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Revival of women's colleges sparks Saint Mary's success

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

In a recent writing on the future of women's colleges, Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred attributed the continued success of women's colleges to two main reasons.

"First, and most important, we offer a quality education," she wrote. "Second, we endure and even thrive because women's colleges offer superior opportunities for women to achieve their personal and professional goals."

Only 2.5 percent of all females who attend college choose women's colleges. But, 1/3 of the female members of the 1992 Fortune 1000 companies, one in seven members of state cabinets, and 30 percent of women on a Business Week list of the 50 women rising in corporate America are graduates of women's colleges.

Although the number of all

female institutions fell sharply from over 200 in the 1960's to 76 in 1997, women's colleges today seem to be on the rise again. After a period of decline, this renaissance is good news to women's colleges such as Saint Mary's. But why the return to an all-women's education?

"In various studies, graduates of women's colleges are more than twice as likely as graduates of coeducational colleges to receive doctorate degrees," said Debbie Wesley, assistant director of admissions at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. "[And they're twice as likely] to enter medical school and receive doctorates in the natural sciences."

Realizing the benefits

An increasing number of women are realizing the advantages of attending a women's college. Most all surviving women's colleges are small, liberal arts institutions offer-

ing undergraduate degrees.

Many institutions are located in the vicinity of a larger co-educational institution, which offers a small, liberal arts atmosphere as well as the experience and social opportunities associated with a larger university, much like Saint Mary's relationship with Notre Dame.

Barnard University, located in Morningside Heights in Manhattan, in close proximity to Columbia University, is another women's college that has reaped the benefits of a large-university affiliation.

"I think that we are in a particular situation in that we're across the street and associated with Columbia," Dean of Admissions of Barnard Jennifer Fondiller said. "There is a perception that all women's colleges are isolated, but most are associated with co-educational institutions which is very good."

In addition, women's colleges

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Saint Mary's Freshman Class Sizes

1997	344
1998	425
1999	455
2000	511

ELECTION COUNTDOWN



Republican presidential candidate, Governor George W. Bush, stands before a crowd of his supporters at a Lake Michigan College rally last Friday. See pages 7 through 9 inside for a news analysis of the running mates' issue differences, predictions of election turnout, and new coverage of Bush's drunk driving accusations, respectively.

AMANDA GRECO/The Observer

Dalloway's menus, security concern students

By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

Security and menu choices are two concerns being voiced by the student body in reaction to the grand opening of Dalloway's, the student snack bar and social center that replaced the now-closed coffee shop in the Clubhouse.

The building, one of the first projects in the Campus Master Plan, opened unofficially last week. But the opening of the coffee shop forced food services to limit nighttime service at The Crossings snack bar, located in Hagggar College Center.

The Crossings, a full-service snack bar, was formerly open from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.. The hours are now cut back to 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The limited hours are mainly due a lack of campus demand, said Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs.

"To have four food areas running at the same time during lunch is fine but after the rush we can afford to close some down," said Timm. "So in response, Hagggar's hours were adjusted."

The decision to set definite hours for Dalloway's operation was also to set up consistency, Timm said. Dalloway's currently operates from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. weekdays, and until 1 a.m. on weekends.

"Students never knew the hours of the old Clubhouse, so we wanted to set up the new Dalloway's with a consistent time it would be open," said Timm.

But Dalloway's, which is not a full-service snack bar, does not offer the food options available in Hagggar. Some students are concerned that the food items offered at Hagggar cannot be purchased at Dalloway's when

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INSIDE COLUMN

Saving my life

An earring saved my life the other day. Well, maybe not my life, but at least my sanity. I was blow-drying my hair and I was, in my latest trend, running late for class.

As I bent over to dry the wettest part of my head, I looked down at all the hair and bits of dried leaves on the floor and made a mental note: No. 42 on my never-ending list, clean the germ-infested dump I call a bathroom.

Just then I looked over at my soap-scum sink at a potentially dangerous situation for my favorite earrings. One of my most precious silver hoops was facing an ultimate doom as it gradually slid toward the drain — permanently open because Mr. Fix-It hasn't come by yet to repair it.

"I can be late with wet hair and have the dirtiest bathroom in College Park, but I am NOT losing those earrings," I told myself. Just then I dropped the hair dryer and saved the hoops from an untimely death.

And for some reason, I started laughing. And even walking the long walk down Bulla Road to campus, the laughing continued, this time in my head.

These were earrings — not love, money or even homework — that I was watching tumble toward the drain. They do little more for me than merely decorate my earlobes. But at that point, they were the difference between happiness and hell.

It was then that I had realized my life was spinning out of control — at least enough not to know what was really important anymore: my sanity. For weeks the same three things had been dancing in my mind and, ultimately, driving me crazy: the search for a job, The Observer and finding time to have a life. I had just come off the fall break high of spending a terrific week in Las Vegas with my best friends. Elvis and falling slot machine quarters had drowned out my problems and for seven days, I was worry-free.

Then reality set in when I stepped back on campus, and the presidential election became the cherry on top. It seemed all anyone wanted to ask me was what I'm doing when I graduate or whom I'm voting for. Let's talk about trees or even bubble gum. I don't want tax plans to run my life or my conversation.

Life was again not life but merely surviving each day without ripping out my hair. I opened the door to my mental health and ushered my worries in to steal it away. It took the ridiculous disaster of losing jewelry to make me realize that I wasn't having fun and was just having headaches.

And as I sit here typing this, "Come on Over" by Christina Aguilera blares from my radio and I want to scream. It's hard enough not to stress when you feel the world on your shoulders without a scantily-clad teen pop star reminding you that yep, she already has a job. She's got a job and money and apparently numerous men wanting to "come on over, baby." Great, Christina, thanks. Life wasn't looking difficult enough.

But I'm trying not to think about life so much and just enjoy it. I'm trying not worry about work, or trying to find time to fill this space; I just want to fill it.

And when trying to see the lighter side, I think back to the last time I saw Aguilera perform on MTV and one thing makes me smile: she has really ugly earrings.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Holy Cross priest arrested in Chile
Nov. 7, 1975

Members of the Holy Cross Congregation denounced the arrest of Holy Cross priest, Father Gerald Whelan, by Chile's military government and its search for other priests and sisters accused of aiding revolutionaries. Whelan was arrested and imprisoned. He was charged with giving medical aid for members of the underground Revolutionary Left Movement (MIR).

Pope names Notre Dame priest as Bishop
Nov. 3, 1997

Pope Paul II appointed Father Daniel Jenky as an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Jenky was the rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. "It's a sacrament," he said of the ordination. "Although I'm scared, I think it'll be a special grace. God's been very good to me." Born in Chicago in 1947, Jenky arrived at Notre Dame in 1965 as an undergraduate.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Napster agrees to charge users for MP3 service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Napster announced an agreement with German media giant Bertelsmann Tuesday, under which the music-sharing service will begin to charge its online members, funneling some of the profits to record companies and the artists that hold copyrights on the songs.

The agreement effectively ends the involvement of Bertelsmann subsidiary BMG in a lawsuit filed against the renegade company, although its effect on other major labels — and on a request made to Harvard to ban students from using the site — remains unclear.

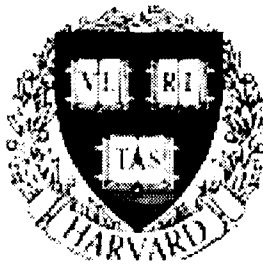
BMG represents a slew of top acts, like Usher and the Dave Matthews Band.

Bertelsmann's chief executive officer, Thomas Middelhoff, said his company

agreed to lend Napster a substantial amount of money to help finance the transition, and, in turn, will receive an option to buy a part of the company.

Bertelsmann officials also said they would try to convince the other litigants to cooperate with Napster.

Though details still have to be worked out, under one proposal, Napster would charge its users a \$4.95 monthly fee.



While the new agreement may help to preserve Napster and legitimize its use, many Harvard University students, part of Napster's core college-age demographic, considered the compromise a sellout.

"I think the original concept was great, but having to pay changes it all," Jonathan Yu '02 said. "I wouldn't pay to use Napster."

"It's a way for them to get more money," Victoria Trendafilova '03 said. "I don't think I'm going to bother subscribing to it."

Others maintained that the agreement was warranted and fair.

"Since Napster was never turning a profit, it's clear that the fact that they are going to be forced to charge for music now means that they aren't in it for greed," said Ben Delbanco '02.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Prof. survives Singapore air crash

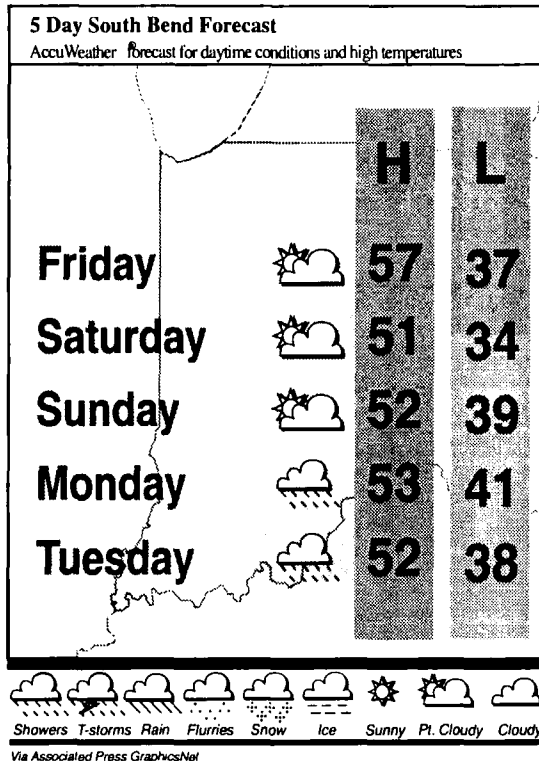
An assistant engineering professor and his family are among the survivors of Singapore Airlines flight SQ006 that crashed in Taipei before takeoff Tuesday. Professor Yang Yang, his wife Mei Dan Lee and 2-year-old son Jonathan suffered only minor injuries in the crash that killed at least 79 people and injured 39 others. Airline officials say the plane appeared to hit an object on the runway before breaking apart and bursting into flames. Yang, who is currently on sabbatical, was returning to Los Angeles after lecturing at Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute. He phoned Leslie Hinman of the School of Engineering and Applied Science on Tuesday morning to inform her about the crash and his condition. "He was so calm," Hinman said in a statement. Yang also told Hinman to "let my students know" he was all right. Yang's return to the United States has been delayed because he lost his personal belongings, including his passport, in the crash.

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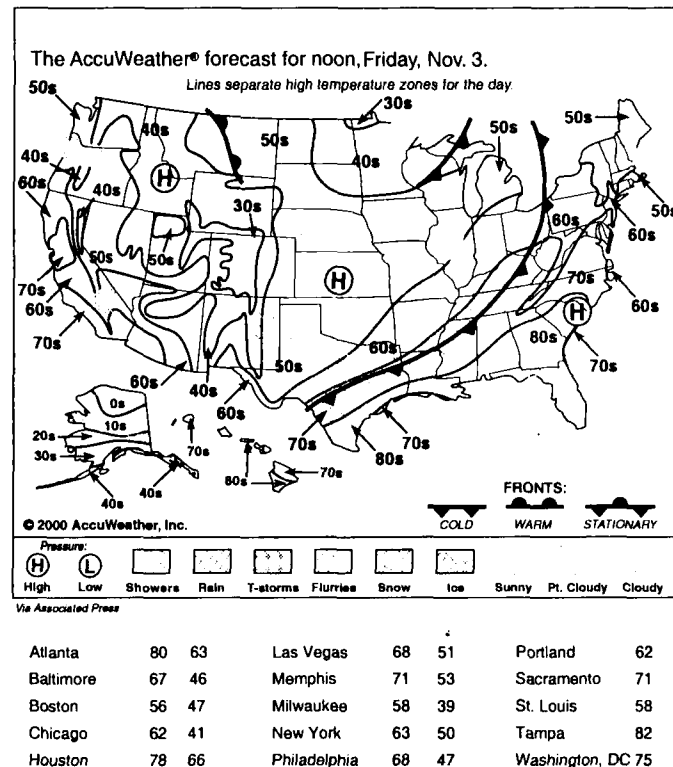
Graduate assistants to form union

New York University graduate assistants may form a union — the first of its kind at any private university in the nation — the National Labor Relations Board ruled yesterday. The ruling could open the door for GAs at private universities nationwide to unionize; public university GAs have been unionized for decades. The NLRB upheld Regional Director Daniel Silverman's April ruling that graduate assistants (GAs) are employees, not just students, as NYU officials have argued. Silverman's decision permitted the first union election at a private university, the results of which have been sealed since NYU appealed the ruling last spring. The decision said NYU GAs, like workers in a similar case involving the Boston Medical Center, are employees because their status as students does not preclude them from being employees. "Like the Regional Director, we find there is no basis to deny collective-bargaining rights to statutory employees merely because they are employed by an educational institution in which they are enrolled as students," the decision said in part.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Saint Mary's celebrates Day of the Dead

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Led by candles and hand bells, a procession of members of the Saint Mary's community made its way through Queen of Peace Cemetery, stopping to visit the graves of Saint Mary's departed as part of the celebration of El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Thursday.

First visited was the grave of Mother Pauline, college president from 1895-1931. During her years as president, Mother Pauline built the infirmary, Holy Cross Hall and LeMans hall.

"When Mother Pauline came to Saint Mary's, there was no college, only an academy. She put Saint Mary's at the collegiate level. She built Holy Cross Hall when there were only 200 students at Saint Mary's," said Sister Gertrude Ann. "Mother Pauline had deep faith and an acceptance of God's will."

Mother Madeleva's grave was visited next. According to Ann, Madeleva came to Saint Mary's as a transfer student. After she graduated, she received her master's degree in English from Notre Dame. She then went on to become the first religious woman to attend Berkeley where she received her doctorate. She was later the president of Saint Mary's for 27 years.

"She continued the building program and was well known abroad. Madeleva founded the school of theology, the first place in the

country where women could study the subject," said Ann. "She had the ability to dream and the capacity for hard work."

After visiting the graves of the two former presidents, the procession completed their celebration in LeMans outside of Stapleton around an ofrenda (altar) that was constructed with pictures and cards with names of deceased family and friends.

Members of the Saint Mary's community who died in the past year were remembered. Nancy Fallon, editor of the Courier, was remembered by friends as a woman of simplicity, grace, and understated beauty. Kristi Morris, a senior last year who died in a car accident on spring break, was also commemorated.

Mary was a model for Morris, said friend Judy Fee, who was in attendance at the procession. "She was not afraid to talk about her faith. She led many to God; her spirit lives on at Saint Mary's."

The celebration was concluded with song and prayer.

"I think its beautiful that so many people from Saint Mary's community could come and pray today," said junior Monica Mendoza. "Today was a different look at life; death is a part of life."

Day of the dead organizer Evelyn Gonzalez was pleased with the celebration.

"I thought the turnout was good; the altar was full. Death is universal; it doesn't have to be a cultural event. It was nice to share with the community," said Gonzalez.

New free speech coalition meets

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Amid waning attendance Thursday night, members of the Coalition for Free Speech discussed means to garner campus support and club sponsorship of the week-old organization.

Seven people attended the second meeting of the newly formed coalition, a number about 1/3 of the attendance figure from the group's founding meeting last Friday. The low turnout prompted some concerns that the issue of free speech might not be catching on among Notre Dame students.

"Ideally, this is the project of several clubs and organizations," said Aaron Kreider, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA). "Right now, we don't have that," he said to a showing comprised primarily of other PSA members as well as philosophy professor Ed Manier.

Kreider said he's hoping for causal endorsement and financial support from various campus organizations, including student government.

Manier cautioned the group that the decreased attendance and lack of campus enthusiasm may not be indicative of the amount of support the coalition can cultivate.

"The fact that people aren't here doesn't mean they're

not dedicated to the cause," he said.

Some seemingly believed otherwise, as they discussed using various forms of campus media to publicize the coalition's work and boost student turnout at meetings. In particular, members settled on placing advertisements in The Observer and writing biweekly letters to the editor.

Manier said before any letters are submitted to The Observer, members should consider drafting a mission statement that clearly articulates the organization's goals.

"When you say you want people to know about something, you have to make sure you have a clear sense of what you want them to know about," Manier said.

Throughout the hour-long meeting, members themselves were often unclear about what the mission statement should include.

Manier, for example, spoke about reforming and breaking existing University rules regarding club formation.

He said existing rules stifle innovation and make it diffi-

cult to organize groups. The PSA would have never been formed if some rules hadn't been broken, he said.

But senior Brendan Dowdall, Dillon hall senator, said University administrators might respond negatively to a statement that makes mention of any policy violations. Dowdall suggested a forum that would bring students, professors and University officials together to discuss concerns about free speech.

The work by the coalition is in preparation for a proposal the group will present to the Office of Student Affairs in February.

The proposal will highlight areas of free speech in which the coalition believes the University could improve.

Dowdall said it's likely he will also introduce a resolution based on the proposal into the Student Senate by next spring.

"We want to make this a gradual process and slowly build campus support," Dowdall said.

"One of the dangers of throwing this idea right out there is that it could easily be rejected."

"When you say you want people to know about something, you have to make sure you have a clear sense of what you want them to know about."

Ed Manier
philosophy professor

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Dalloway's

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Haggar is closed.

"Between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. there is nothing hot to eat or [full] meals offered on campus," said Danielle Greer, a Saint Mary's sophomore.

Many students are also concerned about the security risk that the walk to Dalloway's poses. Haggar, connected to three of four residence halls by the tunnel system, did not require students to take a long, dimly-lit walk to get to the snack bar. Dalloway's, located just off the Avenue and not connected by tunnels, is a long walk from most campus residence halls.

Some students do not feel safe walking out to the new clubhouse at night, especially in light of this semester's attacks on campus.

"I work late at night and used to eat dinner at Haggar," said Diana Perez, a Saint Mary's sophomore. "But now that the only place open is far away and I don't feel safe, I just don't eat dinner now."

For the safety issues voiced by students, Timm suggest students go in groups and stay in well-lit areas. Areas of concern are also being addressed.

"The sidewalks are well-lit and I would tell student to stay to the sidewalks. The courtyard around Madeleva does pose a concern and will be assessed," said Timm.

In response to the limited selection, Timm assures the menu will expand in time and the menu now is a jumping off point.

"The staff is training now on the equipment and learning how to make the items. With additional help, expanding the menu will begin. Things are progressing," said

Timm.

The food providers for Saint Mary's campus, Sodexo Marriott, want to start trying out new foods and specials for lunch and dinner. The new Dalloway's will also have specialty beverages and coffees.

"We want to have different hot specials each day and bring in a variety of foods," said Kevin Kirwan, director of food services.

Even though students are voicing concern over the new Dalloway's Timm wants students to give it some time. With the grand opening and dedication of the Welcome Center and Dalloway's on Nov. 10, she thinks students will warm up to the changes.

"I think it is going to take a little getting used to. The more students use the facility the more it will draw them," said Timm.

Timm also said in January the administration will evaluate how Dalloway's is functioning.

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Linda Timm
vice president of student affairs

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NEWS BRIEF

Snite hosts symposium: In an all-day symposium Sunday at McKenna Hall, the well-known Jewish artist Samuel Bak will speak about his exhibition at the Snite: Transformation and Transfiguration: The Art of Samuel Bak. His paintings reexamine the icons of Jewish memory and belief and help focus on the legacy of the Holocaust. This exhibition will feature approximately 25 landscapes and figurative works. A Holocaust survivor himself, Samuel Bak was born in 1933 in Vilna, Poland, emigrated to Israel, where he studied art, and now works and lives in Weston, Mass.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Gang seizes Turkish prison: Members of an underworld gang took control of a Turkish prison in rioting that left five inmates dead, including four who were thrown out a window, authorities said Thursday. Members of the Karagumruk gang held 26 prison officials and guards hostage at the Usak prison near the Aegean coast city of Izmir, the Justice Ministry said. It said plans to storm the prison were canceled after the rioters announced they would surrender Friday.

Fijian troops seize barracks: Elite soldiers who apparently feared being drummed out of the army over a May coup seized Fiji's main military barracks Thursday and took hostages, but were flushed out by regular army troops in gun battles. Eight people were killed, including five rebellious soldiers, and another 14 soldiers and eight civilians were injured.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cole report to examine Pentagon: Retired military officers heading a review of the USS Cole bombing said Thursday they will look for ways to improve the Pentagon's support system for U.S. forces abroad and won't place blame on individuals for failing to avoid the attack in a Yemeni port. "We are not out here to find fault with anybody," retired Adm. Harold Gehman told a Pentagon news conference.

BellSouth, ATT settle probe: BellSouth will pay the government \$750,000 to settle an investigation into whether the company ran afoul of the law in negotiations with rivals seeking to lease its equipment, regulators said Thursday. The Federal Communications Commission also announced settlements with three long-distance carriers for failing to give consumers calling from hotels or pay phones information about prices and other options.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Plane makes emergency landing: A Comair plane carrying 42 passengers made an emergency landing Thursday in Indianapolis after a warning light alerted pilots to a problem in the hydraulics system. Comair flight 5748 was traveling from Des Moines, Iowa, to Cincinnati when a warning light came on in the cockpit, according to a report on Indianapolis television station WRTV. The plane landed safely about 2 p.m., WRTV reported. There were no injuries. Comair, based in Cincinnati, is a regional jet service owned by Delta Airlines.

ISRAEL



An Israeli policeman guards wreckage from a car bomb that exploded in a narrow alley in the center of West Jerusalem killing two Israelis and wounding 11. AFP Photo

Jerusalem market blast kills 2

Associated Press

JERUSALEM
A thunderous car bomb killed two Israelis near a crowded Jerusalem market on Thursday, escalating tensions as Israeli and Palestinian leaders put off a truce announcement meant to end five weeks of fighting.

Islamic militants claimed responsibility for the blast, which killed the daughter of a right-wing Israeli political leader. Elsewhere, Palestinian areas were again aflame, with two Palestinians killed and at least 80 injured in the West Bank, doctors and rescue

workers said.

The violence endangered — and may have scuttled — the latest in a series of cease-fire agreements.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat initially planned to simultaneously declare a truce at 2 p.m. The announcements were delayed with the expectation they would come a few hours later.

But shortly after 3 p.m., a Mazda car loaded with explosives detonated on a narrow residential street less than 200 yards from the congested Mahane Yehuda market.

Flames leaped high into

the air, sending up huge black plumes of black smoke as wailing ambulances converged on the working-class area lined with old stone apartment buildings. Eleven people — including four children — were slightly injured in addition to the two killed.

Police identified the dead as Hanan Levy, 32, and Ayelet Hashahar-Levy, 24. They were not related.

Ayelet Hashahar-Levy was the daughter of Yitzhak Levy, leader of the National Religious Party. Yitzhak Levy has served as a minister in several Israeli governments. He left his post in Barak's government

because of disagreements over the peace process.

His daughter had just moved to Jerusalem and was bringing her belongings to a house in the area at the time of the explosion, police said. One witness said he tried to pull her from the flames.

"I saw her on the ground and her legs had been blown off," said Yaakov Hassoum. "I hoped she was alive, but she was dead."

Hundreds of onlookers clogged the streets as policemen pushed the crowd back. Some young Israelis chanted, "Death to Arabs" and "We want revenge."

ITALY

Battle erupts over pill distribution

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY
A church-state battle has erupted in Italy after the Vatican condemned a "morning-after" pill and urged pharmacists not to sell it.

The pill went on sale this week, listed by the Health Ministry as a "method of emergency contraception." But the Vatican called it a form of chemical abortion and said pharmacists should be conscientious objectors against "new hidden forms of aggression" threatening human

life.

By law, pharmacists in Italy must provide customers with all government-approved medicines.

In interviews published in Catholic news media Thursday, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, president of the Italian Bishops' Conference, assailed the government's authorization of the pill.

He argued pharmacists should be permitted to take advantage of a clause in Italy's abortion law that allows doctors and nurses to declare themselves conscientious objectors.

Some 500-600 of Italy's 64,000

pharmacists are members of the Union of Catholic Pharmacists, according to its president, Piero Uroda.

Italy's health minister, Umberto Veronesi, a prominent cancer specialist, said he was disturbed by the call aimed at pharmacists.

Interviews at several drug stores in downtown Rome suggested they would abide by the law.

"We could be charged. If somebody shows up with a prescription we can't refuse to give out a medicine," pharmacist Giovanni Scarfo said.

Market Watch 11/02

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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+6.95	+3.62	55.75

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offer leadership experience and mentoring opportunities, and encourage women to pursue academic goals. "I think we focus on the positive aspects of women's college," said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions at Saint Mary's. "Leadership opportunities, mentoring, cooperative learning and the benefits of developing long term friendships are all things we focus on." Research has shown that graduates from women's colleges are very likely to pursue higher education in the form of master's degrees or Ph.D. and take prominent positions in society.

Only 0.5 percent of all college graduates receive degrees from women's institutions, but 12 members of the 105th U.S. Congress are graduates of all women's institutions.

Women's colleges often provide mentoring opportunities in the form of female faculty and staff.

"About 25 percent of all college professors are women," Fondiller said. "At Barnard, 60 percent of the faculty are women. There is a conscious effort to provide female role models."

Students of all women's colleges may not choose the college because it is all women. Some choose the college because of its affiliation with a larger institution or because of specific degree offerings. However, most graduates of all women's colleges learn to appreciate the bene-

fits of that atmosphere.

"[The students] didn't choose it because it was a women's college, but they come appreciate it because it is an all-women's college," Fondiller said.

Founding women's education

While women's colleges offer a unique opportunity in the 21st century to pursue education, women's education was not always embraced. Manifested in these pre-revolution attitudes, women's colleges emerged to provide women with educational opportunity.

During the founding years of the United States, institutions of higher learning only opened their doors to men. However, following the revolution, women became increasingly interested in pursuing education.

In 1772 Salem College in North Carolina became the first institute of higher learning to open its doors to women. Sixty-four years later, Wesleyan College in Georgia granted the first degrees to women.

It was only a year later that male colleges and universities began opening their doors to women. Oberlin's Collegiate Department accepted four women in 1837 to make it the first co-educational facility on the college level.

Women's colleges continued to spring up and flourish throughout the 19th century and through the mid-20th century. In 1960, there were more than 200 women's colleges in the United States.

However, the 1960's and 1970's saw a new trend in

women's education. With the advent of the Civil Rights movement, changes in legislature and social norms resulted in many previously all male institutions opening their doors to women. As a result, many women's colleges merged with male colleges, became co-educational themselves, or were forced to close because of increased competition between institutions of higher education.

The movement took its toll. By 1993 only 83 women's colleges existed; that number has fallen to 76 today. Notre Dame opened its doors to women in 1972. Despite the pressure to merge with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's chose to remain independent because it wished to retain its identity and the advantages of an all-women's college.

Looking to the future

Despite the toll the Civil Rights movement took on the number of women's colleges in the United States, the institutions that remain appear to have a bright future.

"Women's colleges are enjoying something of a rebirth these days,"

Eldred wrote. "Admissions numbers at Saint Mary's were up 25 percent last year and many other women's colleges also reported increases."

Barnard reported a 30 percent increase since 1995. The question arises as to why this increase is occurring. "I think it's a cyclical thing," Nolan said. "People are more interested in women's colleges now."

Although interest in colleges may be cyclical, the rebirth in women's colleges does not seem to be a fluke.

With the recent creation of the Women's College Coalition, all women's colleges are uniting in their efforts to encourage women to consider and attend these types of institutions. Through the workings of this coalition and the cooperation of most women's colleges in the United States, women's colleges have taken a larger part in sponsoring and co-sponsoring national college conventions.

"There is a greater collaborative spirit," Nolan said. "One of the things that has brought women's colleges to the forefront is the Women's College Coalition."

In addition to national recognition among colleges, the spirit of collaboration has encouraged more extensive media coverage of all women's colleges and more research into the benefits of attending an all women's college. Public figures who are graduates of all women's colleges have helped draw attention to the idea of all women's institutions.

"I hope [the increase in interest] is because we've been doing a terrific job getting the message out," Fondiller said. "You see a lot of women leaders who have graduated from all women's colleges and there is better medium publicity."

In addition, women's colleges have taken advantage of the technological revolution that is sweeping across the United States.

"In my opinion, the student that attends a women's college or a coed institution is still the same, but the method that women's colleges use in its recruitment efforts has definitely evolved," Wesley said. "Students are quite computer savvy and meeting their needs means changing how we communicate with them through technology."

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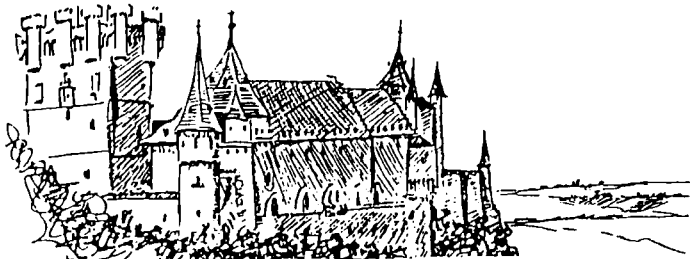
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Gift creates Jewish professorship

By NICK SWEEDO
News Writer

With a new professorship in Jewish studies, the University is fostering dialogue of Judaism within a Christian community, said Hindy Najman, assistant professor of theology.

Notre Dame has created the professorship with a \$1 million gift donated by Jordan Kapson. The Jordan Kapson Chair will be held by Najman.

"We're really appreciative of the Kapson gift," said University president Father Edward Malloy, "because it allows us to make our mark in the Christianity-Judaism dialogue in a way we could never achieve without it."

"It shows a real commitment by the Jewish community to want to be in conversation with Catholicism in order to promote a better understanding, respect and dialogue," Najman said. "It's a transformative moment in the history of Catholicism to recognize the need to study Judaism."

The long-term commitment to Jewish studies by the University is a small part of the current Jewish commitment to conversation with the Christian community, according to Najman, who, graduated in 1998 from Harvard University with a doctorate in the history of ancient biblical interpretations.

"Hindy is an expert in Rabbinics, the classical sources of the Jewish theological and religious tradition," said John Cavadini, chair of the theology department.

"The department of theology is delighted that Hindy received this appointment. It is an honor that is well-deserved."

When money is donated to form a chair, the interest of that money is used to pay the chair holder's salary.

As donor, Kapson is ensured the choice of subject taught by the University.

Kapson is the founder and owner of the Jordan Automotive Group, the largest car dealership in the country, which has locations in Elkhart and Mishawaka.

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Profs: Gore, Lieberman differences affect little

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Senior Staff Writer

The past of each presidential candidate is under careful scrutiny in this close race. Although a candidate's personal history is normally considered within an election, it is critical considering that anything swinging a few swing-state voters could win or lose the election.

When Vice President Al Gore selected Senator Joseph Lieberman as his running mate, much of the media buzz focused on his Jewish faith. Critics, however, also noted that Lieberman's views on several important issues were closer to those of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush than Gore.

For example, Lieberman was willing to consider a national missile defense system and the privatization of Social Security, both of which Bush supports.

Bush also believes in vouchers for private education to give parents another option when public schools fail. Gore adamantly opposes vouchers, instead focusing on more funding for troubled schools. Lieberman has support-

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of vouchers to help those from low-income neighborhoods escape from failing public schools.

But professors agreed that Gore and Lieberman's policy differences had minor impact on the campaign.

"I don't think it's made any difference," said John Roos, Notre Dame government professor. "Basically [Lieberman] has indicated clearly that he's the Vice President's second on the ticket."

The differences between Gore and Lieberman can be classified as policy differences, rather than disagreements on core values. From the beginning of the campaign Gore and Lieberman have worked to present a united front on working to help the middle-class.

"Al Gore and I have pretty much walked the same path and when we've had disagreements they've been good-faith disagreements, never disagreements that touch our values," Lieberman told reporters at an August rally.

It isn't unusual for a running mate to have different opinions than the main candidate.

"The clearest analogy could be when Dukakis chose Lloyd Benson as his running mate in 1988," said Sean Savage, associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's. Benson was more conservative, voting for some of the Reagan Administration tax cuts that Dukakis had opposed.

In that election, however, George Bush triumphed. But Democrats hope that Lieberman will provide an extra boost to this year's battle with a member of the Bush family.

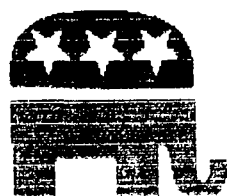
"The typical argument made is that [the choice of Lieberman] actually strengthens the ticket, it doesn't weaken it," said Savage. "I think in choosing Lieberman, it was really kind of a symbolic expression of independence from Clinton."

Lieberman was one of the firsts to publicly criticize Clinton. In Lieberman's book "In Praise of the Public Life" he writes, "The Clinton-Lewinski saga is the most vivid example we have of the virus of lost standards."

The true test of Lieberman's value, though, will be on Election Day.

"It looks like it's possible that Gore is going to win Florida," said Roos, noting that Lieberman — popular among the many retired seniors from the Northeast who live there — could be the key to victory in that state.

"No one seems to think that Cheney is going to carry any state," Roos said, noting that Bush would have won traditionally conservative Wyoming without Cheney.



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Close race may not draw voters

Associated Press

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The close race for president is unlikely to translate into higher voter turnout this year since only about half of the nation's voting-age population is expected to go to the polls Tuesday, about the same as in 1996, according to projections released Thursday.

Roughly 49 percent of those old enough to vote in 1996, the lowest turnout since 1924. Even with what may be the closest presidential race in 40 years, analysts don't expect turnout to be appreciably higher, although some competitive states may see an increase. For example, voting officials in California predicted a very high turnout this year, about 12 million, because of the heated presidential race in California, the nation's most populous state, and other contests.

"The likelihood is that this election will not be like 1996, when every state had lower turnout," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. "Some of the battleground states, particularly those with other high-profile elections — Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Washington — may have higher turnout."

"But since about 33 states and the District of Columbia were not targeted by the campaigns, it is likely that turnout will fall in most of those states."

Gans developed the projections in his report using registration figures, poll data, view-

ership of conventions and debates and other measures of public interest in the campaign.

The projection could vary slightly, but Gans does not expect to repeat the 55 percent turnout from 1992, one of the few presidential elections when turnout spiked upward during four decades of gradual decline.

A poll this week by the Pew Research Center also predicted turnout similar to 1996. Two-thirds of registered voters say they have given quite a lot of thought to Tuesday's election. That is about the same as October 1996, a year when 49 percent voted, and October 1988, when 50 percent voted.

In 1992, about three-fourths said just before the election that they had given a lot of thought to the upcoming vote.

"There's nothing that suggests this is a breakout election," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "People know it's a close race, but that doesn't appear to have compelled them any more than the walkover election four years ago."

Decades ago, voter turnout was thought to be a predictor of election outcomes and Republicans did better in years of lower turnout.

But research in recent years suggests this is no longer the case. Intensity of voter sentiment, which now favors Republican George W. Bush, may be a more crucial factor.

About 63 percent of those old enough to vote cast ballots in 1960, and the rate generally has declined since then, except for 1992, when Ross Perot's

third-party candidacy and Bill Clinton's first run at the White House sparked voter interest.

A large-scale effort to turn out voters combined with the close election, could push turnout up slightly from 1996, the Committee's report concludes.

Other factors cited in the report:

♦ Registration in key states like California, Michigan and Oregon is lower than in 1996.

♦ Democratic registration is likely to have declined for the ninth consecutive election to 32 percent of those eligible, and Republican registration could drop from 25.2 percent in 1996 to 24.5 percent this year.

♦ Registration as independents and for third parties will likely increase to about 16.5 percent. Part of this is attributed to the motor voter law, which encourages people to register even when they have a lower interest in the political process. The law requires states to let people register to vote by mail, or when they renew a driver's license or apply for welfare or disability benefits.

♦ The long-term trend that has seen voter turnout drop by a fourth in the last 40 years has continued and few concrete changes have been made to address the drop in interest.

♦ Voter registration figures are flat, despite the motor voter law's increasing ease of registration, suggesting low voter interest.

♦ Campaigns have been targeted to certain core and high voting groups, which has left many out of the political dialogue.

NAACP: Voters got fraudulent calls

♦ Michigan, Virginia black voters bothered

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The NAACP said Thursday that black voters have received fraudulent phone calls invoking the name of the historic civil rights organization and urging them to vote for Republican George W. Bush.

The NAACP reported the calls to the attorneys general in Michigan and Virginia, where the recipients live, and to the Justice Department, asking for investigations.

"We take these incidents — and we do not know how widespread they may be — very, very seriously," said NAACP chairman Julian Bond. The group said it was aware of four voters who received the calls.

The nonpartisan National Association for the Advancement of Colored People does not endorse candidates, though its political arm has run commercials critical of Bush.

NAACP officials said they did not know who was behind the calls. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said he knew nothing about them.

Phone calls have become an increasingly significant part of the presidential campaign, particularly in its final

days, as the candidates and interest groups work to persuade undecided voters and get their supporters to the polls.

The NAACP offered reporters the opportunity to talk with two women who said they received the call, though neither woman recorded the conversation.

"The caller introduced themselves as canvassing for the NAACP," said Vivian Terry, 55, a school principal in Pontiac, Mich.

"I said 'I'm not interested because I am a registered voter and I do vote.' They said, 'I want you to call this 800 number and let them know you are calling for the NAACP and you support George Bush.' I was irate with her. I said I knew she was not calling on behalf of the NAACP."

The second woman, Donna Douglas of Eutaw, Va., said the caller also gave her a toll-free number to call, but neither one wrote it down or remembered it.

Both women said they were voting for Democrat Al Gore.

The NAACP said it was making get-out-the-vote phone calls to about 1 million people. It checked its list and none of the four recipients was on it, said Heather Booth, executive director of the group's voter education fund.

The group's calls will feature President Clinton and radio personality Tom Joyner urging people to vote.



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Bush pleaded guilty to drunken driving 25 years ago

Associated Press

WEST ALLIS, Wis.
Texas Gov. George W. Bush

said Thursday he was arrested and pleaded guilty nearly 25 years ago to driving while under the influence of alcohol. "I'm not proud of that," he said.

Confirming reports that surfaced in the media five days before Election Day, the GOP presidential nominee said in a hurriedly arranged news confer-

ence, "I've often times said that years ago I made some mistakes. I occasionally drank too much, and I did on that night. I regret that it happened."

The Sept. 4, 1976, incident was first reported by Fox News, based on a report prepared by a local affiliate in Maine. Bush, who was 30 years old at the time, said he had chosen to keep the incident private, but his hand was forced by the news outlets.

Suggesting that politics may have played a role in the incident surfacing now, Bush said, "I think that's an interesting question. Why now? — [five] days before the election."

"I've got my suspicions," said Bush, not sharing them with a crowd of reporters surrounding him.

For months, the GOP nominee has refused to answer questions about any "youthful indiscretions," including whether he used illegal drugs in the 1960s and early 1970s. He continued to avoid specifics Thursday night, saying he has "been straightfor-

ward with the people, saying that I used to drink too much in the past. I'm straightforward with people saying I don't drink now."

Chris Lehane, spokesman for the Gore campaign, said, "We had absolutely nothing to do with this."

Bush's campaign staff jumped into action after the news broke, tracking down the arresting officer and quickly arranging a rare news conference for the Texas governor — his first in a month.

Aides said Bush was pulled over near his family's Kennebunkport, Maine, summer home after visiting a bar with friends and a family member during the Labor Day weekend, aides said.

Spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Bush, who had been drinking beer, paid a \$150 fine and had his driving privileges revoked in the state of Maine for a short period. His drivers' license in Texas, where Bush lived at the time, was not revoked or suspended, she said.

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Expansion of WVFI was the right choice

The move of WVFI from limited campus Internet broadcast to unlimited global Internet broadcast will give Notre Dame students a chance to demonstrate their professionalism and improve their skills. Nothing prepares students better for careers in broadcast after college than the real world experience they can gain at a student radio station. WVFI's global broadcasts will give students this opportunity.

The question arises, therefore: why weren't students always given this oppor-

tunity? When the Notre Dame administration learned that WVFI was able to broadcast globally on the Internet in the Fall of 1999, it quickly cut off the station's access. Rather than giving the students the chance to prove themselves as professionals, the administration silenced the Voice of the Fighting Irish to the world.

Finally, one year later, the administration has relented and pulled the gag from WVFI. Station manager Adam Frick and his staff said that morale suffered at the station during the year of campus-only broadcasts. The global gag placed over

WVFI sent a clear message to the students who spend so much time and energy trying to make the station better: you aren't very good and we don't trust you.

Now that the gag has been lifted, Frick said the station is "light years ahead of where we were last year" at a press conference Wednesday. Notre Dame students are bright and intelligent people who rise to the challenges that face them. When high standards are expected, Notre Dame students will achieve these high standards.

The Notre Dame administration was right to lift the global broadcast ban that it had placed on WVFI. Now Frick and his staff finally have the chance to show how good they can be.

The Observer Editorial

Apologizing to the University

I must begin this column with a tip of my hat and bow of my head to some people whose only job is to use all of their people skills to keep this University in the black.

More to the point, I must apologize.

I wrote in a column on the Friday before fall break that numerous attempts were made by my family to get the University development office to change my father's status because of his death nearly four years ago.

I wrote that line in response to my mother's complaint that he continued to receive requests for renewal of the Sorin Society membership and notices of upcoming reunions (his 35-year reunion would have been in the summer of 2001).

I was contacted by the director of development operations, Timothy Rippinger, two weeks ago and I went back to my mother and asked her who she had talked to and how many times she had contacted the office. After a few moments, she couldn't recall ever having contacted anyone at Notre Dame about this situation. Evidently she had received condolence letters from the University at the time. I remember receiving similar letters from Father Malloy and then vice president for student affairs Patricia O'Hara. My mother said that she must have confused contacting Notre Dame with another group that she had to contact at the time.

So, in response to Mr. Rippinger and everyone in the development office I sincerely apologize to them and to you, the readers of this paper, for my misleading statement.

Mr. Rippinger and I had a lengthy conversation in which he described the con-

cerns that the development office has in addressing the student and faculty needs. He answered many of the questions that I had posed in my article, including my demand that someone pay attention to the ancient nature of the only Arts and Letters building on campus, O'Shaughnessey Hall. He mentioned the new faculty offices being built into the breezeway between O'Shaughnessey and Decio as an example of his office trying to address just that problem.

He told me of the percentage of the Generations campaign that went to scholarships and that the development office was always looking for ways to help to improve the lot of students. He quoted many figures to back up his statements (including the target goal of \$178 million for undergraduate scholarships). I actually took down a quote that he said, but then realized that we were speaking informally and decided not to use it. But, believe me, the journalist in me longed to use it as a lead for how the development office cares.

When we were done and I hung up the phone I realized something. I realized that I had been wrong on almost everything that I had said. The only thing that I still disagreed with was the idea of paying for the right to buy football tickets. Mr. Rippinger explained that they needed to determine who was interested in tickets and that mailing out applications to everyone was not cost effective and that some people were even annoyed to receive applications in the mail every year.

I'm not sure that I fully accept that idea, but it is as good a reason as any. Anyhow, it was the first time that I

have ever aired my complaints about anything at the University and immediately heard back from a University official.

That Mr. Rippinger cared enough about the performance of his department to call me and answer my questions meant a lot to me. It means that we do have people in this administration who are willing to stand up and explain their office. In fact, that there are people who are eager to tell you what they are doing.

When I was a student I encountered people at the President's Office, Office of Student Affairs and Office of Student Activities, each telling me that they would not only refuse to explain their actions, but they wouldn't tell me about something that I already knew was happening.

It was very refreshing to talk to someone who was so open and candid. I will be on campus in late November and I will definitely stop by the development office to talk to Mr. Rippinger in person.

But, back to the point of the column. I am deeply sorry for any anguish or stress that my column may have caused Mr. Rippinger or his co-workers. I do not make a habit of false accusations and am greatly embarrassed about making such allegations of the development office.

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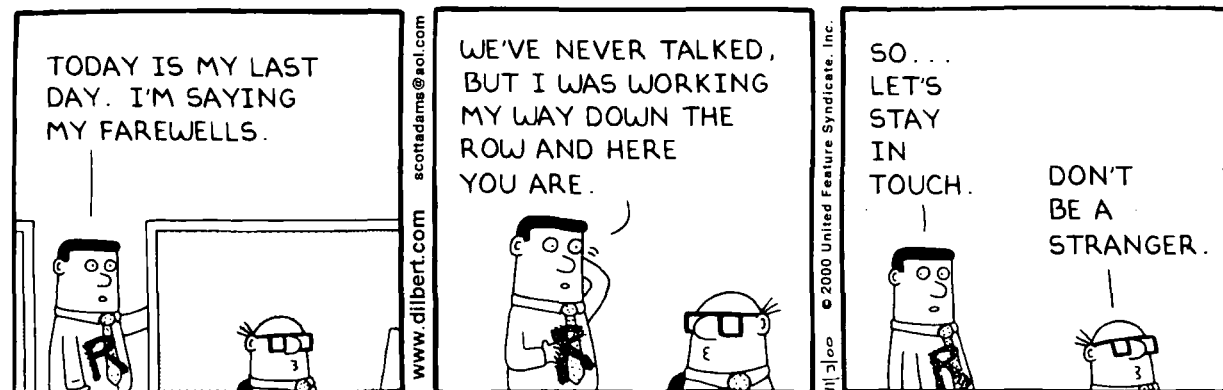


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president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting a culture of death

Abe Lincoln once said that to sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.

Looking the other way or feigning neutrality when society is collapsing in the clutches of a moral meltdown — from America's past embrace of slavery to today's murderous abortion culture that has killed more than 40 million children since 1973 — makes us accountable.

If we fail to fully understand the mile high stakes of this presidential race in resolving or exacerbating abortion in America and if we are silent, we may become unwittingly complicit in the on-going holocaust of the unborn. Who we elect in November matters greatly.

So let me ask you this: What would you make of someone — in this case, a powerful politician — who absolutely knows the ugly truth about abortion but chooses the path of least resistance and flip-flops on abortion in order to pander for votes?

How should we regard this man, who we know is well acquainted with the truth that abortion methods dismember or chemically poison babies, or suck the brains out of innocent children as they are being born — a brutal act of violence against children? How can we trust a man with the highest office in the world who has chosen to advance his political career on the busted bodies of dead babies?

Vice President Al Gore was once a strong pro-life congressman. I know. I served with him. He is now obsessed with promoting abortion on demand both here and overseas. The distinguished gentleman from Tennessee who once wrote, "I support the Hyde Amendment," to cut off federal Medicaid funds for abortion now demands its repeal. Furthermore, Mr. Gore has stated, "I will always, always defend a woman's right to choose. Every time Congress has tried to play politics with that fundamental, personal right, imposing gag rules and attaching anti-choice language to any bill they can think of, we have stood up to them and stopped them. If they try it again, we'll stop them again. And if they try it after the year 2000, with your help, I'll stop them. That hard-won right will be safe with me as your president."

Today Mr. Gore is the most strident, extreme and driven pro-abortionist in political life. Mr. Gore's candidacy for president represents the single most dangerous threat to the lives of an entire generation of unborn children. If he wins, the babies and their mothers lose. Big time.

As chairman of the Congressional pro-life caucus for almost 20 years, I and other pro-life leaders in Congress worked with Mr. Gore in the early 1980s when he was our colleague. He was rock solid and voted pro-life more than 80 percent of the time.

On Oct. 27, 1983, for example, I offered my first pro-life amendment that was enacted into law to ban funding for abortion in the federal employees health benefits program. As expected, Mr. Gore was part of the pro-life majority that day and voted in favor of the funding ban.

Additionally, Mr. Gore wrote to a constituent in 1984, "... it is my deep personal conviction that abortion is wrong ... I share your belief that innocent human life must be protected."

That was then. This is now. Turns out that his "deep personal conviction" was not very deep after all.

Looking back, it is now crystal clear that once Mr. Gore set his sights on the presidency, the protection of innocent human life became an annoyance, a potential liability and a perceived impediment to grander things.

Over the side went Mr. Gore's "deep personal conviction," and in its place, a re-invented aggressive Mr. Gore emerged, ready to make war on

innocent babies at home and abroad.

Mr. Gore, ever the quick study, mastered the art of abortion rhetoric with its uncanny reliance on euphemism, diversion and deceit.

Amazingly, for a time during the presidential primary with Sen. Bill Bradley, Mr. Gore went to great lengths — almost laughable at times — to say he was never one of us.

Now comes an October surprise. In an obvious attempt to lull pro-life people of faith — Catholic voters in particular — Mr. Gore has put out the word in a Catholic news service story that he's seeking "common ground" on abortion. Sounds benign enough, but it's a trap. This false, misleading, cynical, highly deceptive, self-serving rubbish must be recognized for the fool's bait that it is. Don't let him obscure or obfuscate his strident pro-abortion record — and the deadly consequences it has had for babies.

Mr. Gore is pro-abortion to the core. We know his "common ground" will mean a certain "burial ground" for countless unborn children. It is indeed a trap.

A couple of weeks ago, Mr. Gore celebrated and lavishly praised the FDA's approval of RU-486 — the abortion pill — the newest form of baby poison that will destroy hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of babies.

Mr. Gore stated, "I am pleased with the Food and Drug Administration's decision to approve mifepristone."

Where is the common ground?

Mr. Gore has repeatedly promised a rigid pro-abortion litmus test for all judges, including every justice selected to the U.S. Supreme Court, thus locking-in abortion on demand in the United States.

Mr. Gore said, "I agree with Kate Michelman that the right to choose is nothing less than a fundamental value. As President, I will make sure that right is never threatened, never weakened and never taken away."

His website says, "Noting that the next president may have the opportunity to appoint up to three Supreme Court justices, Gore said that the greatest danger to freedom of choice will be an anti-choice president."

Mr. Gore adamantly seeks the repeal of the Mexico City Policy, a pro-life policy that bars funding to overseas organizations that perform and/or promote abortion.

Mr. Gore favors federal funding of human embryo stem cell research, which turns unborn babies into guinea pigs.

Mr. Gore seeks hundreds of millions in U.S. tax dollars for pro-abortion organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, which performs or refers for approximately 230,000 abortions every year, and the Population Control, which is the holder of the rights to RU-486 and received almost \$100 million from the Clinton-Gore Administration over the last three years alone.

Again, where is the common ground?

Mr. Gore applauded Bill Clinton's vetoes of the partial-birth abortion ban. Now he and the abortion lobby, employing the farce of "common ground," want pro-lifers to support a "health exception to the partial-birth abortion ban," even though the 1973 Supreme Court abortion decision has already defined "health" so broadly as to sanction abortion on demand.

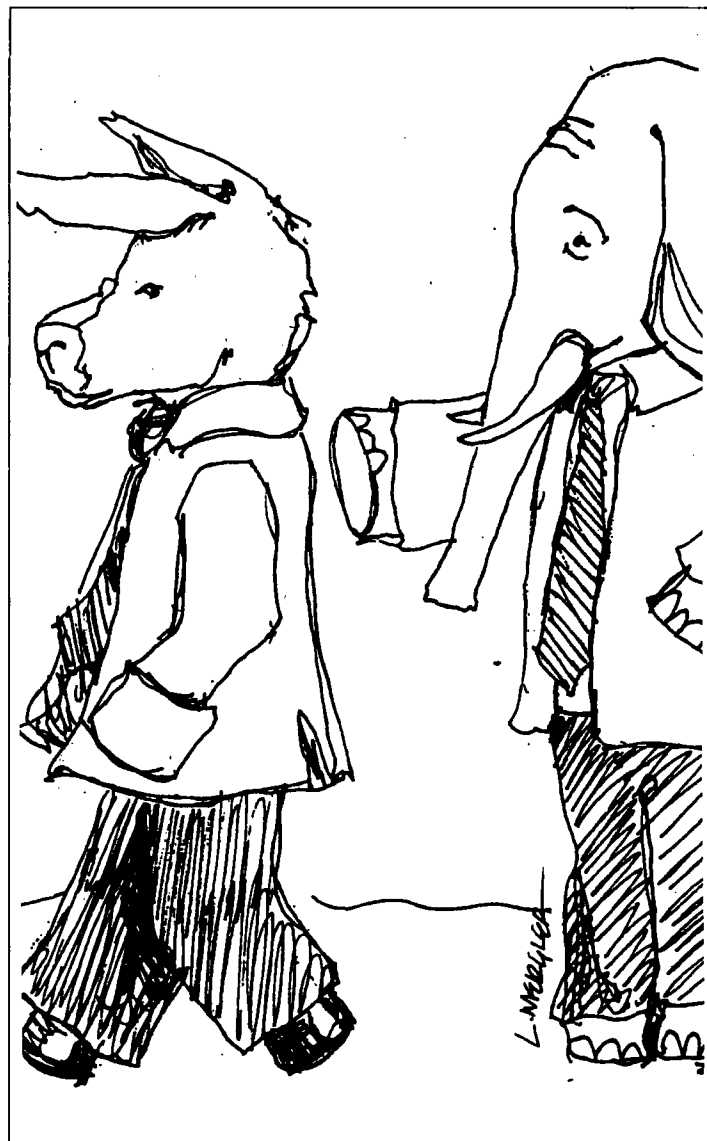
And the list goes on.

Abe Lincoln was critical of those who were silent. Just think what he would think of a man who sells out his "deep personal conviction" for political expediency.

Chris Smith (R-NJ)

U.S. House of Representatives

October 26, 2000



Disagreeing with the Gore endorsement

I cannot disagree more strongly with your endorsement of Vice President Al Gore for President. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why Governor George W. Bush is a better choice than Mr. Gore is. You first mention Mr. Gore's plan to use the surplus to pay down the national debt. I submit that the surplus is a result of collecting more taxes than necessary. Therefore, any excess taxes should be returned to us, the taxpayers, in the form of tax cuts. I think you are mistaken in saying that Mr. Bush's plan "encourages Americans to rely on the government for their retirement." Quite the opposite, Mr. Bush's plan allows for investment into private funds instead of relying on the current system that produces lower than inflation returns, which inherently decreases the value of each dollar put into the system.

As far as experience is concerned, I submit that a governor of the largest state in the contiguous United States is better experienced to serve in an executive position than a vice president is. The only official duty of the vice president is to preside over the U.S. Senate. Mr. Bush has been presiding over a large state with a large economy facing international issues (trade, border issues, etc.) Mr. Gore has proven his inability to relate with a GOP Congress, so the likelihood of a bi-partisan relationship is unlikely, while Bush has been commended on his ability to work with Democrats and overcome party lines.

An issue that you failed to mention is the abortion issue. Mr. Bush has consistently shown more respect for the rights of the unborn. Mr. Gore has supported partial-birth abortion, the horrific practice of removing the partially born baby's brain, so that the head will pass through the birth canal. As many as four Supreme Court Justices will be nominated over the next four years, and only Mr. Bush can be counted upon to nominate justices who will prohibit at least partial-birth abortions.

I strongly encourage those of you who have yet to vote, to vote for Mr. Bush.

Cody Rinehart

Champaign, Illinois

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November 1, 2000

Partying president

Resounding sentiments of "I didn't inhale," Scene reveals the true college antics of

By LAURA KELLY
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Education has become a strong issue in this year's presidential campaign, with each candidate arguing he has the better plan to reform America's schools. Republican candidate George W. Bush points to his success at improving education in Texas, while Democrat Al Gore supports regular testing to hold schools accountable.

Ironically, though, neither of these two major candidates boasts an outstanding academic record themselves.

In fact, their grades reveal that neither seemed to value the Ivy League education they were fortunate enough to receive.

From drinking at frat parties to smoking marijuana, both Al and George partied their way through institutions of higher learning, leaving the American public to wonder if either candidate truly realizes the importance of education, or if their end of the election is merely a battle between two rich prep school boys with silver spoons in their mouths.

George W. Bush

After spending his childhood in the small town of Midland, Texas, George W. Bush followed his father out east to the elite prep school Andover in

1960, and then to Yale University in 1964. There in the town of New Haven, George W. thrived as an outgoing, popular student who knew how to enjoy his college years — even if he wasn't enamored with the intellectual side of college.

Bush was the quintessential frat boy, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. His fraternity was known as a house of preps and jocks and claimed a rowdy party reputation.

Bush was well-liked by his peers, and was elected president of DKE — a position which strengthened the personal and business skills that would bring him later political successes.

Friendships at DKE and beyond were Bush's priority, and he was known to share more than a few laughs over beers with his frat brothers. George W. was also involved with intramural sports at Davenport, his residential college at Yale.

During a time when many students risked arrests for protests and sit-ins, the Texan prankster broke the law for a dare.

During the winter of his junior year, Bush was out strolling the streets of New Haven and drinking with his frat brothers. Upon a dare, Bush stole a Christmas wreath from the door of a hotel. As the boys ran from the scene of the crime, loud and boisterous as any slightly intoxicated youth would be, they were arrested by police and charged with disorderly conduct,

charges that were later dropped.

Bush's crime record did not stop here, however. A year after the wreath arrest, Bush was at Princeton for a football game. When Yale was victorious, Bush and his friends charged the field and tried to knock down the goal posts. Police caught the boy trying to tear apart the goal posts to take a chunk home as a souvenir.

After interrogating him, police finally released Bush on the condition that he leave Princeton by dusk.

Bush's fun-loving days at Yale were not hampered by diligent study habits or philosophical contemplation. Critics of the Texan governor sneer at how Bush seemingly partied his way through Yale, never receiving an A. With SAT

Verbal scores of 566 and Andover grades that were less than impressive, it seems that the Bush family's political and social ties were what got him into the Ivy League. While Bush was a student, the administration raised admittance standards that would have probably barred him from acceptance if he had applied a few years later.

His lack of dedication to his studies continued throughout his college years. When Bush's Yale transcript was leaked to The New Yorker, the public learned that George W. earned a consistent "Gentleman's C."

Bush was a history major, but did poorly in political science and economics. Oddly enough for a candidate running to lead the country, Bush earned a mere 73 percent in Introduction to the American Political System, and a 71 percent in Introduction to International Relations.

His best college grades were a B+ in both philosophy and anthropology, taught that year by Margaret Mead who was popular for her easy grading.

Although Bush's grades did not show it, he did boast a practical intelligence, as seen in his leadership skills as fraternity president and in a story from his early days in DKE.

During his induction to the fraternity, all the sophomore pledges were gathered in the frat basement, cowering while upperclassmen hit them, shouted insults and berated the boys for thinking they were worthy to belong to such a great frat.

One technique to humiliate the sophomores in front of their peers was to ask the boys to name all their fellow pledges. Most could only shamefully name five or six of the 55-member pledge class, but when it came time for Bush's turn, he confidently stood and named every single pledge.

Despite the fraternity fun that Bush enjoyed, the Yale of the 1960s was becoming more serious and intellectual. Bush insists that college was a great time in his life, but somewhere along the way he grew to detest the elitist Yale attitude.

According to the New York Times, Bush later complained about the "self-righteousness" and "intellectual superiority" of East Coast liberal

establishment that took over places like Yale in the 1960s. Frats were looked down upon as frivolous and immature during the tumultuous 1960s, as students protested passionately for radical causes.

None of this protesting was Bush's scene, however. He unabashedly enjoyed his youth and his fraternity escapades.

The fraternity was not the only social group to which Bush belonged. Again emulating his father, Bush was accepted into the elitist society of the Skull and Bones. This secretive group was comprised of 15 of the most promising or socially prominent men in each class. Connections formed through the group's powerful alumni set its members on a lifelong course for success and power.

It seems odd that Bush would associate himself with such an exclusive group, as he was strongly opposed to the snobby, elitist attitude he saw at Yale. Yet during such a turbulent decade, the conservative Bush clung to the ideals and values of his parents' generation.

The upheaval of the 60s — the riots, the anti-war protests, the burning of draft cards — made George uneasy. Instead of questioning his values, he clung to them even tighter. The counterculture rejected everything for which his family stood.

The conventional George W. never rebelled like so many others of his generation — no long hair, no drug abuse, no loud music. Bush broke away from his parents in traditional ways: having a string of girlfriends while his parents had only ever dated each other and partying throughout his college years.

As summed up in the New York Times, "while some students took to the barricade, Mr. Bush took to the bar."

Albert Gore

Al Gore was described in his prep school yearbook as "popular, respected, the epitome of the All-American young man ... it probably won't be long before Al reaches the top."

St. Albans in Washington, D.C., was where Gore spent his high school years. Al was seen by his peers as serious and upright, always doing the right thing. As the school's football captain, he even turned in his own teammates for drinking and smoking.

Gore often describes these years of his life as unhappy, as he felt pressured to be an example to peers and to live up to his father. Like Bush, Gore was the namesake of a powerful political patriarch. Albert Gore, Sr. served three terms in the Senate and always pushed his son to achieve.

Any unhappy memories of the pressures of St. Albans were overshadowed by the way Gore's life changed at his graduation dance. It was at this senior prom when he met Mary Elizabeth Aitcheson, better known as "Tipper." Gore said he knew almost right away, even at the age of 17, that he would spend the rest of his life with this woman.

Tipper had grown up in Washington's Virginia suburbs and



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Fondly engaging his peers in beer chugging contests and openly admitting to having smoked pot, Gore seemed to have a tendency to get a little carried away in his college days at Harvard.

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this election's prominent presidential candidates

was a year younger than Gore. Gore's relationship with Tipper often brought him into conflict with his strict parents. His mother Pauline thought Al could do better, as Tipper's family wasn't socially prominent. Nevertheless, when Al went off to Harvard in 1965, Tipper joined him in Boston for his sophomore year, studying at Garland Junior College and then at Boston University.

Gore was so confident in his decision to go to Harvard that it was the only school to which he applied. His grades, like Bush's, were not stellar, although his SAT verbal scores were higher: 625. As in George W's case, Gore's father and his political connections ensured his son a place in the class of 1969.

Al jumped right into college life, campaigning for freshman council by his second day. Gore was just the kind of serious student that Bush used to mock.

He worried about the problems of his generation, especially the debate over Vietnam and the threat of nuclear destruction.

Gore started off as an English major, until, he says, Chaucer nearly killed him. He enjoyed writing poetry and worked for years on a novel that he never finished. He loved to read and to study astronomy, an admitted Star Trek fan.

Despite his serious demeanor, Gore had a wild side as well. As a teenager, he totaled his father's Chevy Impala while passing a truck on country roads.

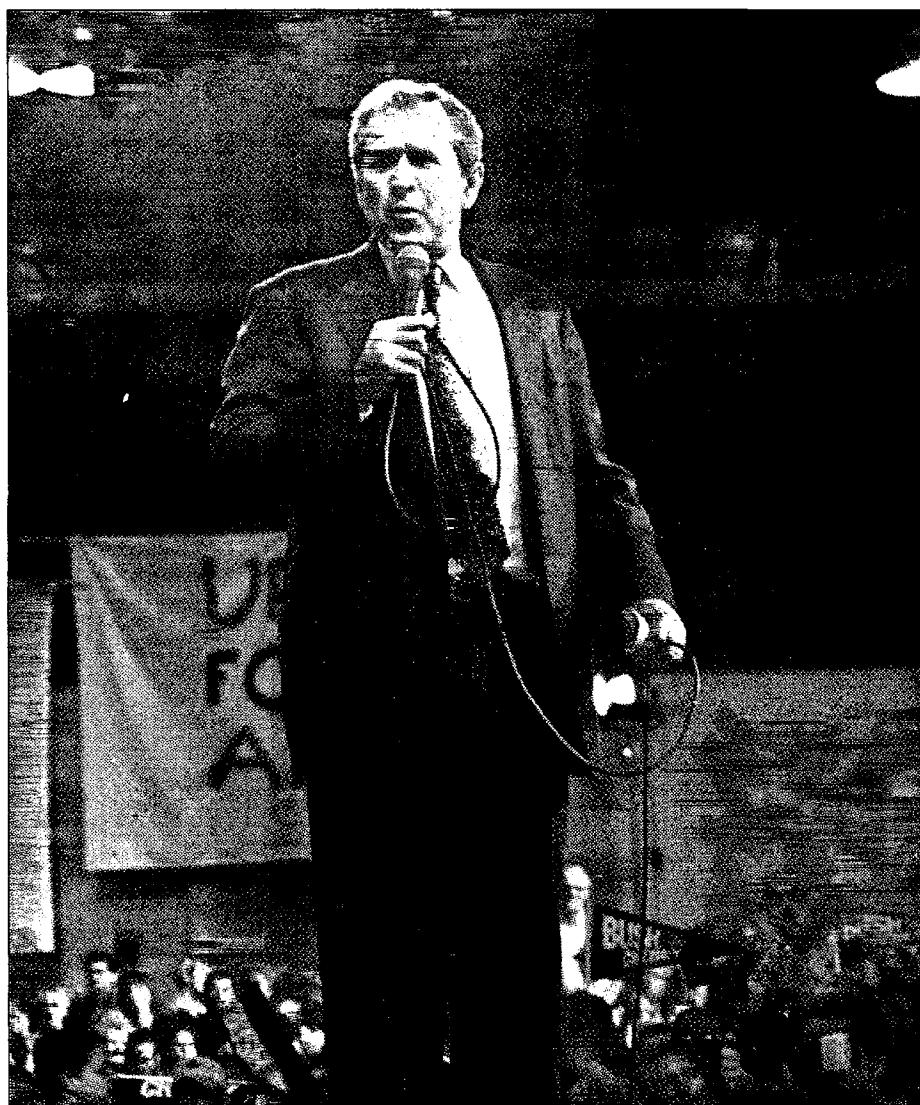
He later turned to racing around the streets of Cambridge on a motorcycle.

Gore now admits to beer chugging contests and smoking pot while at Harvard. He spent much of his early college years shooting pool, watching television and partying on weekends.

Gore's roommate and later housemate was the actor Tommy Lee Jones. Jones, Gore and their other friends from Mower B — his dorm in the North Yaw — enjoyed spending lazy afternoons playing poker and listening to records of Bob Dylan, Motown, Beatles and Buffalo Springfield.

At the end of their freshman year, Gore's group of friends organized a musical revue, with Gore — now ridiculed for his stiffness — as the stand-up comic.

Gore was an enthusiastic athlete, playing house football and handball because his group considered squash "too Harvard." He played for Harvard's basketball team during his freshman year, but mostly warmed the bench, averaging less than 3 points a game. Gore was always challenging friends to all kinds of com-



George W. Bush barely passed his Introduction to the American Political System course at Yale. He was too busy living it up with his frat brothers and other members of the elite society of the Skull and Bones.

petitions — push-up challenges, swimming races in the Charles River and beer chugging contests.

Gore's favorite class at Harvard was, ironically enough, presidential decision-making. When the class re-enacted decisions made during the Cuban missile crisis, Gore took the role of President Kennedy. He got his first A's that year, after semesters of C's and even a D in biology as a sophomore. One friend of Al's joked that having failed evolution, he was all set for a career in Tennessee politics. It was because of this presidential politics class that Gore changed his major to government, and the rest, they say, is history.

College students surely identify with the fun-loving college years Bush and Gore enjoyed.

Indeed it would be impossible and hypocritical for most people to criticize such behavior. Yet the underlying issue is not Bush's fraternity pranks or Gore's marijuana use. The problem is motivating voters to choose between two similar candidates.

Both men struggled with the expectations and pressures of powerful fathers. Both followed the traditional East Coast path from elitist prep schools to the Ivy League. And both reacted conservatively to the upheaval of the 1960s.

Because of these similarities, many Americans feel they must choose between the lesser of two evils, and polls indicate indecision is so common that no one knows who the winner will be. But come Nov. 7, the next president of the United States will either be a Yale from western Texas or a Harvard man from Tennessee — a victory their college buddies surely never imagined they'd see.

One friend of Al Gore's joked that since he failed evolution in college, he was all set for a career in Tennessee politics.

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How do you decide who will get your vote?

For many of us at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, this election will bring about the first chance to exercise our right to vote. But for many, the options may seem daunting.

So maybe you haven't exactly had the chance to read all the news analyses and reports, watch all the debates and interviews or attend the rallies. Maybe you're awash in the propaganda and platforms, with "surplus" and "social security" running through your head. You can hardly decide what cereal to eat each morning, much less which candidate best represents what you may want over the next four years.



Amanda Greco

Scene Editor

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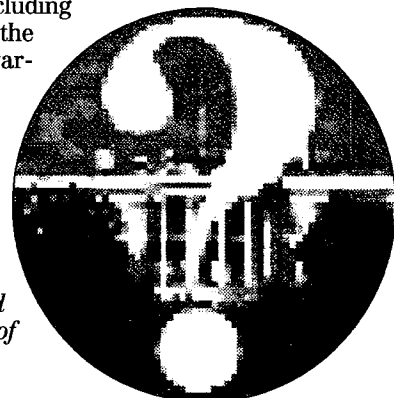
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VOLLEYBALL

Belles' season ends after disappointing loss to Knights

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

The Belles went to Calvin College Wednesday looking to bring back a win and continue on in the MIAA 2000 volleyball tournament. Unfortunately, they fell short of their expectations, losing to Calvin 15-3, 15-4, 15-5.

Saint Mary's, which has been in a constant struggle with wins, ended its season with a disappointing loss to Calvin College. Calvin is the No. 2 team in the MIAA.

"We didn't go out with the kind of fight that I had hoped for," head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

In the first game, Saint Mary's remained tied with Calvin for five full rotations. After failing to keep its serve, Saint Mary's ultimately lost to Calvin 15-3.

"We started off playing very well," senior defensive specialist Victoria Butcko said. "The score doesn't reflect how well we played."

Calvin dominated the next two games, winning with scores of 15-4 and 15-5.

"We had difficulty serving,"

Butcko said. "We missed key serves that would have put us ahead."

Key plays came from outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers. She had eight kills and 14 digs.

"Angie pulled through for us," freshmen setter LeighAnn Matesich said.

Other top Belles' performers were MC Christopher with 11 digs and four points, and Matesich with 14 assists. However, individual accomplishments were not enough to pull this team together for a win.

The loss ended a challenging season for the Belles, who finished 7-22.

"I was hoping we would have made it to the second

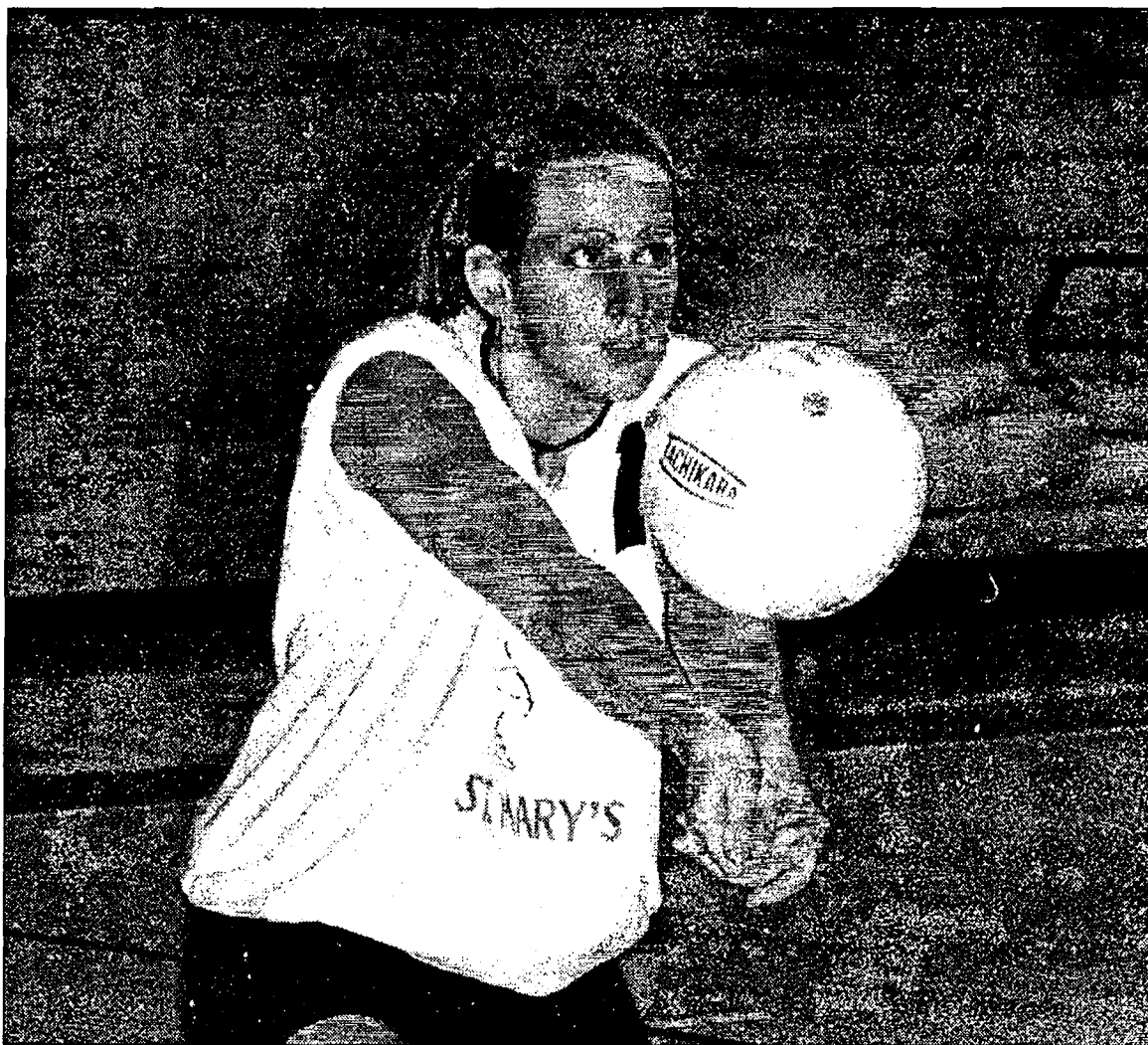
round [of the tournament]," Butcko said. "It is not how I thought we would end our season."

The tough competition of the 26-7 Calvin team was more than the Belles could handle. The Belles wanted to get the win for senior Victoria Butcko, who ended her four-year career on Wednesday.

"We did not leave the season as strong as we had hoped," Matesich said "We wanted to leave with a win."

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LeighAnn Matesich
freshman setter



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Junior Denise Langlois returns a serve earlier this season. Saint Mary's season ended Wednesday with a loss to Calvin College.

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MEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Undeclared Dillon to battle against Keenan Knights

By MATT CASSADY and
JOHNNY LEITNER
Sports Writers

It is déjà vu all over again Sunday afternoon for the Dillon Big Red as it takes on the Knights of Keenan Hall at Stepan Fields.

Dillon faces off in a rematch of a regular season game for the second time in two weeks Sunday at 1 p.m. Last weekend, the Big Red handed Stanford a loss for the second time this season, 24-6.

They did not however escape unscathed, as the team sustained a few lasting bumps and bruises against the Griffins, according to senior captain Jason Visner.

"We have a couple separated shoulders, a broken toe and a few other things," he said. "But those have all been worked through and everybody should be playing this week, so we've got no excuses."

The Knights however, are not free from injury either. After polishing off the Alumni Dawgs in the previous playoff round, Keenan had some recovering to do this week to prepare for its semifinal matchup.

Still the Knights come in hungry for a second shot at the top-seeded Big Red according to sophomore quarterback Billy Ellsworth.

"After that Alumni game we've had a few serious

injuries along with some minor ones where guys haven't been able to practice," said Ellsworth.

Even without the injuries, though, the teams would not have been the same according to Visner.

"We don't even really think about that [prior meeting with Keenan]," he said.

"Because we just played Stanford for the second time and it was obvious that the teams from the first and second week of the year and now deep in the playoffs are so much different that it is not even like playing the same team again."

Keenan trying to use its 16-0 shutout loss to Dillon in week two of the interhall season as motivation.

"We are a little better offensively than we were last time," said Ellsworth.

"We're going to just take what we've learned over the course of the season, go out there and execute our game plan better. Our linemen have a better grasp of what they are doing now, and our running backs definitely have a better grasp of what they are doing, so I think we should be a little crisper this time around."

While Stanford is hoping to make the necessary improvements to beat Dillon, the Big Red simply hopes for more of the same.

"We just want to keep our offense going the way it has

been and keep winning games and we will end up right where we want to be," said Visner.

Where is that?

Notre Dame Stadium: a place Dillon's football team hasn't found itself in the four years Visner has been here.

Knott Hall vs. Sorin

This Sunday, Knott and Sorin will resume a rivalry that began last season on interhall football's grandest stage: the championship game held in Notre Dame Stadium.

In the wake of a 24-6 loss to Knott in last year's finale, the Sorin Otters are interested in retaliation, while the Juggs hope to keep their quest for a repeat championship alive.

Knott Hall advanced to this the semifinal round of the playoffs by defeating Zahm Hall 7-0 last week. In so doing, Knott's defense recorded its fifth consecutive shutout, but the game was hardly uncontested, as Zahm threatened to tie the game on several occasions.

"Our offense struggled," said Knott running back and captain Patrick Virtue. "But our defense kept us in there and played great."

The Juggs plan on sharpening their offensive execution for this week's clash with Sorin.

"We will fix some plays and make some adjustments," said Virtue. "We'll be ready

for Sorin."

The Otters, meanwhile, met Fisher in the first round. After a tight first half, Sorin pulled away to win by a convincing 19-0 final score.

"We capitalized on some turnovers, and the defense played great and shut Fisher down," said Sorin captain Mike Crowe.

Crowe hopes to avoid last week's defensive mistake of relinquishing running yards in the first half last week.

"We plan on stepping up the run defense," said Crowe. "Knott's usually big up front, so we'll have to counter that."

Both teams anticipate an intense and competitive feud in their upcoming game.

"Sorin has a good offense and is known for their passing, so this will be a tough game," said Virtue. "The question is, who will be able to move the ball more?"

Knott has showcased a diversified offensive scheme this season, but they ultimately rely on a dominating defense, so Virtue sees this week's game as a collision of "strength on strength."

Crowe agrees, but adds that these two teams are solid on both sides of the ball.

"Knott has balance on offense and a strong pass rush," said Crowe. "But when we're clicking, we are very well-rounded."

Sorin and Knott both insist that their approaches will be unchanged for their clash.

"We'll be playing the same game," said Crowe.

However, this game is hardly just another day on the field.

"We have some playoff history," said Virtue, "and after

last year, we have a real rivalry. Sorin is always one of the best teams."

Crowe agreed that this particular match-up has some extra significance.

"Championship games are where these rivalries are born," he said.

The two teams are statistically almost even: Knott enters as the No. 2 seed, Sorin as No. 3.

Both teams are upbeat and confident about their prospects of advancing this Sunday.

"Last year we beat Keenan in the playoffs, and they beat us in the championship game for the two seasons before that, so we know what it's like to play rivals in the playoffs," said Crowe.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach Brey has big plans for the season, the JACC

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

In only his first year as Notre Dame's men's basketball coach, Mike Brey already has big plans for the Joyce Center.

"I told [athletic director] Kevin White that I'm fully qualified to run Bingo at the JACC. Brey told a crowd of about 150 in LaFortune Ballroom last night."

In the talk sponsored by the Alliance for Catholic Education, Brey answered questions about topics ranging from his support for the student section to his role organizing Bingo games to help offset the cost of attending a Catholic education during his five years as a teacher.

In his talk, Brey stressed the importance of the values he gained from his Catholic education. He spoke extensively about his experiences as a student, a teacher and coach at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md.

"I taught six history classes five days a week," he said. "I can't tell you how good that was for me. I don't think I'd be as confident without my DeMatha years."

Brey's years at DeMatha and at George Washington University played a major role in his decision to accept the head coaching position vacated by Matt Doherty this summer.

"When I left Duke, I had no

plans to go back," the former Duke assistant coach said. "I wasn't sure if big-time college ball was worth the family sacrifice."

However, Brey felt the environment at Notre Dame provided a great quality of life for both himself and his family.

"It's a natural fit," Brey said. "I was never interested in going back to Duke. Instead, I wanted to do some Duke stuff here."

"We're at a very critical time right now," he added. "If we can handle this season right, with all the preseason

attention, we can set ourselves up to recruit well and get back in the national picture."

"I noticed that the passion and spirit at Notre Dame was great. I wanted to do some Duke stuff here."

Mike Brey
Men's basketball coach

During his talk, Brey repeatedly stressed his hopes for the student section to become a deciding factor at Irish home games.

"We need to have that student section alive," he said. "They are so important for our success."

Brey noted that student support has already picked up as a result of the preseason hype, which has Notre Dame picked among the nation's top 20 teams. Since

tickets went on sale Tuesday, Brey estimated more than 1,500 season tickets had already been purchased.

"I noticed that the passion and spirit at Notre Dame was great," he said. "Duke's students were good, but it wasn't even close to what we can do."

Brey told last Thursday night's crowd some of his ideas to get more student support for the basketball

team.

One possibility is student-only pep rallies where the students would be able to get an inside look at the Irish preparations for their opponent. At the rallies, Brey hopes to get a few students down on the court, run them through an opponent's offense, and show the students a sampling of how the Irish would attack the other team.

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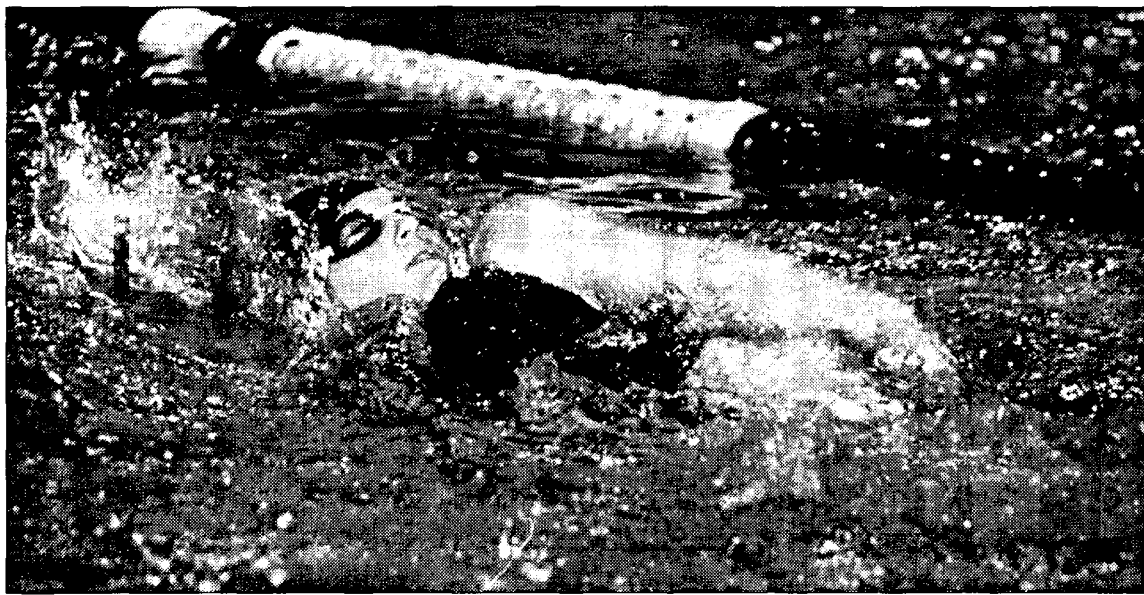
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING



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Lori Schulte swims during the Notre Dame Relays. The Belles open their dual meet season tonight against the University of Chicago and travel to Ontario, Canada to compete this weekend.

Belles set for start of dual meets

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

The Belles' swimming and diving team is going global.

After opening their dual meet season tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center against the University of Chicago, the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team will pack their bags and head north to Ontario, Canada to compete against the University of Western Ontario.

The team will be accompanied by their brother team Wabash College and the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team.

"We have been training very hard," said head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt. "They are tired. Tired of swimming and probably tired of me. This weekend gives everyone a break from practice and Saint Mary's and finally gives them the opportunity to show off their hard work."

The meet provides a much-needed break from training for the Belles, who have been in the water nearly one month sans-competition.

"We are so excited to finally compete, to break up the monotony of practicing both morning and night," said senior co-captain Olivia Smith.

Coming off a fifth-place MIAA finish last February, the non-league competition will get the Belles geared to take on their MIAA competitors later in the season. The Belles season debut saw them finish sixth at Notre Dame Relays in early October, and pressure for faster performances has been building in the team since then.

"We came out and swam hard at ND relays and it gave the ladies somewhere to start form," said Hildebrandt. "Now we are looking for the rewards of improving themselves and the motivation to carry us from now until our next competition."

The Belles, having defeated the

University of Chicago last year are looking toward a repeat performance. With only 11 swimmers and no divers, U of C will have difficulty in dealing with the depth of this year's Belles squad. The Belles will also be showcasing diver senior Ryann Cox, who will compete in her first collegiate competition.

"She will be doing dives with high degrees of difficulty and has no pressure from competition," Hildebrandt said. "I'm excited for her."

The Belles will need to focus on endurance for the upcoming weekend, focusing almost exclusively on the long events. In preparing for this weekend's match-ups, Hildebrandt has concentrated on the mental aspects of swimming long course events.

"The younger swimmers have never swam a 200 yard breast-stroke, or 200 yard butterfly race and it's been over a year for the returners as well," she said.

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refueled Irish attack is Eagle goalkeeper Courtney Schaeffer, who is a leading candidate for first team all-conference honors. Schaeffer has displayed an uncanny ability this season to make clutch saves. Her play could be an x-factor.

"She's one of the best," Waldrum said.

Defensively, the Irish will once again have to contend with the likes of Moore, who put them in the unfamiliar hole that nearly made the first meeting a day of horrors. The speedy Moore is

Boston College's bread and butter. She is the go-to player the Irish must contain.

"She's extremely dangerous," Waldrum said. "You just have to know where she is on the field."

The containment plan will be aided by the return of team captain and top defensive player Kelly Lindsey, who will see action in a limited role after missing a month with

a strained MCL.

"We're going to try and get her some time," Waldrum said. "Hopefully she'll play some and then we'll go from there."

Should the Irish win tonight, they will face the winner of the Syracuse-Connecticut game Sunday.

"We're just need to take advantage of the chances we do get."

Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach

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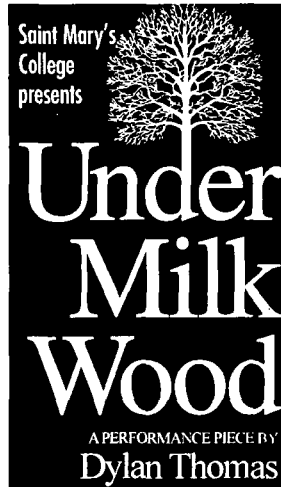
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Welsh to duke it out with Walsh at Stepan

By LAUREN CONTI and
SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writers

The Whirlwinds of Welsh Family Hall hope to continue their season-spanning undefeated streak this Sunday at 3 p.m., when they face off against the Walsh Wild Women in the semifinals of the women's interhall playoffs.

The Whirlwinds' star players, Jen Grubb and Vanessa Lichon, have contributed to Welsh's unbeatable offensive play this season, helping their teammates to snag the top seed going into the playoffs.

"It's probably between Jen and Vanessa as to who's the best player in the league," said Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger. "And it doesn't help us that they're on the same team."

Though the odds seem stacked in Welsh's favor, the Wild Women, seeded fourth, can't be counted out entirely.

"We're nervous, but at the same time we know that in the past couple years, the No. 1 seed, the team that everyone sees as the shoo-in, has lost in or before the finals," said Lauren Walsh, Walsh's sophomore quarterback. "It could happen again."

Walsh will lead her team's young but poised offense. The Wild Women will rely on their characteristically strong defense to halt Welsh's offense, unstoppable so far this season.

"We'll probably make a few offensive changes for Sunday," said Dillenburger of Walsh's game plan. "Defense, they've just been solid all season, and hopefully they'll continue that."

"We played well all year, but then last game was a little rough for us," said Welsh coach Casey Bouton. "But it was a good thing, I think it grounded us a little, reminded us not to take things for granted. We can't do that, our O-line has to be ready to handle Walsh's great defense."

Overall, the game should be a competitive one. The Wild Women will have to maintain their highest level of play in their effort to stop the Whirlwinds.

"We're going to have to play really well to stick with them," said Dillenburger.

Off-Campus vs. Howard

Howard and Off-Campus enter Sunday's interhall semifinals with limited knowledge of their non-league opponents.

To get into the semifinals, Off-Campus defeated Badin 6-0.

Coach Paul Diamantopoulos blamed foolish mistakes and dropped passes for his offense's inability to get touchdowns. However, the Crime hopes to use its speed and inventive plays to come out strong against Howard.

"If we don't make silly mistakes and we get confidence, then we will be able to get points," Diamantopoulos said.

The Off-Campus defense has been solid all year. In last week's game against Badin, the defense was effective at applying pressure to the quarterback and batting down passes.

"The defense is a cohesive unit," Diamantopoulos said. "We're going to wreak havoc on the offense."

The Off-Campus defense will have to be strong to counter Howard's offense, which scored 20 points last week in its win over Cavanaugh. Vanessa Nero caught two touchdown passes and Elizabeth Klimek had one, all from the arm of quarterback Jill Veselik.

"We are really confident about our offense," said Howard coach Brad Untiedt. "They had a big game last week and we hope to see the same thing on Sunday."

"If we come out and play against Off-Campus like we did against Cavanaugh," Untiedt said. "Then I like our chances. We're ready."

"It is better to be the underdog because there is less pressure," Howard's Jeanne Trelease said. "We're looking for another upset."

"At this point in the tournament, rankings mean nothing," said captain Marita Keane. "We just need to go into this game like any other and put points on the board." Diamantopoulos had the same sentiments.

"They [the Ducks] are just another opponent, and we are not going to treat them any differently," he said.

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Swimmer Katie Crawford played an integral role in Notre Dame's win against No. 17 Miami.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

No. 18 Irish face unranked tests

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Rankings don't mean much. For the Irish women's swimming and diving team, last weekend's wash of the No. 17 Miami Hurricanes proved that beating its ranked opponents would be a little easier than expected this season. But while last weekend's meet proved that the No. 18 Irish have

more talent than most observers expected, they will have their work cut out for them as they face off in six matchups over two meets this weekend.

Facing off in a quad meet against Miami of Ohio, Pittsburgh, and Kenyon College in Oxford, Ohio Friday, Notre Dame will continue its weekend against Purdue and the University of Evansville Saturday. But regardless of last weekend's win — which put the

Irish at 2-0 on the season — they aren't counting any of their victories early. While the quad meet will be an opportunity to post solid individual performances, Saturday's duel with Purdue won't be easy.

"It's always nice to crush a Big East opponent like we did," said senior co-captain Carrie Nixon. "Purdue is going to be different... they're about the same caliber level as Miami. We have to beat them from the start, and not make them think they can win."

The Irish will find their stiffest competition in Purdue senior Ginger Lakos, who comes back to Purdue fresh from Olympic competition in Sydney. A member of the Hungarian Olympic swim team, Lakos will establish her dominance in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle. Sophomore Lisa Lange should pose a threat in the breaststroke events, and senior Missy Bromley should keep the pace in the 50-yard freestyle.

But the Irish match up evenly, relying on the strength of freshman Lisa Garcia in the butterfly and individual medley, junior Allison Lloyd and freshman Laurie Musgrave in the breaststroke events and freshman Danielle Hulick in the sprint freestyle events.

The Irish will be without senior sprinter Nixon for the third consecutive week, however. Nixon, who has not competed so far in the 2000 season due to a shoulder injury, had an MRI exam Wednesday to determine if the injury will warrant surgery. The injury could be anything from a torn tendon to another tendinitis flare-up, Nixon said.

"The pain has gotten so bad that I can't make it through a whole practice," Nixon said Thursday. "I want an answer...but I can't keep going on like I am right now."

Scheduled to meet with doctors on Monday, Nixon could have surgery as early as next week, if needed. But for the meantime, she will continue to sit the sidelines during the Irish's meets this weekend.

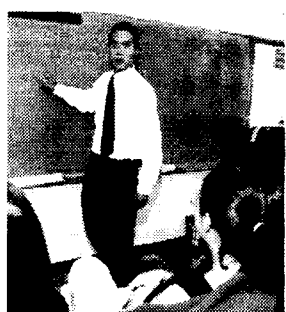
"It's hard...you want to be out there so bad. The other girls are tired and exhausted [in practice], and you can say, 'Keep going,' but you're not in the water," she said.

But should the 2000 Big East swimmer of the year be sidelined for her senior season, a fifth-year is a definite option, Nixon said.

"It doesn't make me horribly sad...right now, I've got the mindset that I'll be back at the end of the season. As a captain, I need to be there."

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Basketball

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The third standout in the Irish starting lineup is sophomore shooting guard Alicia Ratay. Ratay was named to the second team all-Big East squad this preseason, an honor she puts second to the team's success.

"It's a great honor to be picked on that team," said Ratay. "But my main concern is to help Notre Dame do the best that we can in any way."

With guard Danielle Green and forward Julie Henderson lost to graduation, senior Kelley Siemon and junior Ericka Haney move into starting roles.

The starting role is nothing new to Siemon, who started her freshman and sophomore years before coming off of the bench last season.

The 6-foot-1 Haney is a strong defensive player who has shown the ability to score in multiple ways.

"Erica's played very well, especially in the last couple of days," McGraw said Thursday.

The first face off the bench for the Irish this season will be that of a freshman — guard Jeneka Joyce. Joyce is a mature player who is known for strong ball-handling and shooting skills.

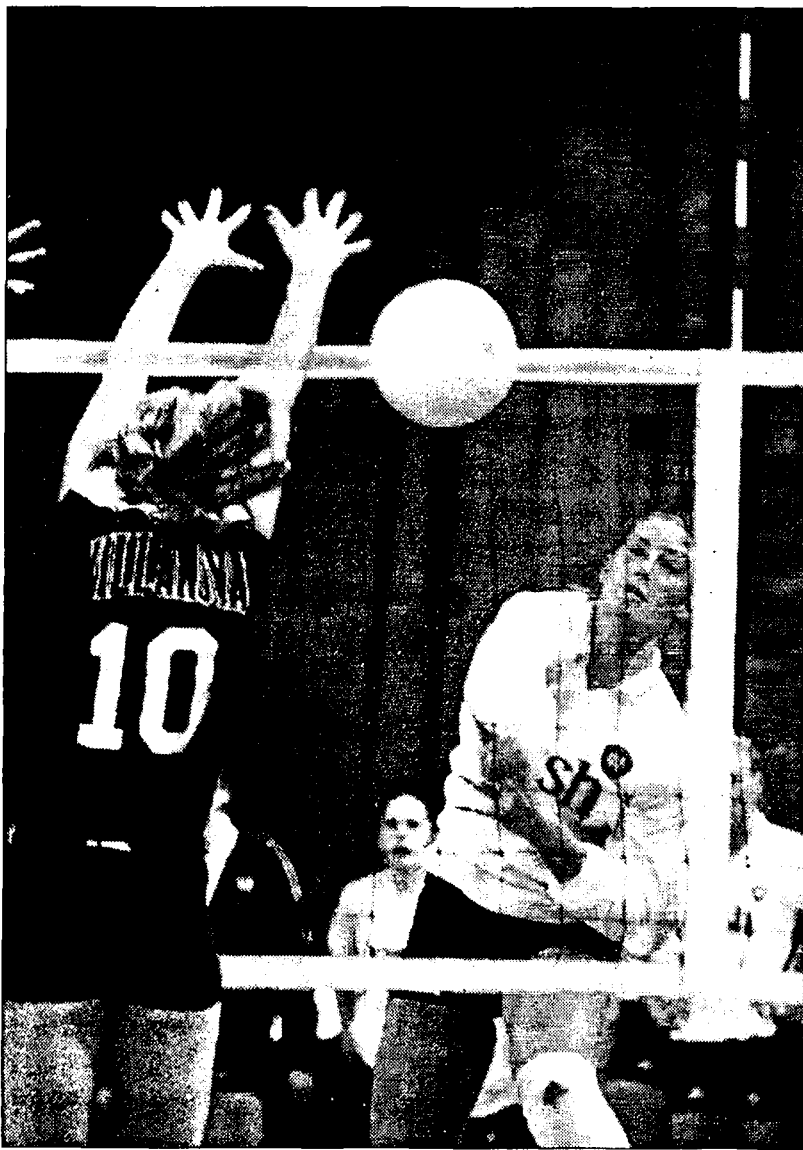
Despite being asked to play with a veteran group that has been playing together for as many as five years, Joyce feels quite comfortable with her new team.

"I think it's been as smooth as it can be at the moment," said Joyce.

The Irish take the court against an opponent for the first time this season Sunday evening at 7 p.m. as they take on the Ohio All-Stars.

Volleyball

Irish return home to battle Big East foes



Freshman Katie Neff blasts a shot past a Villanova defender during a match earlier this season. The Irish take an 8-0 conference record into two crucial Big East matches this weekend.

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball returns home this weekend hoping to remain undefeated in the Big East as it takes on Boston College and Providence, along with non-conference foe North Carolina.

"Our team expects to come out strong against every team and keep playing with the confidence that we had last weekend," said junior Marcie Bomhack. "Hopefully everyone on the team will have a chance to play."

The No. 23 Irish, currently 18-5 overall and 8-0 in conference play, open the weekend Friday against the Boston College Eagles. The Irish have won their last six matches against the Eagles. Boston College is 10-15 overall and 3-5 in the Big East this year.

Saturday could bring the toughest test of the weekend, as North Carolina is 21-5 this year. Top player Laura Green poses a threat to the Irish defense with 338 kills in 2000.

"I think that out of the three teams we play, North Carolina will be the biggest competition for us, but we have to be prepared for everyone we play," said Bomhack.

Notre Dame holds the historical advantage with a 3-1

series lead. The game will be televised at 11 p.m. Saturday.

Back in the Big East, Notre Dame will look for its sixth consecutive three-game win over Providence Sunday.

The Friars, 16-12 overall and 2-6 in the Big East, will rely on Sarah Katinger to provide Providence's offense and increase her 2000 total of 457 kills.

"I think one thing our team can do that we haven't in the past is finish the team off," Bomhack said. "When we get a lead, we need to play hard to the 15th point and not let them come back at all."

The Irish are coming off Big East road victories over Connecticut 15-11, 11-15, 15-5, 13-15, 16-14 and St. John's (15-0, 15-9, 15-10).

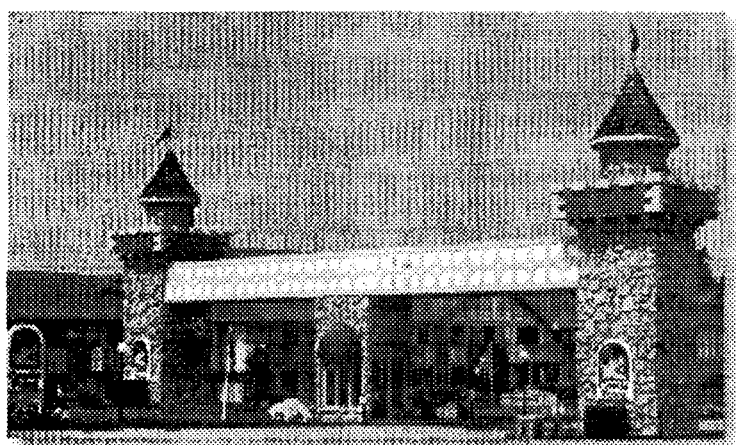
Senior Christi Gorton posted her career-high of 31 kills against the Huskies, while Marcie Bomhack added 19 kills and 13 digs. Junior Kristy Kreher added 21 kills and nine digs. Sophomore Janie Alderete contributed her career-best defensive performance with 18 digs for the Irish.

"I think that we've played a lot tougher competition throughout the year than the teams we're playing and have played on a much higher level," Bomhack said. "That should give us an advantage."



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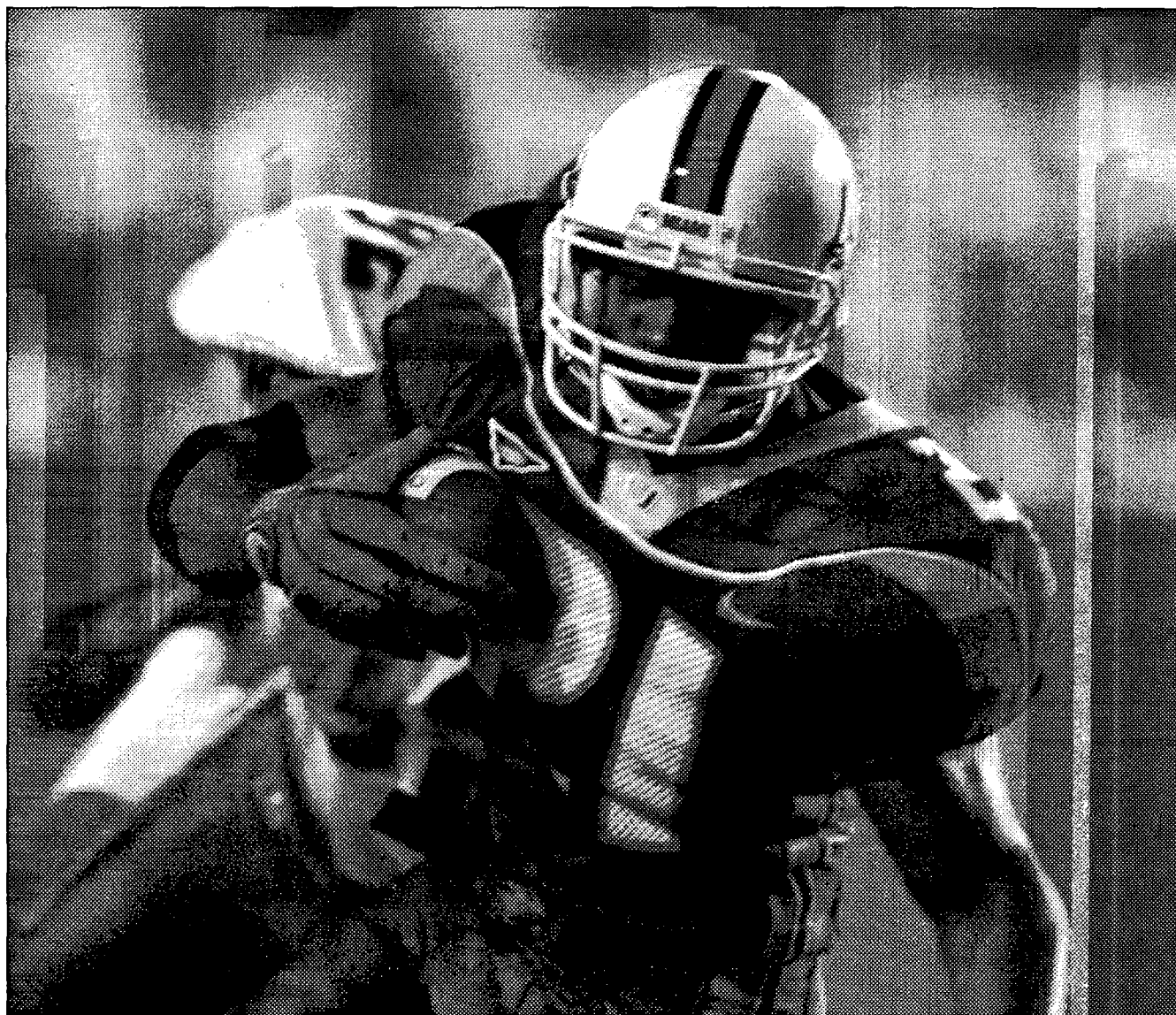
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team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	7-0	1,749
2 Virginia Tech	8-0	1,633
3 Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,602
4 Florida State	8-1	1,539
5 Nebraska	7-1	1,425
6 Florida	7-1	1,395
7 Oregon	7-1	1,378
8 Washington	7-1	1,262
9 TCU	7-0	1,150
10 Clemson	8-1	1,071
11 Purdue	7-2	1,017
12 Michigan	6-2	925
13 So. Mississippi	6-1	897
14 Oregon State	7-1	893
15 NOTRE DAME	6-2	674
16 Ohio State	6-2	563
17 Georgia	6-2	544
18 Mississippi State	5-2	515
19 Kansas State	7-2	443
20 Texas	6-2	399
21 Northwestern	6-2	391
22 South Carolina	7-2	283
23 Auburn	7-2	274
24 Texas A&M	6-2	240
25 Georgia Tech	6-2	178

ESPN/USA Today poll

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	7-0	1,470
2 Virginia Tech	8-0	1,403
3 Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,324
4 Florida State	8-1	1,289
5 Florida	7-1	1,217
6 Nebraska	7-1	1,180
7 Oregon	7-1	1,076
8 Washington	7-1	1,047
9 TCU	7-0	984
10 Clemson	8-1	964
11 So. Mississippi	6-1	805
12 Michigan	6-2	779
13 Purdue	7-2	777
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15 Kansas State	7-2	590
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17 Georgia	6-2	486
18 Mississippi State	5-2	445
19 Ohio State	6-2	444
20 Texas	6-2	426
21 Colorado State	7-1	233
22 Auburn	7-2	222
23 Northwestern	6-2	201
24 South Carolina	7-2	184
25 Texas A&M	6-2	151

GAME OF THE WEEK



KRT Photo

Miami running back James Jackson powers forward during a game earlier this season. Miami plays Virginia Tech Saturday in a game that has national title implications. The Hokies are ranked No. 2 in the BCS rankings, while the Hurricanes sit at No. 5.

Vick-less Tech prepares to take on Miami

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

Who needs the BCS poll? Entering its final month, the 2000 college football season has given fans a makeshift playoff system. By bowl season, most top 10 teams will have already played each other. Last week's Oklahoma-Nebraska shootout gave the nation a new No. 1, at least for a week. This Saturday, get ready for the Big East Championship and the battle for No. 2. Virginia Tech enters

the Orange Bowl at 8-0 after last year's 11-1 campaign. A season ago, while the Seminoles celebrated after their Sugar Bowl victory, the rest of the nation stood in awe of a redshirt freshman quarterback named Michael Vick. Vick's stunning combination of strength, speed and athleticism made the vaunted Florida State defense look like a high school junior varsity team.

Unfortunately, Vick sprained his ankle in Saturday's 37-34 victory against Pittsburgh. Coach Frank Beamer has

named senior Dave Meyer the starter this week, but claims Vick will play if he's healthy. For the Hokies, this could not have come at a worse time.

The No. 3 Miami Hurricanes are peaking at the right time.

After a September loss at Washington, coach Butch Davis refocused his team and the Hurricanes have responded.

Sophomore quarterback Ken Dorsey has emerged as a talented leader, as evidenced by his game-winning drive

against Florida State.

While strong on offense, the Hokies are admittedly suspect on defense. Their defensive line has four brand-new starters, and the secondary sports three rookies as well.

Conversely, Miami's defense, led by linebacker Dan Morgan, can play with anybody.

Michael Vick is the X-factor. If he plays, the Hokies will compete. If not, the Hurricanes should effectively position themselves to stay home for the holidays in the Orange Bowl.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Clemson at Florida State: Bowden Bowl II could have been bigger, but Georgia Tech upset the then-No. 4 and undefeated Tigers last Saturday 31-28.

Son Tommy Bowden brings his team into Tallahassee looking for revenge after 1999's 17-14 contest, but don't expect any parental favors. Quarterback Woody Dantzler has emerged as a two-way threat this season, and Clemson needs him to play well Saturday.

Dad Bobby Bowden's Seminoles still entertain National Championship aspirations, but must host Florida in two weeks. Quarterback Chris Weinke continues to nurse a sprained ankle, but looked sharp in pasting NC State, 58-14.

Florida State desperately needs a kicking game. After four years of bliss with Sebastian Jankowski, FSU kickers have struggled mightily. This does not bode well for a team that hopes to be in the Orange Bowl at season's end.

Michigan at Northwestern: This game of Big Ten also-rans has Drew Brees and Purdue to thank for their No. 2 league status.

On paper, Michigan should crush No. 23 Northwestern. The problem in the Big Ten this season is that somebody keeps forgetting to tell Northwestern it's not supposed to be good.

This Wildcats team is not equal to the Gary Barnett '95 and '96 teams that beat Michigan twice en route to a Rose Bowl and a 15-1 conference record. However, it does have a nasty habit of winning games that it shouldn't.

Last week, Northwestern was down by 21 against Minnesota, then won on a tipped pass to Sam Simmons with 41 seconds left. The winner of this game most likely will earn a Citrus Bowl berth and an outside chance at the Big Ten Championship should Purdue falter.

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Clemson at Florida State
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HOCKEY

Irish look to regroup in weekend series against Red Hawks

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team came close to beating Michigan State last Friday night.

But close doesn't mean win.

Instead, the Irish dropped that game to the Spartans, and enter this weekend's series against the Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks with a 2-5-1 record.

That doesn't mean head coach Dave Poulin is ready to hit the panic button yet. Instead, Poulin has stressed fundamentals to his team, working on the spots that have troubled the Irish early in the season.

One area that has tormented Notre Dame is goal scoring.

Before the season started, the Irish were pegged to have a great offense. They were deep at center, and all of the experience seemed to be on the offensive side. Yet only twice in eight games have the Irish produced more than three goals.

With an inexperienced defense, the Irish know the goal production needs to increase.

"This week we have worked on drills that stress going to the net," freshman center Aaron Gill said. "Instead of shooting it from the outside, we are looking at getting second and third chances in front of the net and putting away the rebound."

Notre Dame has also struggled on special teams.

Against Michigan State last weekend, the Irish gave up five power-play goals, while only getting one on the offensive end. That trend needs to change if the Irish are going to make a serious run at the NCAA tournament.

"Every game, we give the different fundamental

areas a grade of plus or minus," Poulin said. "Our special teams has gotten a minus in every game this year, and that is something we are working hard to change."

Another area the Irish are grappling with is goaltending.

Sophomore Tony Zasowski started the season but was pulled in favor of Jeremiah Kimento after the first two games. Kimento played well, but gave up four goals against Michigan State last Thursday. That led Poulin to give Zasowski his first start in three weeks on Friday night against the Spartans. Zasowski played well, giving up just three goals on 31 shots.

Although Poulin didn't speculate on the long-term goalie situation, he did clear up speculation on who would start tonight against the Red Hawks.

"I think Tony played well enough against Michigan State that he deserves the right to start against Miami this week," Poulin said.

The Miami Red Hawks enter the game in the same position as Notre Dame. They have had a tough early season schedule, and dropped their first two CCHA games to Michigan, which may be

the best team in the CCHA. That doesn't mean the Red Hawks don't have talent.

The Red Hawks' strength is in their goal scoring. Miami is led by junior Jason Deskins and senior Gregor Krajnc, and have freshmen Greg Hogeboom and Mike Kompon waiting in the wings. The Notre Dame defensive unit will have to step up to contain the Red Hawks' potent scoring attack.

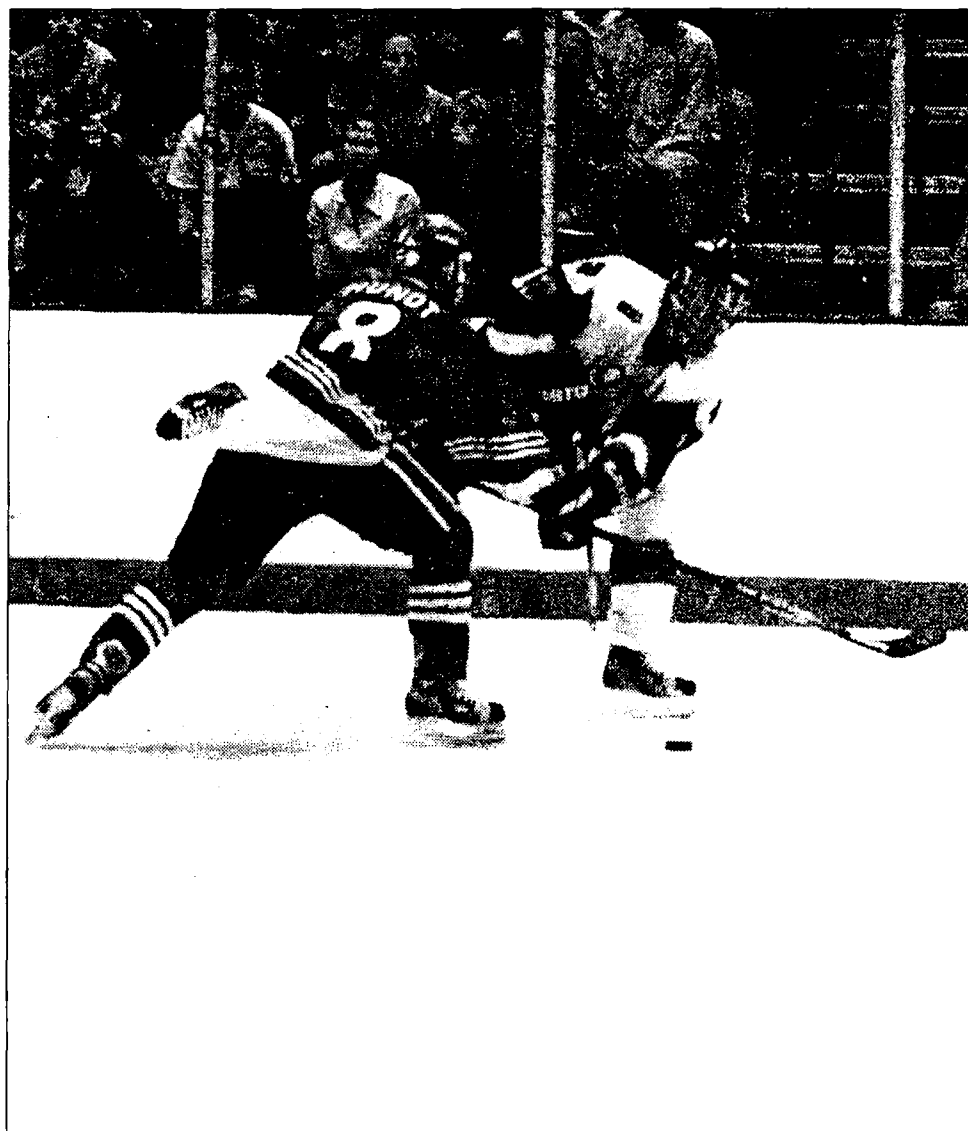
As if that wasn't enough to keep Notre Dame occupied, they also have to worry about playing on the road against an enthusiastic student body. Miami (Ohio) plays in the intimate Groggin Center, which seats 2,200 and can get loud.

"Miami has a tough building to play in," Poulin said. "They have a great student section."

The Irish need a good road win to help build their confidence and get the season back on track. Going down to Miami this weekend might do the trick, but the Irish will need to improve in some fundamental and avoid worrying about things beyond their control.

The game strategy, however is simple.

"We just need to line up and play," said Gill.



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Sophomore defender Evan Neilson passes during a game earlier this season against Wayne State. Notre Dame will take its 2-5-1 record into a two game series this weekend against Miami of Ohio.

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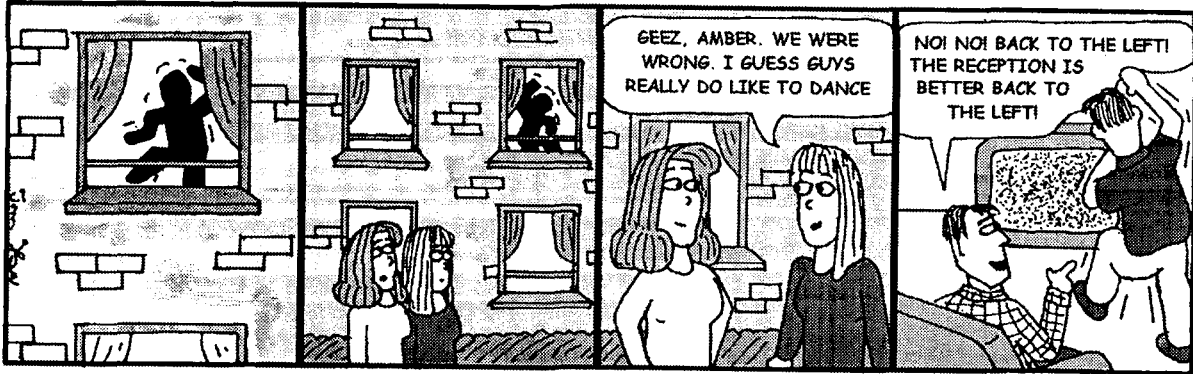
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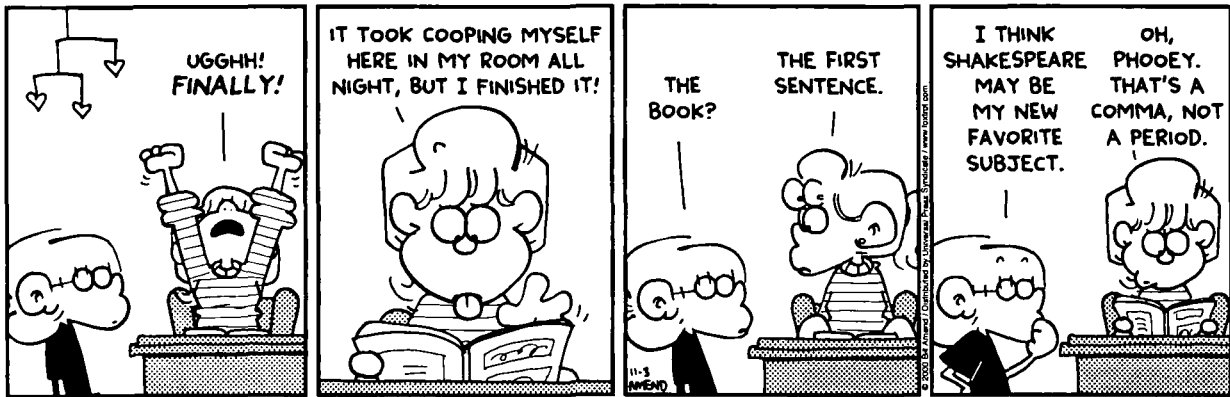
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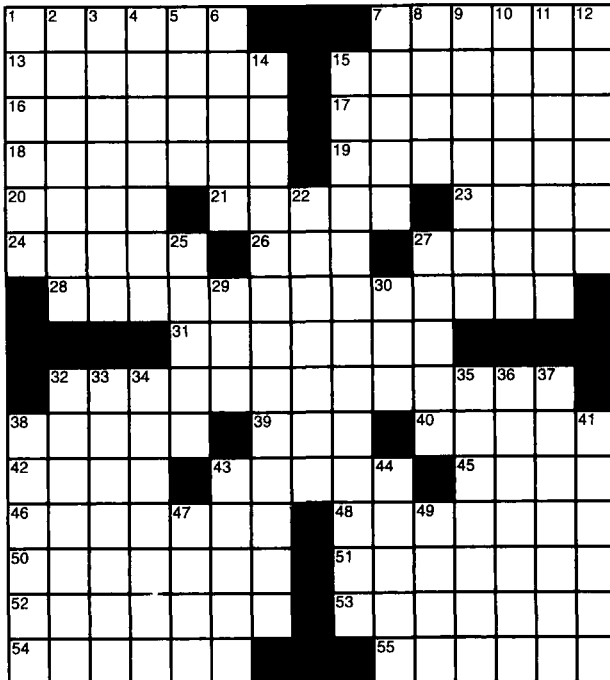


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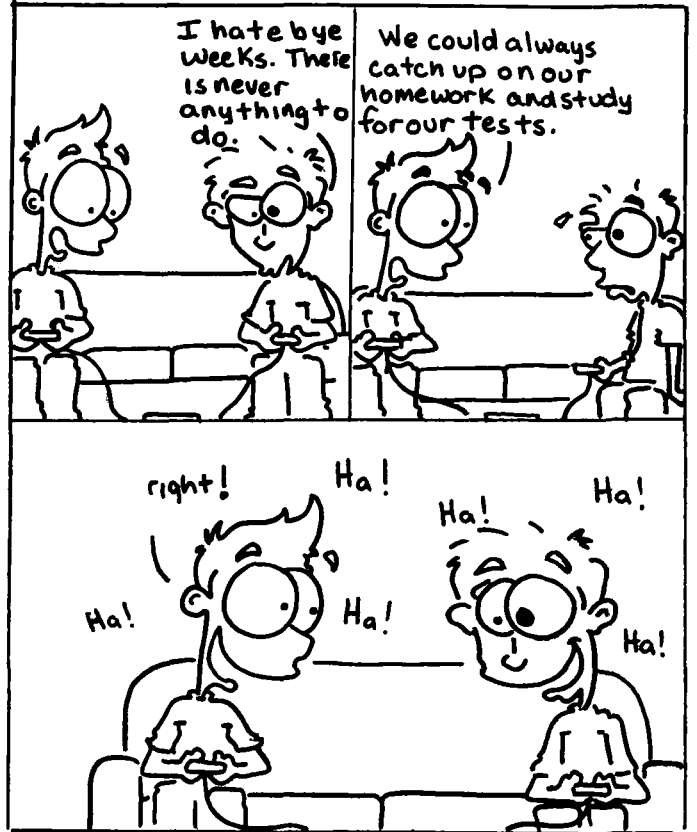
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Hold onto your money. Financial limitations will result if you have been too generous with others. Don't let those you live with upset you. Follow your instincts and stick to your original ideas. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional depression may lead to partnership problems. Take a close look at contracts or agreements. You can stabilize your personal relationship if you

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your lowered vitality stop you from completing important paperwork. You may not be up to par, but you can accomplish things if you refrain from letting others upset you. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Leadership can be yours if you are willing to put additional work into organizations you belong to. Concentrate on being the best you can be. A new outlook is in order. *****

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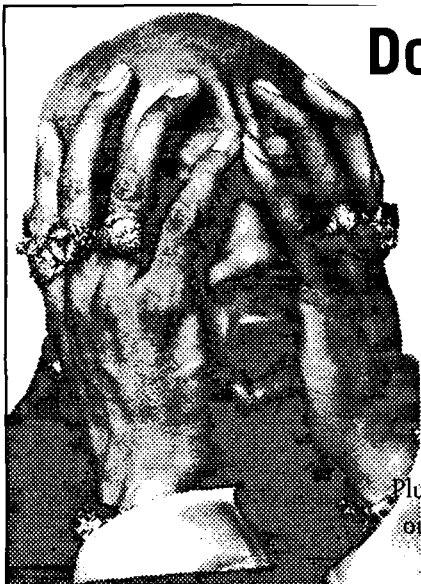
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The 2-5-1 Irish hockey team look to bounce back from a close loss to Michigan State as it travels to Miami.
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish seek Big East title at weekend conference tourney

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The last time the Eagles of Boston College were in town to take on the top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team, the Irish found themselves in an unfamiliar position — behind.

The Eagles were flying high on Oct. 13 and gave the Irish a scare.

Junior midfielder Meghan Moore scored early to give Boston College the 1-0 lead, marking the first time Notre Dame had trailed all season long. The Irish rallied for the

victory, but as the Eagles prepare to touch down for a Friday night Big East tournament semifinal showdown, Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum is anticipating a difficult rematch.

"They're a great team," Waldrum said. "They did a great job defensively on our forwards. They were very physical. I think they could be one of the best teams we've faced all year."

The Irish attack quelled in the first meeting figures to receive a boost for the rematch.

Freshman Amy Warner will play in her third consecutive game after missing the first game with an injury to her right knee. Warner, however, will not start, as she continues to play her way back into shape.

Instead, Waldrum will go with a front line of Meotis Erikson, Amanda Guertin, and Ali Lovelace, all of whom are dangerous in the open field.

"We have to do a little bit more offensively," Waldrum said. "We'll bring Amy in off the bench for a boost, but I think our starters are certainly capable of

establishing things early."

Patience will also be a key if Notre Dame is to return to its seemingly annual place in the conference finals. In the first meeting against the Eagles, the Irish did not do a good job controlling the ball. Instead of waiting for opportunities to develop, they were too quick to fire off shots.

"Certainly we have to hold the ball a bit longer," Waldrum said. "We just need to take advantage of the chances we do get."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish head coach



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior forward Meotis Erikson dribbles away from a Seton Hall player during a game earlier this season. The Irish take on Boston College tonight in the Big East semifinals at Alumni Field.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish excited to tip off season at Sunday's exhibition



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Ruth Riley passes the ball during a game last season. The Irish play an exhibition game Sunday.

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Following a season which ended with a loss to Texas Tech in the NCAA tournament, the Irish women's basketball team looks to rebound this season behind the strong play of All-American center Ruth Riley and a group of guards that head coach Muffet McGraw sees as, "probably our best group of guards ever."

The Irish enter the season ranked third in the nation by Sports Illustrated for Women, behind only perennial powerhouses Connecticut and Tennessee.

The conference coaches voted the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers second behind Connecticut while predicting the Irish third. Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw believes the Irish will be stronger

than ever this season.

"We're excited about the season ... we have great leadership in our senior class," said McGraw. "We had a really great preseason in strength and conditioning. I think this is probably the best shape we've ever been in."

The Irish are led by senior All-American Ruth Riley. Riley — who last year became the first Notre Dame women's basketball player ever to earn first team All-America honors — is the two-time defending Big East Defensive Player of the Year. She also led the Irish in both scoring in rebounding last season.

With Riley on the court, Notre Dame is a dominant team. However, keeping Riley on the court for extended minutes has been a problem throughout her career, as Riley has shown a tendency to get into foul trouble.

"You can tell at practice she's really concentrating on not fouling," said McGraw. "She's doing a really good job of being that presence in the lane without fouling. She's really working on when she can block the shot and when she can't."

While Riley provides necessary scoring and rebounding, the heart and soul of the Irish team is fifth-year senior point guard Neile Ivey. Ivey is a second-team all-Big East honoree who has overcome two ACL injuries during her career to emerge as one of the most talented point guards in the country.

"I would say that Neile is definitely the leader of our team," said McGraw. "As the point guard she has the ball in her hands a lot. She runs the team. She's just a very poised, very smart player."

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Today, 7 p.m.



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