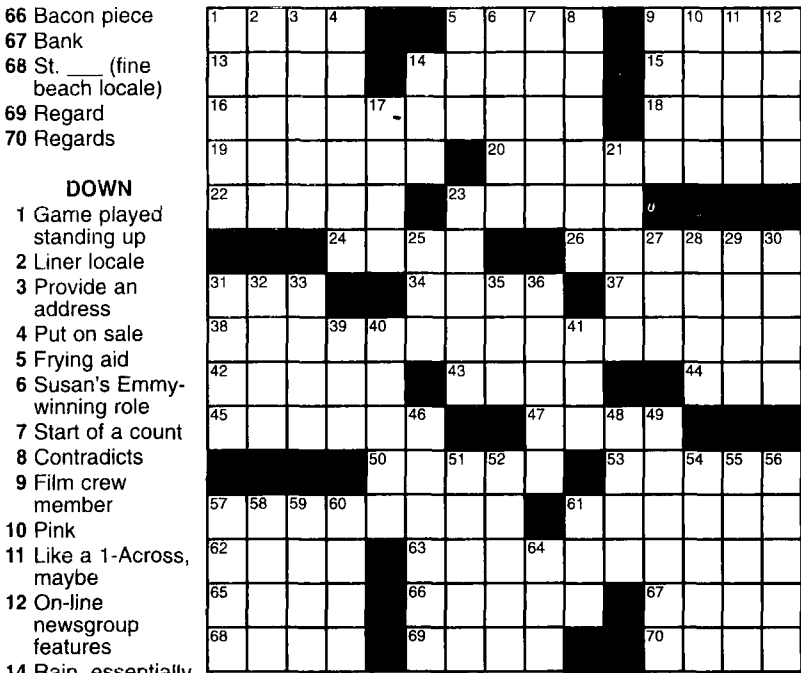


For the seniors, a trip to the towers is full of nostalgia.

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- 1 Way out
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 - 9 1988 Grand Slam winner
 - 13 Big field
 - 14 Guardians of the gates of Olympus
 - 15 King, in Hindi
 - 16 Really mad
 - 18 Faisal I's land
 - 19 Dragon, maybe
 - 20 Barbers' needs
 - 22 Weasel
 - 23 Swiss city
 - 24 Ropes, e.g.
 - 26 Like blue chip stocks
 - 31 Gossip
 - 34 1951 N.L. Rookie of the Year
- DOWN**
- 37 Alfredo, in "La Traviata"
 - 38 "It was nice getting acquainted"
 - 42 Geoffrey of fashion
 - 43 Comical piece
 - 44 Put away the dishes
 - 45 New Hampshire's capital during the Revolution
 - 47 Professors' degs.
 - 50 Windmill parts
 - 53 Scandalous
 - 57 Victorious
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- 14 Rain, essentially
 - 17 Bind
 - 21 Academy founder
 - 23 Not-so-joyful noises
 - 25 Sound studio device
 - 27 Oligarchical group
 - 28 Irish pop singer
 - 29 Smog contributor
 - 30 Sincere
 - 31 Agree
 - 32 Green card issuer
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 - 10 Pink
 - 11 Like a 1-Across, maybe
 - 12 On-line newsgroup features
 - 33 "This is fu-u-u-un!"
 - 35 Kind of bug
 - 36 Record problems
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 - 40 Tick off
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 - 48 Allotment
 - 49 Expressions of contempt
 - 51 Don't guzzle
 - 52 "Family Ties" mother
 - 54 Portable home
 - 55 Small egg
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Dodging the Storm
The Irish women's basketball team hosts Big East rival St. John's tonight. Following a close game against Pittsburgh, the Irish look to improve their play.
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles compete in second day of MIAA Championships

◆ **Sullivan exceeds expectations after year-long layoff**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 Saint Mary's Editor

Colleen Sullivan stepped onto the pool deck in September convinced that she wasn't going to live up to what she used to be.

After a year abroad in Ireland, the junior sprinter was looking to return to swimming because she missed it; but after a year and a half without serious training, she knew that achieving the standards she was used to was close to impossible.

"She came in, first day, and said flat out that she didn't know if she could do what she had done in high school," said coach Gretchen Hildebrandt, who admitted that she didn't know what to immediately expect from Sullivan.

Sullivan wasn't sure what she could expect from herself, either.

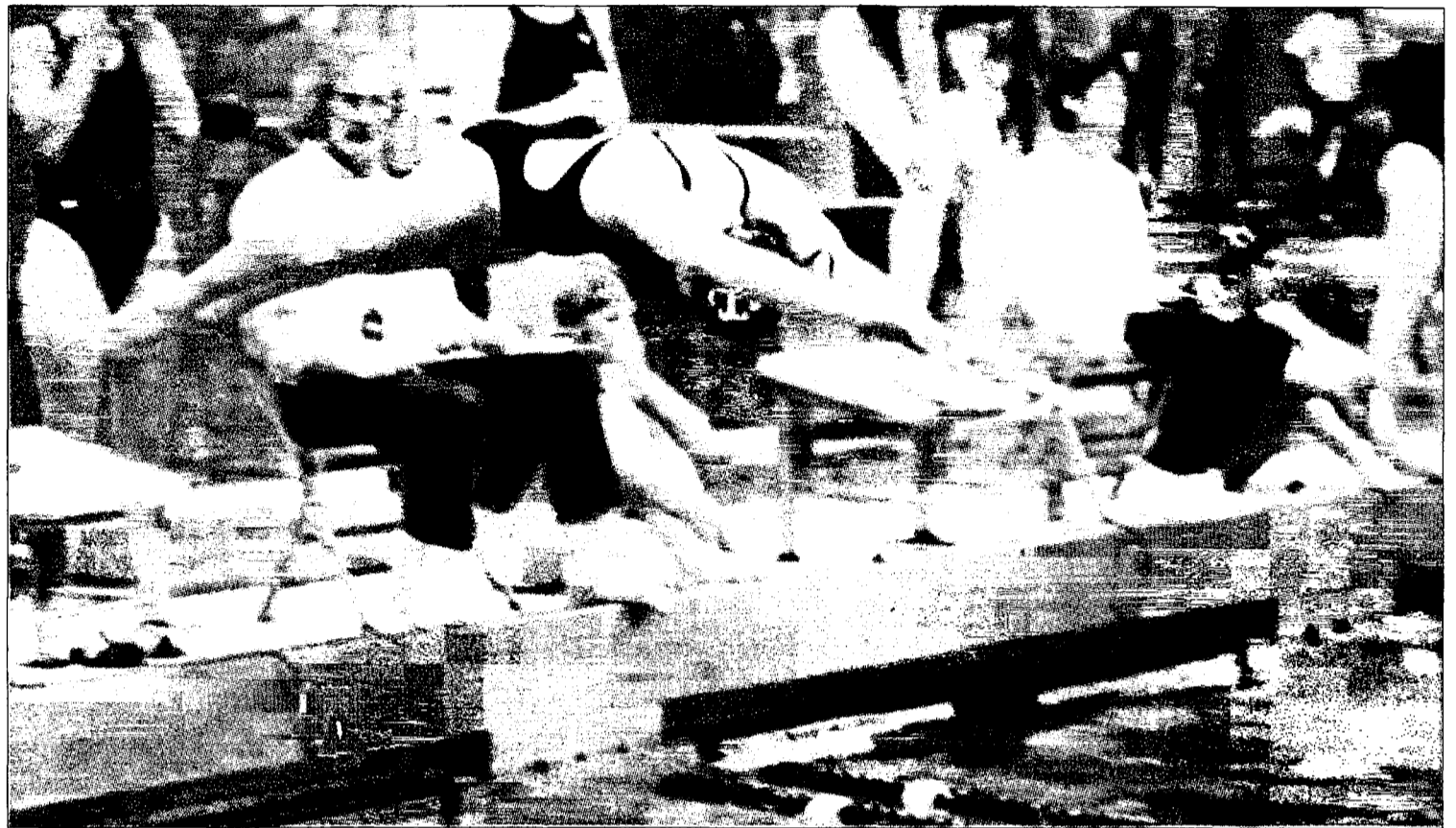
"I was very worried," she said about her return to competitive swimming. "I had gotten in to do a 500 over the summer, and it killed. I hadn't done anything in the water in a year and a half. It definitely affected my confidence."

So easing back into the sport, Sullivan trailed in her lane, unsure of what her capabilities would allow her to do.

"As far as training, at the beginning part of the season, I'd volunteer to go last in my lane," Sullivan said. "I had lost confidence in my training more than my races. It took me awhile before I could lead the lane."

But under Hildebrandt's

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Freshman Lane Herrington dives into the water during yesterday's MIAA swimming and diving championships. Herrington and the other members of the 400 medley relay team broke a 15-year-old record in the race. The team surpassed the former record by more than six seconds.

◆ **Record-breaking performances lead Belles' dominance**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 Saint Mary's Editor

Coach Gretchen Hildebrandt had one wish for her swimmers leading into the MIAA swimming and diving championships: That they would attack their races.

After Thursday night, attack was no longer the word she could use to describe her swimmers' performances.

It was more like destroy.

Maybe it was the unexpected fourth place standing the Belles found themselves in at the conclusion of Thursday's finals. Maybe it was the fact that Saint Mary's swimmers dropped more time than any other team in the conference championship. Or maybe it was the four record-breaking performances the athletes posted throughout the course of the day that led Hildebrandt to believe that maybe her high expectations for the weekend just weren't high enough.

"This is what I dream of," said Hildebrandt, first-year coach for the Belles. "You can never guarantee anything, but

this — this kind of day — this is what you hope for."

Rebounding from a sixth place MIAA finish in 1999, the Belles sought to advance with the home court advantage in their corner in 2000. After tallying dual meet scores and analyzing expected performances, a fifth-place finish for the weekend was not an unreasonable goal. But when Thursday's tallies put the team in fourth place ahead of Alma, Albion, and Olivet Colleges after day one, the team admitted that it might be time to reevaluate that goal.

"It's hard to say if we're going to stay here,"

Hildebrandt said. "Every single day is different, and we don't have anyone in the 400 individual medley tomorrow, which will hurt us. But we will have fantastic performances tomorrow."

Regardless, Saint Mary's rise to fourth place does make Alma and Albion Colleges, both of which defeated the Belles in regular season competition, take this team a little more seriously.

"This shows a couple of teams that we are really tough. They may not be tapered as well, and that's

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish seek season's second win over Connecticut

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
 Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish are within striking distance of going 2-2 against the defending national champion, a feat never before accomplished by a men's basketball team at Notre Dame.

"We're going to try," first year head coach Matt Doherty said. "I think the crowd will definitely help us."

Notre Dame (14-10, 5-5 Big East) scored a huge upset victory in knocking off conference rival Connecticut 75-70 Jan. 5.

"When our kids feel threatened, they really bear down and play hard and execute," Doherty said. "Maybe it's the fear factor."

That win was Notre Dame's second of the season over a team that danced its way to the Final Four last year, adding UConn (17-5, 6-3) to Ohio State

on the list of teams taken down by Notre Dame.

"We just get up for those games," sophomore star forward Troy Murphy said. "We relish the fact that a top-ranked team like Connecticut can come into our court. We look forward to playing the teams like Connecticut, Syracuse, St. John's."

The Cinderella-esque win caused Irish fans and enemies alike to realize this squad is for

real. It pumped up Irish fans, drawing in hordes of people to the Joyce Center. This Saturday's Notre Dame-UConn rematch sold out just a week after the first contest between the two teams, leaving those without tickets out in the cold, a rare occurrence during recent years of mediocrity in Notre Dame basketball.

"We've been playing pretty well," junior point guard Martin Ingelsby said, "and I think

everyone around Notre Dame is getting more excited about basketball."

The Irish stunned the Huskies by beating them earlier in the season, handing the Huskies their second defeat of the season and the first on their home court.

Murphy opened their eyes with 33 points and 16 rebounds. With that spectacu-

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