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ND elects Norton first female student body president

◆ Student voter rates lower than primary election

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Brooke Norton did what Al Gore couldn't. By capturing 56 percent of the vote in Thursday's run-off, the current vice president became the first female student body president at Notre Dame.

"I am excited for this opportunity," Norton said. "This year is the 30th anniversary of women being admitted into Notre Dame, and we will have our first female student body president. I am very honored to have that privilege."

Norton is the first vice president to win the University's student body elections since incumbent Dennis Etienne won the presidency in 1973. Ryan Becker, along with running mate Nikki McCord, captured 42 percent of the vote in Thursday's run-off. Becker said he was proud of his campaign staff and thanked his supporters.

"I'm really proud of the race we ran," Becker said. "We picked up 500 votes today. It shows how hard we worked in the past week. I'm very

proud."

Becker gave special thanks to Zahm Hall which had the highest voter turn-out on campus and awarded Becker 154 votes compared to Norton's 18.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," Becker said. "Obviously, we wish we could've won, but we can walk out of here and hold our heads high."

Brian Moscona, the vice president-elect, said he is excited for the opportunity to serve the student body.

"We're going to work our butts off to make this a better campus and a better place for the student body," said Moscona. "I think there's a lot of good we can do."

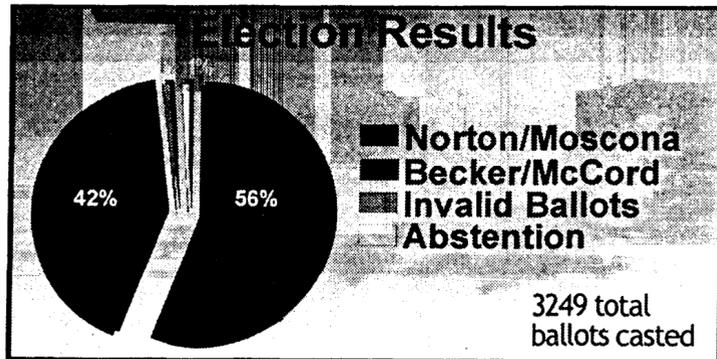
The run-off election had a lower voter turnout than previous student body elections. While 3,801 students voted in Monday's primary, only 3,249 voted Thursday, amounting to a little more than 40 percent of the student body.

Norton, whose parents were on hand for the announcement Thursday night, thanked all her supporters and said she looks forward to accomplishing all the Norton/Moscona platform goals.

"It was all the little things that made this happen," Norton said. "I want to thank all of those who did the work."



SARAH FUCHS/The Observer
Brian Moscona and Brooke Norton (l to r) are congratulated by Son Nguyen at the McKenna Center for Continuing Education following the announcement of their victory in the student body presidential/vice presidential race Thursday night.



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Philbin donates to arts center

By HILARY BURN
News Writer

Television personality Regis Philbin made a \$2.75 million donation for a studio theater that will bear his name in the new Marie DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Philbin, the popular host of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and talk show "Live! With Regis and Kelly", has already given several gifts to the University, including the endowment of a scholarship.

"Regis Philbin is not only one of Notre Dame's most recognized graduates, he also is among our most generous," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "With his time, talent and resources, Regis has made numerous contributions to the University and our surrounding community. We are most appreciative of this latest gift, which will do much to enhance our growing commitment to and reputation in the dramatic arts."

The contribution will supplement the DeBartolo family's original pledge of \$33 million. The gift was intended for DeBartolo Hall and the new performing arts center.

The construction of the center had been stalled while the University waited for the DeBartolo pledge to be fulfilled. Having recently received the whole donation, the University sought other donors to meet



Philbin

the added costs that have emerged since the initial proposal. Along with Philbin's donation, several other significant donations have provided enough to build the \$54 million facility.

"We would welcome this gift for any purpose, but to designate it for a theater that will be the home space for our lab and performance-art productions — a place for experiment and adventure in the arts — is especially appropriate," said Don Crafton, the chair of the Film, Television and Theater department.

The 100-seat theater will be used for some theater classes, lab performances and other departmental productions. The sophisticated seating, lighting and sound systems will provide students with artistic and technical freedom.

"It will greatly increase the University's ability to present cutting-edge theater," said Crafton. "It provides an opportunity for students to work on avant-garde performance pieces and any kind of dramatic performance requiring minimal stage support."

The studio theater is just one of the features of the new performing arts center, which will contain a 900-seat concert hall, a 350-seat Proscenium theatre, a film-screening studio and an organ loft.

"The Marie DeBartolo Center will be a quantum leap forward for performing arts at Notre Dame and it will be one of the finest University facilities of its kind in this country," said Director of Public Relations Dennis Moore.

The 123,000 square-foot building will be located at the south end of DeBartolo quad. Construction will begin in a few months and will be completed in 2003.

Annual Blak Koffee House opens tonight

By MEG DADAY
News Writer

The Black Cultural Arts Council hosts its annual Blak Koffee House at 8 p.m. Friday night in Lafortune Ballroom.

A talent showcase of 10 to 12 acts, Blak Koffee House is "an upscale literary and musical extravaganza of African and African-American creativity," said Chandra Johnson, assistant to University President Father Edward Malloy and artistic coordinator of the show.

Johnson has been involved with the show since Karsonia Wise, a graduate student in peace studies, created it in 1993. While an undergraduate, Johnson began overseeing production of the show in 1994.

According to Johnson, the show's style reflects that of Harlem artists such as Langston Hughes and Nella Larson.

"It highlights the literary and jazz artists of the 1920s," said Johnson. "The students' creativity is highlighted in a way that gets to the very essence of the Harlem Renaissance."

The show features a performance by the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, poetry readings by Tanesha Dixon, Orlando Gonzalez and Jourdan Sorrell and songs performed by Johnnie Cheeks, Patrick Parks and Adrienne de la Rosa.

Johnson said seniors Justin Smith and Joanna Bowen will narrate the show and weave the acts into a cohesive whole.

The event is officially part of Junior Parents Weekend.

"Blak Koffee House is always held on the Friday of JPW to give parents, as well as a broad cross-section of students a chance to witness African and African-American music and poetry," Johnson said.

INSIDE COLUMN

Choices, Good and Bad

Two weeks ago, I got a set of emails from my parents. The basic theme was "I know you are busy but you really need to call home. We haven't heard from you since you drove back from break."

My dad also threw an extra line in his email "You can just call us from work if you have to. You can talk on the phone and still get work done on your computer."

Now you would think that those two emails would trigger me to immediately pick up the phone and call my parents. But of course that wasn't the case. Between interviewing student government tickets and digging through the everyday hassles at The Observer, I had every intention of calling home but for some reason it just never happened.

Every night I would come into the office at 7 p.m., planning on calling around 8 and end up looking up from editing pages to realize it was midnight and my parents were in bed already.

So finally three days after I got the "Are you dead emails?" I finally managed to call home. It wasn't until I called home that I realized how much had happened to me in the month since I'd driven back to South Bend.

My parents had to read about my re-election as editor in chief in the newspaper. They had no idea if I was moving off campus and who I was going to live with next year. I had made all sorts of decisions both big and small in the first month back to school.

It wasn't that my parents wanted to approve or disapprove of my decisions. I think they have basically recognized that I am going to make most of the important choices in my life for better or worse on my own. They just wanted to know what was going on.

As I talked to them and told them all I had done, I suddenly realized that it was incredibly selfish of me not to call home for an entire month. As I was asserting my independence and making my own decisions, I was forgetting about the people who taught me how to make good decisions.

My parents didn't want to approve my decisions or tell me what to do. They just wanted to share the joy of my choices with me. These were the people who taught me how to make decisions.

When I was younger they taught me about accepting responsibility for my actions and thinking things through. Every time I heard "You have to take responsibility for your actions" from my mom after I really screwed up, I learned how to make wiser decisions.

So this weekend, my parents come into town for Junior Parents Weekend. It's a chance for my parents to see the results of all the choices I have made in my 2.5 years at college.

And that's what I think JPW is all about. Sharing the choices and decisions that will affect your life with the people who gave you the confidence and wisdom to make those decisions.

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

The candidates and their platforms Feb. 19, 1976

A bond fund for students arrested for underage drinking and a reduction of parietal violations to the level of a hall offense are two major points in a platform offered by Student Body President candidate Mike Sweigart and Student Body Vice President candidate Bill Walsh to the student body. Other major points include finding a solution to the "Summer Storage Hassle."

Student gets windfall of \$25,000 Feb. 14, 1991

A few minutes before heading to a physics test, sophomore Annie Cahill received something that made the test seem unimportant — a check for \$25,000. Three members of the Publisher's Clearing House Prize Patrol arrived at Siegfried Hall with a red Nissan 300 ZX bedecked with a red bow. Cahill accepted a large display check for \$25,000 in lieu of the car.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

New Mexico athlete fights work program

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Sean Tollison came to the University of New Mexico three years on a swimming scholarship, anxious and thrilled by the prospect of competing in his hometown. Now Tollison has no team, no scholarship and his only connection to swimming is through coaching.

Tollison is one of 56 male athletes on the swimming, wrestling and gymnastic teams that were cut by the UNM Athletic Department in March of 1999 to deal with budget constraints, field competitive sports in the newly-formed Mountain West Conference and come closer to complying with U.S. Department of Education equity laws — better known as Title IX.

When the sports were cut, Athletic Director Rudy Davalos said nothing could be done to save the programs,



but promised that the University would look after the athletes, help them transfer to other programs and honor their scholarships through their fourth year at UNM if they decided to stay.

In the fall of 1999, Tollison said he and his peers were told they had to work for the Athletic Department to retain their scholarships. Some athletes were assigned to clean the

weight room after the football team used the facility. Others were assigned to answer phones and other clerical work for Athletic Department administrators.

Tollison tried to transfer to the University of Denver, but couldn't get enough financial aid in time to attend the school. When he returned for his sophomore year after one season of Division I swimming competition, he was sent to film other teams' games and practices.

"I didn't mind the work really, but it just didn't seem right because I came here to swim," he said.

"It's a really relaxed system and a lot of people just don't go to their jobs. My boss felt bad for me, so he started paying me through student employment."

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Student government to file suit

Student government officials indicated Wednesday that they will likely move ahead with a lawsuit against University of Wisconsin-Madison for failing to comply with an open-records request for last semester's course evaluation data. After four months, nearly 50 percent of departments still have not provided the Associated Students of Madison with the requested information. The Freedom of Information Act makes most university documents, including course evaluations, open to the public. Two weeks ago, ASM officials said they would file a lawsuit against the university if departments did not comply by today. At tonight's ASM Student Council meeting, representatives will decide whether they will file suit against the university. ASM uses the data in the semiannual publication of course evaluation guides, which are supposed to help students make registration decisions. Because of the lack of cooperation by departments, the publication of the spring guide has been delayed.

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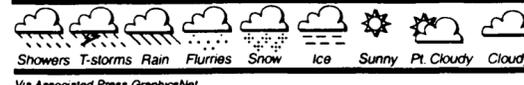
Martin Luther King holiday remains

The Michigan State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday to indefinitely continue allowing the cancellation of classes to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Trustee Dorothy Gonzales, a longtime supporter of canceling classes to honor the slain civil rights leader, said she is glad the issue is finalized. "I'm very pleased that the majority of us were in agreement," she said Wednesday afternoon. In 1999, upon the urging of administrators, faculty and students, a three-year trial period of university-wide observance was allotted with the caution that MLK Day would remain on MSU's academic calendar only if students were using the day to attend commemorative events. Attendance at university-sponsored events would determine the holiday's fate, administrators said. Event organizers say more than 1,000 people joined in the Jan. 15 march from Beaumont Tower to the Wharton Center and nearly 3,000 people crowded into the Wharton Center's Pasant Theatre to hear a speech from Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the NAACP.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Sunday	36	23
Monday	37	22
Tuesday	38	25
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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 16.
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Chicago	35	12	New York	43	35	Tampa	81	65
Houston	69	46	Philadelphia	47	34	Wash DC	51	42

Expert panel discusses peace possibilities in Middle East

By NICK SWEDO
News Writer

A panel of experts discussed the possibility of peace in Middle East at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday.

The Middle East has experienced an escalation of violence between Palestinians and Israelis since the Feb. 6 election of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, a right-wing, hard-line leader. Palestinians still bitterly remember when Sharon, a former army general, assisted in the 1982 attack on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Notre Dame government professor Alan Dowty said currently the two groups are closer to a peace agreement than ever before.

"Israel has recognized the PLO [Palestine Liberation Organization] as a representative of the Palestinians and has negotiated with it," Dowty said. "They have dealt with Arafat [the leader of the PLO], who at one time was anathema to Israelis. Most Israelis today accept a Palestinian state in principle. In 1967, probably no more than 10 percent of the Israeli public was ready to accept the idea of a Palestinian state."

Palestine, a historic region that includes Jerusalem, became part of Israel in 1948. A Palestinian state does not legally exist now, even though Palestinians view the Israelis as occupying their territory.

"The Palestinians, for their part, have accepted the principle of a Palestinian state in 22 percent of what was at one time the British mandate of Palestine," Dowty said. "In other words accepting not only the legitimacy of Israel, but also an Israel that occupies the other 78 percent of the original Palestine mandate which from their perspective was a very huge concession."

He added, however, that a peace agreement is still a long way off. Some smaller problems have been solved, and now the two groups are trying to solve the larger, more difficult problems, such as who should control Jerusalem. Another issue to be decided is what to do about Palestinian refugees who want to reclaim the land their ancestors lost when the United Nations established Israel after World War II.

Peter Wallenstein, the head of the Department of Peace and Conflict research at Uppsala University in Sweden said that in past world crises, effective solutions were not ones that involved violence or repressive measures. He said effective solutions have been achieved by coming up with "new ideas, a new formula or a new suggestion" to approach the problem. He gave three ideas about how to help achieve peace.

First, he said secret negotiations between Sharon and Arafat were possible. A second possibility is a unilateral move by one of the two groups.



SARAH FUCHS/The Observer

Panelists met at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Thursday to discuss the possibilities for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Although peace agreements will still take time, panelists were optimistic.

"Many ideas have already been tried in the peace process and have been rejected," Wallenstein said. "That means one has to think harder to come up with ideas."

"The third thing," he said, "is that there is a need for a third party [in negotiations]. The Clinton administration had played that role, and we don't know yet about the Bush administration and what [Secretary of State Colin] Powell will do when he is traveling around the Middle East. But I think that

there is an expectation that the U.S. should play such a role."

The last speaker, Notre Dame government professor Dan Lindley, said he does not believe that peace will come to the region anytime soon.

"No one wants peace in terms acceptable to the other," he said. "It's not clear that anyone wants peace at all. Furthermore, both sides are pervaded by the perception that they have been duped by the other and that the other is not a very sincere peace partner. For these reasons, I don't think that peace is likely in the near term."

He also discussed U.S. strategic interests in the region.

"First and foremost," he said, "the primary U.S. strategic and material interest in the Middle East is oil ... oil affects us, our allies, and world stability. Our second interest is weapons of mass destruction, missile proliferation by enemy states now called the states of concern."

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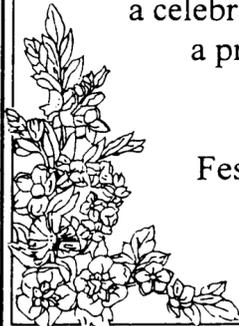
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Young visits SMC, discusses attitudes toward welfare today

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Thomas Jefferson may have had the wrong idea when he said that self-sufficient families create the ideal republic. According to political philosopher Iris Marion Young, Jefferson and most current political theorists and politicians have confused the idea of self-sufficiency with autonomy and this is where the problem with our welfare system lies.

During her lecture on "Autonomy, Self-sufficiency, and Welfare Justice" Thursday night, Young suggested that the continuous problem with the American Welfare system is that its supporters justify the system based on the non-existent idea of self-sufficiency.

"Self-sufficiency is an illusion," Young said. "The idea of self-sufficiency to which those who passed [the 1996 Welfare reform bill] turn [for justification of the bill] is conceptually problematic."

Young's conclusion was that a welfare system that forces people to make choices without personal

freedom is a denial of autonomy and contradicts a human ideal. Political philosophers such as Locke and Rousseau have based their political philosophy on the idea of self-sufficiency. According to Young, a distinction needs to be made between this illusory idea of self-sufficiency and the true ideal of autonomy.

"Self-sufficiency brings to mind an ideal of a kind of life in which we can meet our material and emotional need without having to rely on other people," Young said. "[A society based on this idea] is a very seductive dream."

However, it is this "seductive dream" that causes major problems in the United State's social welfare system. Most American public policy operates under the assumption that citizens need to be self-sufficient. However, the idea of self-sufficiency is in opposition to a society that operates on a system of interdependence.

"Only a moment's reflection shows we exist with significant interdependence," Young reminded her audience. "Interdependence is part of the human condition."

Although many middle-class Americans do not recognize this interdependence, it is part of their daily lives. Workers depend on their employers and these employers, in turn, rely on each other, foreign competitors, and the market itself.

"We dwell in webs of interdependence," Young said.

The question then arises that if self-sufficiency is an illusion, why are appeals to it so successful. Young replied to this question by saying that these appeals are successful because self-sufficiency is confused with autonomy, and it is autonomy that is truly the good ideal.

Making a distinction between moral and personal autonomy, Young defined personal autonomy as "being able to determine your own projects and goals and how you're going to live your life without having to answer to anyone

else for those goals and without having to obey their orders about how you'll live your life."

It is in this ideal of autonomy that social welfare programs should be based.

Young argued that interdependence was a necessary part of autonomy because making autonomous decisions requires social support. She said Americans achieve their skills through a system of interdependence. Based on this background, Young showed that any public policy built on the idea of self-sufficiency (which lacks interdependence) instead of autonomy will be ineffective.

Based on the idea that autonomy is grounded in interdependence, Young concluded that the autonomy of all people depends on social support. "Especially the poor people need a good deal of social support to be autonomous," Young said.

Although she did not specify a particular system, Young suggested a system of social welfare that is contrary to the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, which required time restrictions and work requirements in order for recipients to receive benefits.

Young spoke as part of the Women in Philosophical Landscapes series, which is in its third year at Saint Mary's. Young is a professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Her focus is on political theory and feminist social theory, and she has authored several books including Justice and the Politics of Difference and Throwing Like a Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory. Young will return to Stapleton Lounge Friday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss "Power, Violence, and Legitimacy," a discussion which is open to the public.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Giant panda numbers still low : The giant panda is still facing extinction because its mountain forest home is disappearing, the World Wildlife Fund said Thursday. In a report to mark the WWF's 40th anniversary, the organization said loss of suitable habitat in China's Sichuan province was the major threat to the survival of the panda, which has a wild population of about 1,000.

Farmers trade daughters for debt: Afghanistan dirt-poor farmers, unable to pay their debts because of a Taliban ban on growing the flower that produces opium, are trading their young daughters to clear their debts, U.N. and Taliban officials say. Farmers traditionally use opium as a source of credit to borrow against the next year's harvest, said Bernard Frahi, director of the U.N. Drug Control Program in neighboring Afghanistan.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Beverage giant recalls bottles: Coca-Cola Enterprises has recalled some two-liter bottles sold last year in Georgia and Florida, saying they were bottled under unsanitary conditions in Jacksonville, Fla. Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin said the Food and Drug Administration alerted him Thursday of the problem with 25,000 cases of Coca-Cola Classic. The bottles were sold last October, and all the recalled soda likely has been consumed or thrown away.

Accident injures 13 people: A minivan collided with a sedan at an intersection Thursday afternoon injuring 13 people, including members of a Chicago elementary school basketball team. A Chicago Fire Department spokesman said several of the victims are children ages 12- to 14-years old from a school team that was on its way to a basketball game at a nearby park.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officials wait for prison approval: Approval to build a new federal prison in Terre Haute could come by April, barring public opposition, a Bureau of Prisons official said. If approved, construction on the estimated \$80 million maximum security facility would begin within a year, said Pamela Chandler, site specialist for the Bureau of Prisons. The federal bureau has finished its final environmental impact statement for the Terre Haute site. A review period for public comment on that report starts Friday and ends March 19.

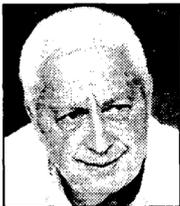
ISRAEL

Sharon, Barak reach agreement

Associated Press

JERUSALEM Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and Ehud Barak agreed on formation of a unity government Thursday.

Sharon's party getting the key defense portfolio.



Sharon



Barak

Israeli media said Barak would be the new defense minister.

Sharon and Barak met for two hours Thursday

and Barak — who was resoundingly defeated by Sharon only last week — accepted Sharon's offer of the top Cabinet post, Israeli TV and radio reported.

Barak's office said in a statement that a decision was made to set up a unity government, and that Barak's Labor party would receive the defense and foreign ministries. Officials

close to Barak were not available for comment on the media reports of his agreement to stay in government.

Violence persisted Thursday as two mortar shells fired by Palestinians fell on a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip, and Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian who was trying to infiltrate another settlement there.

No casualties were reported in the mortar attack at Netzarim, an isolated enclave in central Gaza. The settlement had come under mortar attack twice before. A Palestinian police officer whom Israel

believed to be responsible for the earlier attacks was killed Tuesday by Israeli helicopters firing rockets.

The Palestinian killed near Kfar Darom, another isolated settlement in Gaza, was identified as Nasser Hassanat, 23. He was a member of a Palestinian security force, according to documents he carried.

Funerals for young Israeli soldiers and a civilian — eight were killed Wednesday by a Palestinian bus driver — weighed heavily on politicians seeking a coalition between Sharon's Likud party and Labor.

EL SALVADOR



AFP photo

Soldiers of the Salvadoran army clear a street of debris Thursday in San Vicente following the second earthquake in El Salvador since Jan. 13. This week's earthquake destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

Quake victims search for refuge

Associated Press

TEPETITAN Their adobe houses in ruins, residents of this village amid sugar cane fields sought drinking water and food Thursday and prayed the ground would stop trembling.

Many went to nearby rivers to wash clothes or draw water for cooking. A lucky few got a ration of drinking water from the Salvadoran Red Cross.

"We're out of everything, water, milk for my son," said Silvina Hernandez, who was carrying 1-year-old Miguel on her arm.

She was among 3,000 town residents in San Vicente province who suffered losses from Tuesday's 6.6-magnitude earthquake that left at least 276 dead. Government officials say they fear another 39 were buried by landslides.

The small Central American nation was struck by a magnitude-7.6 earthquake on Jan. 13 that killed at least 844 people.

Foreign aid has begun pouring into El Salvador but international agencies say they need more help.

In San Vicente Thursday, a 65-member delegation from the Mexican army, including several doctors, set up a field

hospital in a dusty soccer field.

Helicopters, trucks, rescue workers and construction crews were coming in from Guatemala, the United States, Taiwan, Venezuela, Panama and Nicaragua. Queen Sofia of Spain, who is visiting the region, was expected to announce a cash donation.

In Rome, the World Food Program, running short of food for El Salvador's earthquake victims, appealed for money Thursday to replenish supplies.

Executive Director Catherine Bertini said the agency has enough food in El Salvador for 200,000 people for two weeks.

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Profs' book earns Choice Magazine award

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Two political scientists at Notre Dame have received Choice Magazine's Outstanding Academic Title award for their book, "The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategies in the 1990s."

The book was written by George Lopez, professor of government and international studies and fellow in Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and David Cortright, guest lecturer in the Kroc Institute. Commissioned by the International Peace Academy and funded by the government of Canada, the book is published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Choice Magazine's Outstanding Academic Titles were chosen from approximately 6,700 titles reviewed during the year 2000. The selections were chosen for their excellence in scholarship and presentation, the significance of their contributions to the field, and their value as treatment of a specific subject.

In the book, Lopez and Cortright propose a set of

criteria for judging the political, social, and humanitarian impact of economic sanctions and provide detailed case studies of the sanctions and embargoes imposed on Libya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Liberia and Rwanda. They also recommend new sanctions policies to the international community.

The authors interviewed prominent U.N. policymakers, including the chairs of all sanctions committees, and the staffs of the international body's secretariat and Security Council. Among those assisting Lopez and Cortright were two former Notre Dame peace studies graduate students, Richard W. Conroy, who was graduated from the University in 1987 and received master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1990 and 1994, respectively, and Jaleh Dashti-Gibson, who received master's and doctoral degrees from the University in 1992 and 1998, respectively.

The award was announced in the January 2001 issue of Choice Magazine.

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Rotoplast founder earns Dooley Award

♦ Capozzi wins humanitarian alumni award

By KELLY HAGER
News Writer

Angelo Capozzi, a 1956 Notre Dame graduate and cofounder of RotoPlast International, Inc., will receive the 2001 Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award from the Alumni Association. Each year, this award is presented to a Notre Dame graduate who has engaged in outstanding humanitarian service.

"Dr. Capozzi has helped so many children around the world with RotoPlast," said Chuck Lennon, director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. "His service to the community is overwhelming."

For many years, Capozzi has been recognized for his work with the poor in underdeveloped countries. He began as a volunteer surgeon in 1976 for InterPlast, a non-profit organization that gives medical care to underprivileged children around the world. In 14 medical missions with InterPlast, he was responsible for surgeries on more than 1,400 children.

In association with Rotary International, Capozzi founded RotoPlast International, Inc., a world community service project that performs free reconstructive surgery on underprivileged children. Formed in 1992, it attempts to eliminate cleft lips and palates in all children by the year 2025. Since then, he has completed RotoPlast medical missions in Chile, Argentina and

Venezuela, where he has contributed to reconstructive surgery on more than 2,000 children.

Capozzi was selected by a committee of Alumni Board members who are responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting a recipient each year. Until recently, the award had to be given to a young alumnus, within 10 years of graduating.

However, according to Lennon, they had so many nominees over the age limit that they had to make it available to everyone. Currently, the award is given to an alumnus, living or dead.

The award was named after Tom Dooley, a 1948 Notre Dame graduate. After graduating from medical school, Dooley traveled to Asia where he established hospitals in Vietnam and Laos. During this time, he also wrote four books and published other articles.

When he returned to Notre Dame in 1960 to speak at commencement, President Eisenhower, also at the ceremony, commented that Dooley was "the most respected citizen of the United States."

Dooley died of cancer at 34. The Dooley award was established in 1983 in memory of him for his never-ending devotion to the poor of Southeast Asia, his fondness of prayer at the Grotto and his courageous death from cancer.

"The Dooley award is given to those graduates who exemplify and model what the Alumni Association believes and supports — those committed to faith and service," said Lennon. "Reasons for choosing Capozzi are quite obvious."

Nike strike tests WRC's procedures

By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

The Workers' Rights Commission had its first chance to test its procedures for protecting workers' rights when Nike workers in Mexico went on strike.

On Jan. 9, 700 to 800 workers at the Kukdong Nike factory in Atlixco, Mexico went on a work stoppage to protest the management's violation of their rights to unionize. With a newly established working board, the WRC was able to react to the situation.

"We sent a small delegation to investigate on Jan. 23 after receiving a complaint from factory workers. When we got there we were the only monitors there at the time," said Marikah Mancina.

Mancina, a Purdue student and member of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), accompanied the WRC on a trip to the Kukdong factory to verify the workers' complaints. Working along with Cereal, a non-governmental organization in Mexico, the WRC was able to verify the complaints of the workers.

"Workers were not being paid a minimum wage, they were abused physically, and

they were served raw meat and food with worms," said Mancina.

Although other monitoring organizations, like the Fair Labor Association (FLA), visited the Kukdong factory, the WRC was the first to publish a preliminary report. The Jan. 24 report was released not only to the colleges on their register — including Saint Mary's — but also to the public.

The report outlined the code of conduct violations in the factory and suggested actions for universities to take if their apparel was produced in the Kukdong factory. The WRC recommended universities write a letter to Nike urging the factory to reinstate the strikers and let them fairly unionize. The WRC hopes that if a large college endorser sends a letter to Nike, the company will meet the workers' demands.

University Associate Vice President and Counsel Bill Hoyer said both the WRC and the FLA have been in contact and told him none of the college's apparel is being produced in the Kukdong factory. Notre Dame did not and will not write a letter to Nike encouraging them to reinstate the striking workers as suggested by the WRC.

"We are working as a mem-

ber of the FLA and the FLA is taking action. But also our code of conduct does not apply to the Kukdong incident," said Hoyer.

After reading the report, the University of Michigan, one of Nike's top college endorsers wrote to Nike.

"The President of U of M wrote a letter to Nike saying that Nike violated its code of conduct and Nike should ensure a safe return for all the workers to their jobs and a fair union election," said University of Michigan student and WRC member Peter Romer-Friedman.

Although most workers have been on a work stoppage for the past four weeks and an agreement between factory management and workers has yet to be reached, students are pleased with the action of the WRC. They feel the WRC took immediate, progressive action to secure workers rights and get them back on the line.

"The FLA is still gathering information before putting these workers back on the line while the WRC is saying these are the findings and this is what needs to happen. These workers need to go back to work and that is what the WRC is trying to insure," said Maureen Capillo of Peace Makers.

CORRECTIONS

♦ Thursday's Observer incorrectly stated that the Demetra Smith/Jogeld Andre ticket had endorsed Brooke Norton. Smith made the endorsement alone.

♦ In Wednesday's Observer the photograph on page 1 misidentified presidential candidate Ryan Becker as Brian Becker.

The Observer regrets these errors.

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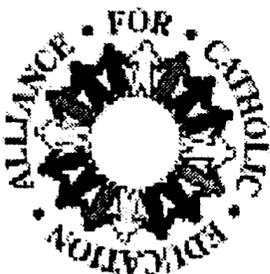


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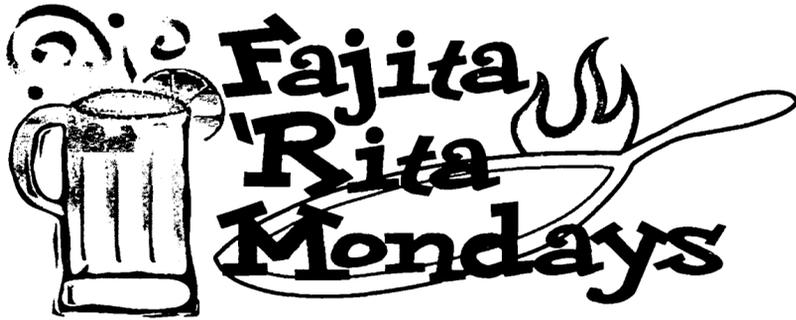
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Ban on Brazilian beef may soon be lifted

Associated Press

OTTAWA

The senior Canadian scientist on a fact-finding mission to Brazil indicated Thursday the ban on Brazilian beef imports could be lifted next week.

Speaking from Brazil, Brian Evans of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the inspectors from Canada, the United States and Mexico will return home by Monday, consult with their governments, and discuss a synthesis report Tuesday.

"I will then undertake to review and share with my counterparts in Washington and Mexico in hope we will have sufficient foundation to reconsider the [ban]," Evans said.

Canada banned the import of Brazilian beef — mostly canned corned beef — on Feb. 2, citing a risk of possible mad cow disease. It said Brazil failed to provide sufficient paperwork on several thousand animals imported from Europe.

The ban, automatically joined by Canada's NAFTA partners the United States and Mexico, cut Brazilian beef exports by 10 percent, according to officials in Brazil.

It also provoked a public backlash in Brazil, with street demonstrations, threats of

retaliatory trade sanctions and the refusal by some dockworkers to unload Canadian cargo.

Evans said several thousand European cattle were imported to Brazil for breeding purposes, and Canada wants a guarantee they won't end up in the meat supply.

He welcomed an announcement by the Brazilian government that it would try to buy all the imported European cattle to place them under government control.

"This underlines significantly the shared objective and investment that we and Brazil have to address this as a public health issue," Evans said.

Mad cow disease has become a huge concern in Europe, where beef sales have plummeted. Consumption of beef from infected animals may cause variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease, a potentially fatal neurological disorder.

Brazil has never detected a case of mad cow disease and claims the Canadian ban was related to a dispute between the countries over subsidies for aircraft manufacturers.

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Norton should adopt broad ideas

With its election of Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona as president and vice president, the Notre Dame student body has sent a message: they are happy with the way student government is running now.

Norton/Moscona will continue the programs begun by the O'Donoghue/Norton administration. It will expand some O'Donoghue/Norton initiatives as well as create new programs which continue the philosophies of the O'Donoghue/Norton administration.

Norton/Moscona has the platform the student body clearly believes is best. They are the leaders of the students and their programs should be given top priority.

The other six tickets' platforms should not be ignored, however. There were too many innovative and positive ideas not

included in Norton/Moscona's platform that the new administration should adopt.

Norton/Moscona should extend an olive branch to their former rivals and integrate them into their administration.

Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre brought up important issues of social justice and community service that could improve the relationship between Notre Dame and South Bend, and received kudos from much of the Notre Dame community.

Smith and Andre's plan to create service oriented scholarships was one of the most innovative and intriguing plans of the election. Norton/Moscona should adopt this plan into their platform and make Smith/Andre's vision a reality.

Victoria Fetterman and Maureen Gottlieb had a realistic and effective plan

for increasing campus safety.

Gottlieb/Fetterman had a plan to walk around campus with security and identify the dark areas that need more light and the isolated areas that require call boxes. This would be a simple step toward increasing campus safety.

Norton/Moscona should ask Gottlieb and Fetterman to help implement this program at Notre Dame.

The runner-up ticket of Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord should also not be ignored by Norton/Moscona. Plans to bring back SafeRide and elect more student representatives to the Campus Life Council are fresh solutions to old problems.

Norton/Moscona have the experience and the insider know-how to solve the problems facing Notre Dame today. They must not forget, however, to include new ideas and new programs to ensure student government does not go stale.

The Observer Editorial

Remembering Junior Parent's Weekend

Junior Parent's Weekend is an extremely worthwhile way for Notre Dame students to share a moment with their parents and University officials. The events allow the University to promote itself, bring great pride to parents whose children are living the Notre Dame "experience" and give students the opportunity to showcase their collegiate lives to family and friends.

I recently came upon a photograph of my family speaking to then University President Father Theodore Hesburgh during my Junior Parent's Weekend more than two decades ago. The photograph, however, jogged my memory in quite a different way than expected.

Since I served as the chairman of the weekend's events, I should have been able to reminisce about my family sitting with University officials at the head table, about the countless hours of hard work our committee performed to secure hotel reservations and organize a concert, about the beautifully celebrated mass or about the goof at the Sunday morning breakfast where those who should have been sitting at the head table, sat in the audience.

Instead, I thought about another weekend in my life when I cleared out an office.

I thought of my lonely, painful task last Memorial Day weekend when I packed my father's memorabilia following his unexpected passing. It was a numbing process that I alone performed. It was a weekend that bumped

its way above Junior Parent's Weekend in my mind.

For two days during last Memorial Day weekend I sorted and packed items representing decades worth of events and 11 years of my father's tenure as mayor of our city. I had in my hands the public life of my father which was ending so symbolically in tens of boxes.

Arranged in the mayor's office among the dozens of autographed photos of entertainment stars and politicians that included Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton, were prominently displayed photographs of me — one talking to President Clinton and the other of me sitting at my desk. Their positioning in the office were symbols of his love for me, which made them the hardest items for me to pack.

Throughout it all, the most personal item I handled was my father's handwritten calendar showing his hospital and surgical appointments the week before, along with future events he expected to attend in June and July.

How I wished that I had just one more hour from that calendar, any hour, to speak with him. How I wish now that I had spent more personal time with him during my Junior Parent's Weekend rather than serving as the chair of the events.

Today I think of how my father lost both of his parents before he reached the age of 30. How unfair it seems since I enjoyed his company for almost 50 years. I also think of my dentist, my classmate since first grade, who called

himself "an orphan" when both of his parents passed away a dozen years ago. At the time, those words seemed so weak to me — they had little meaning since my parents were still with me.

It is truly tragic that most of us take family and friends for granted until one of them passes away. We always ask why it happened and how unfair it seems. But they serve as harsh reminders for us to make more of our relationships now, to pay closer attention to the wonders that life provides.

Hopefully, this writer can serve as a gentler version for juniors and their families who are celebrating this weekend.

For those who participate in the events this weekend, it will be one of excitement for some, of interest to most and remembered to some extent by all. The outcome and significance will be what its participants make of their opportunities.

It can be the weekend to savor and remember for a lifetime even when another weekend of cleaning out an office creeps out of a calendar years from now.

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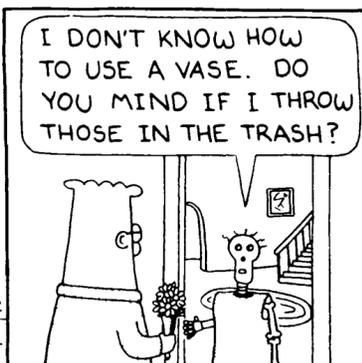
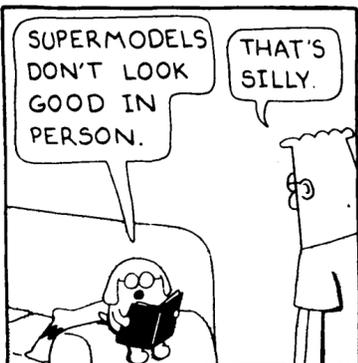
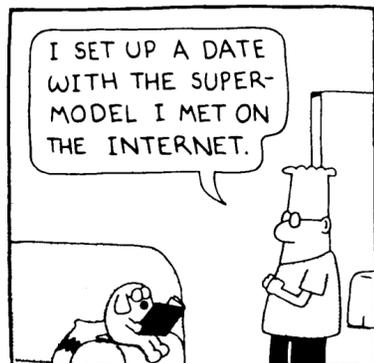


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"The pressures of being a parent are equal to any pressure on earth. To be a conscious parent is a responsibility which most of us, including me, avoid most of the time because it's too hard."

John Lennon
musician

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differentiating between the clothes and the person

Clothes do not define one's self

This letter is in response to the Feb. 14 letter entitled, "What are your clothes saying?" To begin, the sweeping generalization that many Notre Dame girls dress in outfits such as, "skintight red tube tops, short black miniskirts, figures clearly revealed with little left to the imagination," is simply not true.

However, what is the problem if a Notre Dame girl does decide to dress in clothes that show off her figure? Often girls who dress to look good come under criticism for projecting a promiscuous image and a shallow attitude. They are assumed to be either wanton because they are dressed that way on purpose or naive because they don't understand what males will think when they see them dressed in that manner. These accusations are inaccurate.

Dressing to show off one's figure can demonstrate confidence and self-respect. Aesthetics are important in life and there is no shame in making one's appearance pleasing to others and to one's self. Students at this University sometimes dress up for tests, believing that if you look good and feel good that you will be successful and perform well.

Why should this idea be any different when it is applied to socializing and having fun? I

see no reason that girls who place a value on looking good and being proud of their bodies should be criticized or demeaned in any way.

At its basic level the value of looking good and dressing a certain way is a personal choice and a personal opinion. To attempt to criticize or demean someone for holding this value is simply prejudiced. I find it ironic that it is the critics of girls who dress to look good that are the ones guilty of being shallow.

Critics of the girls who can comfortably show their bodies should instead take the time to examine themselves. Judging another individual based on appearance is one of the shallowest actions one can take. It shows a lack of maturity and deep-rooted insecurity.

If one is really looking for a meaningful relationship based on "intelligence, humor, integrity, loyalty and kindness," then one should always be open and not closed-minded. The time spent criticizing others and worrying about their image could be spent more effectively by minding one's own business.

Luke Stanton
sophomore
Morrissey Hall
February 15, 2001

People deserve respect no matter what they wear

I am writing in response to Wednesday's letter about the message sent out by women's clothing on campus.

I am the costume designer from "Guys and Dolls," responsible for dressing the "sinners." Ironically, the clothing used to outfit the hookers was obtained from student closets on campus. However, I do not feel that her insulting remarks were warranted.

Although these outfits in context were meant to be suggestive, I do not think that choosing to wear such clothing should automatically associate a woman with any particular label. How dare one person pass judgment on another due to something as trivial as an article of clothing.

Not only are the girls wearing this "offensive" clothing some of the most intelligent and respectable young women I have ever met, but the girls who kindly lent their clothing to the show

are as well. I think that one should not be quick to judge a girl by what she is wearing, but rather by the way she conducts herself.

I believe that a girl should be able to dress in any way in which she is comfortable, regardless of the criticism that may be wrought by an uneducated few. I am sorry that some people find a suggestive style of dress offensive, but a young woman has as much of a right to dress up as she does to wear jeans and a T-shirt to class.

For someone speaking of respect, Sheila often forgets that everyone is deserving of a basic level of human respect. I find this more appalling than any tight, little tube top.

Kristin Kajdzik
sophomore
Pangborn Hall
February 15, 2001

Sex is not to be feared

I just finished reading Wednesday's article, "Students promote chaste lifestyle." Although I am finding it extremely difficult to sit quietly in this DeBartolo computer lab, painful not to run outside and explode in laughter, I am going to try and do so simply to convey my sheer amusement at his argument.

While I don't agree or disagree with his claims on the appropriateness of sexual behavior before marriage (simply too big a topic to address this evening), I am amused by his argument about sexuality here on the Notre Dame campus.

My main objection comes in Yeager's belief that, in terms of sexual activity, "we as a university are doing great compared to big state schools which have co-ed dorms and no parietals." Hmm? Are we though?

Are the co-ed relationships the Notre Dame community is fostering healthy ones? One could argue that locking up the girls and boys at 2 a.m. isn't a mature way to teach students about sex. Furthermore, one could also argue that these tactics are, in fact, counterproductive.

Why turn the opposite sex into an enigmatic and off-limits body? True, students in co-ed dorms have a lot more opportunity to jump in bed with each other, but they also have a greater chance of seeing their neighbor with horrible hair in the morning or toothpaste drool dripping off their chins.

By separating men and women in dorms, we are alienating men and women from becoming friends. It is important to learn how to foster a relationship without sex, how to behave after 2 a.m. without ripping off ones clothes.

Moreover, it is important to learn a certain level of self-control, beyond the rules and safety nets Notre Dame has erected. Who is going to guard us from our own deviance once we have graduated and are in the real world?

Perhaps if men saw women in pajama pants, not simply black pants, they would have a more realistic perception of the average female — she wouldn't be a simple sexual creature.

Now I don't mean to attack parietals (once again, too big a topic to address this evening), however I do wish to address our fear of sex on campus. I feel that sex is a terribly wonderful and sacred thing. I am not condemning anyone's decision to wait for the right person. In fact, I am in full support of saving yourself for the person you love.

But I firmly believe that one's reasons for waiting should be out of respect for themselves and respect for their future partner. One shouldn't fear sex because du Lac condemns it, or hide from it because the National Chastity Taskforce is on the rampage.

One shouldn't fear sex at all. It should be an activity that takes place between two people who deem each other worthy of sharing it.

While Yeager's article does have some interesting points, I don't think "we are too closed-minded to examine our own views of sex while images of the ultimately chaste humans, Jesus and Mary, are all around us."

No, on the contrary, I think it would be closed-minded to take the images of Jesus and Mary and deem sex as a taboo and "impure" subject. It would be closed minded to accept rules and not have opinions on them.

If we were to do so, if we were to follow as sheep without opinions of our own, I think the "hope of the world" Yeager seems so concerned with would be a lot more closed-minded, a lot more doomed and a lot more bleak.

Katie Cleary
junior
off-campus
February 14, 2001



Parietal priorities leave students little choice

I was somewhat disheartened when I read today's article on parietal violations, particularly the portion about Michelle Merlo. I cannot believe that someone was given such a severe penalty for a parietal violation that was discovered because she exited a male dorm during a fire alarm.

I had been under the mistaken impression that the University would consider the welfare of the individual in a case like this. I would think that a parietal violator, who would most likely not have been caught had there not been a fire alarm, would be treated more lightly.

The forced move off-campus, eventually into another dorm, and ban from her former hall is appalling. I don't know the circumstances surrounding Michelle's case, but I know that almost anyone can fall asleep somewhere and wake up at an odd hour by accident. If it happens to be in a guy's (or girl's) dorm, who wouldn't wait it out and leave after parietals are over?

Basically, if my understanding is correct, the University is saying; if you are breaking parietals for whatever reason and a fire alarm goes off, you'd better not go outside, and you'd better pray that it's just a drill. Since if you do step outside, and someone in authority sees you, you will be mercilessly thrown in front of Residence Life and effectively ostracized from the community. I don't see the sense in that.

Sarah Ryan
senior
Pasquerilla West
February 15, 2001



The humorous history

Scene delves into the history of student government elections to

By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

Welcome to life at Notre Dame! Our campus is the home, sweet home of tradition, Abercrombie-clad boys and girls and perfectly manicured lawns. The cookie cutter status of our campus has been magnified by the recent Student Body president elections. With six tickets presenting relatively serious and realistic platforms, the student body has been deprived of the normal chuckles conjured by farcical candidacies.

One noticeable change this time around was a ballot devoid of our annual circus of Zahm guys. No debates featured "Star Wars" characters or grandiose ideas of monkeys serving fruit from banana trees in SDH. Nor did any candidate propose the removal of the standard Notre Dame icon in favor of a green smiley face. However, with the lack of humorous platforms this year, the student body thirst for tacky politics and bizarre antics has remained unquenched.

To extinguish that burning desire for filth and gore we offer the following historical tidbits of our own student body government. We also present the disclaimer that this account is based on true characters. No names have been altered and no comedic value has been distorted.

Perhaps our student body history of election fiascos dates back to 1970 when Magnesium B. Wheels and Woody ran for the prestigious offices of president and vice president. The March 6 issue of The Observer that year reported this campaign's promises as including "a pickle in every bag." Furthermore, Wheels planned "to plant as much grass as possible" to remedy the bare splotches on the quads.

Notre Dame has also hosted neu-

rotics promising to kill the evil mother swan, while claiming control of the sun. We have not had any shortage of those candidates making a mockery of the student debates. Reportedly, some candidates have declined to speak while at the debates. Others have spoken in different languages in the limelight of the moment; one person read biblical passages and another played guitar and made up clever rhymes.

Fellow Dead Heads may appreciate the stylings of David Hungeling and Matt Orsagh, who ran with the platform of dissolving the student government office. The most important feature of the Hungeling/Orsagh ticket, though, was to bring the almighty and infamous Grateful Dead to "the Bubble." Other objectives of the '95 alums included free football tickets for students, getting rid of any events not deemed fun and downsizing of government office phones to two lines — one for incoming student calls and one for outgoing calls for purposes of harassment toward the campus administration.

*Student Body President
"Campus King" Bob
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successfully kidnapped
and freed for a ransom
of 27 cents*

Although contact with the Dead's publicist was confirmed, the band declined the University's request for a performance

because no venue in the South Bend area was adequate for the rock demigods.

Hungeling reports one of the proudest moments of his administration as being the day he took office. Despite the grandeur and fame of the presidency, Hungeling felt honored that an assassination attempt was made on his life at the open house he sponsored on the day of the turnover.

Performing in ring two of the circus known as student government are the Crayola Kids. Named for their unique advertising method, Mike Switek and Don Montanaro communicated their campaign platform of renaming "macaroni and cheese" to "cheese and macaroni" on loose-leaf paper scrib-



bled with scrawling crayon. Switek pinpointed the main issue for students when he said, "We wonder sometimes — would a true Hungarian eat Hungarian Noodle Bake?"

Last year, Darth George and Darth Todd invaded the campus with ideas of dissolving the Senate and restoring peace. Another tactic for preserving the miniature galaxy known as Notre Dame involved instigating new types of punishment like carbon freezing. Yet, their ideas of molding the student government into a mind controlling state do not win this article's Outstanding Freakish Feat Award.

That title

belongs to (drum roll, please) Robert Calhoun Kersten, aka Campus King. Robed in classic regal garb complete with crown, the reign of Campus King began in 1972 from atop a commode in the second stall of the Walsh Hall fourth floor lavatory, which is apparently where the king felt democracy belonged.

Kersten wanted to replace the student government with "an oligarchy consisting of myself and my close friends." The king also informed his peers that he would sponsor "a takeover of The Observer in order to insure the paper and the president will see eye-to-eye on all issues."

Despite his despotic tendencies, the presidential hopeful was not to neglect the important issues in



When his divinity was questioned, King Kersten walked on water across St. Joe lake to prove he was the "Prime Mover" driven by the word of God himself.



"Uncandidate the Cat" was the only Uncandidate also served a short term fake ID and all, Uncandidate was p

of student government

uncover the uncanny, the unbelievable and the "Uncandidate"



his campaign. To diversify the student body, Campus King proposed the recruitment of Yanamamo Indians from Southern Brazil. Kersten also suggested "really swell activities such as over-the-hump dances on Sunday mornings ... and negotiation for a Rocka-Rocka discotheque franchise on campus."

King also wanted to clean up the campus by remodeling the Old Fieldhouse into a crematorium to "eliminate the problem of displaced students." Another remodeling technique Kersten proposed intended to control faculty tenure was the forma-

tion of a Committee for Redundancy Committee.

Kersten derived his qualifying experience for the office from his brief stint as the alternate seventh grade homeroom representative. Yet, Kersten's running mate only offered "meow!" as her curriculum vitae.

Uncandidate, the Cat, was deemed an ineligible running mate, despite producing a University of Notre Dame Student ID. This contention to the grand poobah's candidacy was levied after a failed attempt to kidnap the candidates. Although Kersten was successfully kidnapped and freed for a ransom of 27 cents, Uncandidate the Cat "eluded capture by quickly barricading himself in the second stall of the third floor [Keenan] john."

Despite the setback and a quest for a new vice president, Kersten remained steadfast in his pursuit for the throne.

Divine intervention later prompted Bob "King" Kersten "to get yourself the hell out [from the presidential race]" after winning the primary election. Kersten delivered his withdrawal

speech from a dorm balcony, addressing an audience of 1300 students at 4 a.m.

Despite his self-removal, Kersten used his leadership power and assured the students, "God has agreed to extend July by two weeks."

Direct communication with "the Man" upstairs obviously paid off as evidenced by Kersten's popularity in the polls regardless of his withdrawal from the race. The Prime Mover, as he referred to himself, successfully garnered 65 percent of the vote. After being elected, His Highness made "definitely tentative plans" including a coronation in Sacred Heart Church and an Inaugural Ball in LaFortune.

The invitation sent to the event read:

"By Royal Decree your personage and consort are summoned to The Coronation and Inaugural Ball of his Divine Majesty, Ruler of both Seas, Lord Protector of the Illiterate Rabble, Speaker of the Ultimate Truth, Defender of the Faith, Lion of Judea, Son of David, Lord of the Flies, Imperial Wizard, First Violin, Lord of the Rings, Sergeant of the Shire, Thane of Cawdor, Celestial Interpreter, Dweller of the Blessed Realm, The Grey Pilgrim, the Ultimate Prime Mover, R. Calhoun Kersten, paramour of Yahweh on the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and seventy-two in the year of our Lord. The Coronation will commence at the hour of seven on the steps of the Golden Tabernacle."

After his official inauguration, Kersten faced his share of skeptics while in office. In response to then-Director of Campus Ministry Father William Toohey's request to see the King walk on water, Bob Kersten walked across St. Joe's Lake and evidence of this feat was featured in the March 17, 1972 issue of this paper.

After walking on water, Campus King declared a period of martial law to transition into his newly elected position. Later, the King auctioned off the spot of vice president for a quarter after Uncandidate the Cat refused to accept her crown at the coronation.

Later Kersten reneged on the deal and appointed the cat to president after his own abdication of the position in May. Following the pattern of his up and down reign, Campus King's governmental career did not end with his resignation. A lack of interest in the presi-

dential election the following year resulted in the re-election of the Campus King, even though he was not a running candidate. He urged the student body, apathetic towards all candidates, to vote blank ballots. The election resulted in an overwhelming 52 percent of abstentions, calling the King into his second term.

The sort of hoopla observed in the Campus King story and previous stu-

Divine intervention later prompted Bob "King" Kersten "to get yourself the hell out [from the presidential race]" after winning the primary election.

dent government races may have seen the last of its days due to the increase of student signatures on the Judicial Council's tight control of the past election prevented any tampering with results. Yet, the same prevention has also

curbed the joke factor commonly associated with the student body presidential elections. Fear not — all hope has not faded.

Keough Rector Father Thomas Doyle presided over the student body government in 1988-1989. He cited the reason for the periodically quirky term-holders being elected as "most people chosen as president are someone that has been in student government for awhile, but about once every four years people get thinking that they would like to have people from the outside."

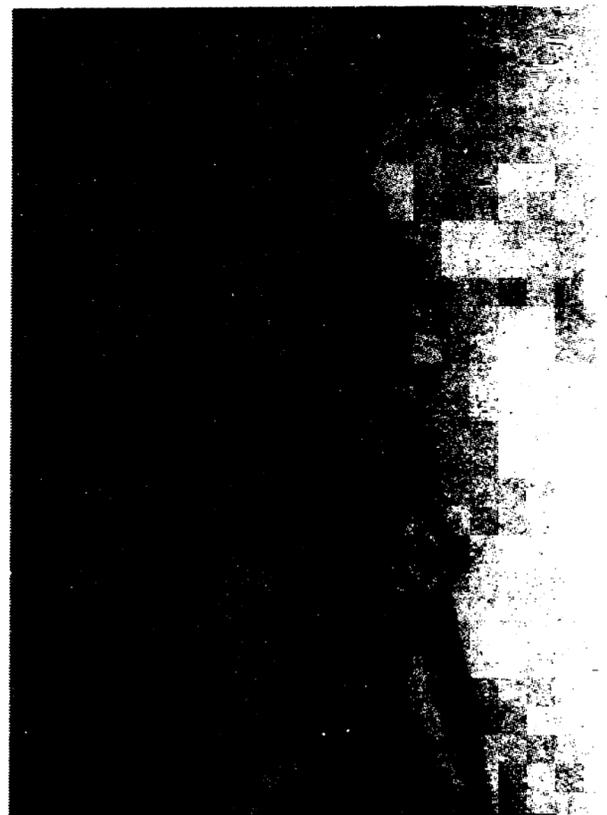
The former president offered his own theory after saying that some people get too serious about the position to which they are elected. According to this theory, we may have more shenanigans to look forward to next year.

Thank God and the Prime Mover we have some more political excitement to on its way!



Observer File Photo

ly female in Notre Dame's history to be president. Kersten served as president when the king stepped down. With a perfect record for Notre Dame students.



Observer File Photo

Campus King Bob Kersten — complete with crown, cape and cat running mate — held office hours in the commode.

SOFTBALL

No. 19 Irish start 2001 at Holiday Inn Invite

Special to The Observer

The No. 19-ranked Notre Dame softball team will begin the 2001 season this weekend, taking part in the Holiday Inn Invitational on the campus of the University of South Florida, Feb. 16-18.

The Irish will face a highly-competitive field, with No. 4 Washington and No. 18 South Carolina in the tournament. Hofstra and South Florida also have received votes in the pre-season USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame posted a 17-7 (.708) record in five in-season tournaments last season, including capturing the 2000 State Line Classic tournament title with victories over Kentucky and Tennessee and two wins over new 2001 Big East conference member Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame, which finished the last season ranked 24th in the country, returns all nine starters from its 2000 Big East Championship title team last year. Led by captains Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klayman, Lizzy Lemire and Jenn Sharron, the Irish have been picked to repeat as Big East champions by a vote from the league's coaches.

The Irish finished with a 14-2 record in Big East competition last season and swept through the Big East Championship in three games. Notre Dame outscored Boston College (5-2) and Connecticut (5-0, 7-0) 17-2 to earn its third consecutive conference championship title.

Seniors Melanie Alkire and Jenn Sharron became Notre Dame's first All-Americans since 1996 by earning NFCA second-team All-American honors last year.

Alkire finished the 2000 season with 13 home runs, 64 RBI and 73 hits. She also posted a 7-1 pitching record in 13 appearances with a 2.30 ERA, including a six-hitter against sixth-ranked and 2000 National Champion Oklahoma on Mar. 18, 2000.

Sharron pitched 27 complete games last season, tossing 246 strikeouts and posting a 0.88 ERA. In her career, the Agoura Hills, Calif., native has pitched 574.2 innings with 504 strikeouts and a 1.26 ERA.

The Irish are loaded with veteran players and talented underclassmen this season. Out of the nine starting players that return to the lineup this season, eight earned postseason accolades from the Big East conference.

Jen Sharron earned her third consecutive Big East Pitcher-of-the-Year award and was picked by league coaches to repeat the honor once again in 2001.

Melanie Alkire won her second consecutive Big East Player-of-the-Year award last season and placed an exclamation point on her conference season by earning the Most Outstanding Player award at the 2000 Big East Championship.

Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller, entering her ninth season with the Irish, is entering her 26th season as a collegiate head coach. She boasts a 864-291 (.748) record over the last 25 years, 17 of which she coached at Lake Michigan College before heading to the Golden Dome in 1993.

In each of her previous eight seasons with the Irish, Miller has led the team to a conference title and the team has advanced to the NCAA tournament five times.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Belles end first day in fifth

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

Records have begun to fall on the first night of competition putting the Belles in high spirits.

At the finish of day one, the Belles swimming and diving team are located between their targets — Albion and Alma. The Belles will begin today's events in fifth place with 74 points, ahead of Alma with 70 and directly behind both Albion and Kalamazoo with 89 points.

"We're happy with where we are — we're right between them," said senior backstroke Lori Shulte. "The best part is we have two days to go and tomorrow is our best day."

The Belles started the evening finals off on a positive note when the set a new school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The relay team of Colleen Sullivan, Chloe Lennihan, Elizabeth Doro and Maureen Palchak also grasped a fourth place finish with their time of 1-minute 43:88 seconds. According to co-captain Sullivan this is the first of many records that will fall over the weekend.

Sullivan also took a fifth place finish in the 50-yard freestyle directly ahead of Palchak with times 25.87 and 25.88 seconds respectively. "It was a great race ... it really set me up for tomorrow's race," said Sullivan.

Both are expected to put up excellent performances in today's 200-yard freestyle.

The much awaited 500-yard freestyle gave head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt a positive outlook towards the rest of the weekend. All three women dropped significant time and placed very well.

"The relay was great but this race really showed the hard work and efforts in the last few weeks of practice," said Hildebrandt.

Co-captain Olivia Smith place 11th with a season best time of 5:38.31.

Teammates Candace Polisky and Megan Ramsey each contributed stellar performances as well.

Polisky brought a 14th place and a 13-second time drop to the Belles while Ramsey came in with a third place and within reach of the school record.

Diver Ryann Cox placed 13th with a personal best score of 238. Her score significantly higher than her previous best of 198 reflects her extra hours and dedication in the last few weeks said Hildebrandt.

The Belles look onward to today and Saturday's races when their specialties will shine. The backstrokers, breaststrokers and butterflyers all have great chances at gaining the extra edge —and points — for the team, while the relays will look to setting new records, and Ramsey at qualifying for nationals. The pressure is on.

"We're happy with where we are — we're right between them."

Lori Shulte
Belles' senior

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HOCKEY

Irish travel to Ann Arbor with new-found playoff hopes

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

Last time it wasn't pretty. Watching nine goals go in your own net never is.

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., for a single game on today to face the fifth-ranked Michigan Wolverines. The Irish will look to do something they haven't done since 1982 — win a regular season game at Yost Ice Arena.

On Jan. 23, the Wolverines thrashed the Irish 9-0, but Notre Dame is coming off a weekend sweep of Bowling Green, winning 3-2 and 5-3 at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Irish needed to win both games to remain in the playoff race.

The Irish are now 8-21-5 overall and 5-14-4 in CCHA play, good for a three-way tie for 10th with Lake Superior State and Bowling Green. Michigan is in second place in the CCHA and is coming off a split with Northern Michigan, winning 3-1 and losing 2-0.

With just five games remaining on the schedule, the Irish are feeling the playoff crunch. They need points, but it won't be easy against the Wolverines.

Michigan has history on its side. The two teams have met 94 times in the all-time series with Michigan holding a 53-38-3 advantage and since '92-'93, UM is 14-1-0 with the lone Irish win coming in the first game of the 1998 CCHA playoffs.

But if there were a time for the Irish to steal one against

Michigan, Friday would be it. In a season with few peaks and many valleys, Notre Dame finds itself riding a peak after Bowling Green.

Freshman center Rob Globke, CCHA Rookie of the Week last week, returns to his home state following his most solid weekend yet. He netted two goals, including the game winner last Friday and had two assists in two wins against Bowling Green. Globke is tied for the team lead with 14 goals this season, the most goals for a Notre Dame freshman since 1984.

Also on a scoring tear is senior left winger Dan Carlson. He contributed three assists and a goal to the Irish cause against Bowling Green, to bring his season total to 36 points.



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer
Freshman Rob Globke skates up ice. The right winger is tied for the team lead in goals, with 14.

Results from the Irish Iron Classic

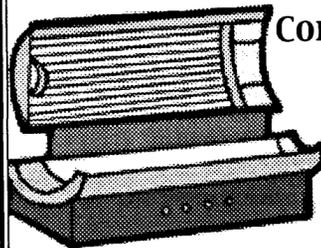
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame travels to National Indoors

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

This weekend the 11th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team heads to Wisconsin for the National Team Indoor Championship from Feb. 15-18. The Irish face some of the top ranked teams in the country in the 16-team field.

After a successful weekend last week the Irish will be seeded in the 5-8 bracket and will take on No. 40 Oklahoma State in the first round.

"Our goal is to make it past the second round," said junior Becky Varnum. "We've never done that in the past."

Last weekend the Irish won three dual matches in three days — beating No. 61 Virginia Tech, No. 8 Wake Forest, and No. 28 North Carolina.

The highlight of the week was on Saturday, as the Irish blanked the Deamon Deacons of Wake Forest 5-0. The Irish handed the Deacons their first loss of the year.

Senior All-American Michelle Dasso leads the Irish. Dasso is two singles wins away from becoming the winningest singles player in Notre Dame history.

She comes into the tourna-

ment with a record of 121-31 — one victory behind the record set by Kelly Zalinsky last year.

Dasso also needs just six combined doubles and singles wins to pass Zalinsky's record of 213 total wins.

The No 2-ranked Dasso has been rolling along this season with a 5-0 record in singles and is a major part of the team's success in dual play.

"She [Dasso] is a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going," said doubles partner Varnum. "I don't think we would be the same without her."

Also playing well lately is senior Kimberly Guy, who has moved up to the No. 5 singles spot and has a 9-0 dual match record so far this spring.

Guy started the spring by winning the second flight singles at the adidas Invitational in January. Since then she has gone undefeated in singles play.

If the Irish get past the first round they will face the winner of the match between No. 2-ranked Georgia and host Wisconsin on Friday. This will mark the eighth consecutive appearance for the Irish at the National Indoors.

Notre Dame is 9-12 in the tournament and has beaten highly ranked teams Stanford, Florida and Vanderbilt.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish shouldn't overlook Pirates

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Seton Hall hasn't matched pre-season expectations, but that won't fool Notre Dame into overlooking the young but talented Pirates.

"They have weapons," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "Everybody's kind of 'Poor Seton Hall,' but they're very talented."



Graves

Three Seton Hall starters are freshman, including point guard Andre Barrett and leading rebounder Eddie Griffin. The only seniors on the Pirates' squad, Kevin Wilkins and Reggie Garrett, score a combined 1.3 points per game. The youth has hurt the Pirates (12-9, 3-7 Big East), who were picked to win the Big East West Division and garnered preseason rankings as high as No. 3 in the nation.

"They're very young," Brey said. "When you take a young team, especially on the road, it's tough."

Brey and the Irish (17-5, 9-2) aren't forgetting that it was Notre Dame that went away disappointed the first time the two teams played this season. Seton Hall

edged Notre Dame 78-76 on Jan. 6 despite a 25-point, 20-rebound performance by Irish junior Troy Murphy.

The Pirates won even without Griffin, who scores 18 points and grabs 12 rebounds per game, as Griffin served a one-game suspension for a locker room fight. The 6-foot-9 player's presence could make a big difference in Sunday's game, as he tops the league with 16 double-doubles.

"He's a great player," Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "He's going to make our big guys down low work on the offensive and defensive ends."

Junior guard Darius Lane scored 20 in Seton Hall's 63-62 loss to Syracuse last Saturday, and hit the Irish up for 22 in their first match of the year.

The Pirates have three other players who average at least eight points per outing in Ty Shine, Marcus Toney-El and Samuel Dalembert. Yet that hasn't helped them to wins as the Pirates have dropped their past four games.

"I think we're playing a lot better as a team," Ingelsby said. "We kind of rushed things up at Seton Hall the first time. We need to not try to force too many things, and just play the way we've been playing and control the tempo."

The Irish have done that over the past month while going undefeated. Defense has been one main difference.

"Guarding — we got a defensive identity. There's a pride in

stopping people, getting loose balls," Brey said. "We've slowed down and taken advantage of our identity."

Junior David Graves, who Brey joked had never taken a charge until last month, now keeps a running tally of the number of charges he's taken. He's gone from about one a year to one a game, giving a look to Brey each time he adds a charge to his total.

Murphy's will is pushing the Irish towards their first NCAA Tournament berth in more than a decade.

"He wants to be the guy that leads the program back to the NCAA Tournament," Brey said of the All-American. "There's a great example of a great player giving up some of his individual stuff to help the program."

The Irish downed the Scarlet Knights by more than 20 on Wednesday with leading rebounder Ryan Humphrey sitting on the sidelines due to a sprained ankle.

Reserves Jere Macura and Torrian Jones added 14 points although they usually see little game time.

"It was great to see them out there playing," Ingelsby said. "Without them making us better in practice, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Humphrey should be back on Sunday, hopefully at 100 percent capacity.

"I believe he'll be fine," Brey said. "If last night was an NCAA Tournament game, he'd play."

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Swim

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But the sophomore knocked off more than 12 seconds in the preliminary competition, and by swimming 4:54.82 earned NCAA finals consideration. Kohrt followed her performance with a 4:55.68 in the finals, fast enough for fifth place.

"I didn't even know what the cut was," she said. "I got out of the water, and they told me 'you got the cut'. I was just in awe — it was just unbelievable. I never thought I could swim that fast."

Heather Mattingly had an outstanding day on the three-meter springboard. She scored 467 points and placed sixth place, behind five sensational Miami divers.

She will compete again today in the one-meter competition.

While the women had several outstanding individual perfor-

mances, Weathers didn't seem that pleased with the overall effort.

"I was really disappointed in the 500 and in the sprints, but those have been problems all year long," he said. "We really missed Carrie today."

Before the standings were posted, Weathers said, "I don't even think we're in first."

He let out a visible sigh when meet officials announced that the Irish sat atop the scoreboard.

"We've got a tough road ahead of us if we want to win," he said.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Lindsay Moorhead finished just three tenths of a second behind Kohrt and placed seventh. But last year's Big East champion in the 500, Kristen Van Saun, who entered the competition seeded sixth, finished a disappointing 14th.

It was obvious that the Irish missed Nixon. Her time last

year in the 50-yard freestyle, 22.58, was nearly three-quarters of a second faster than this year's champion. The only Irish entry in that event, Hulick, took 12th place with a personal best 23.92.

"We're satisfied with that," Weathers said. "That's about what we thought we'd get out of her. You can tell how much it hurts not having Carrie in that event and in the 200 free relay."

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Brooke Davey, Hulick, Sarah Bowman and Hecking took fifth place with a season-best time of 1:34.61, two seconds behind winner West Virginia.

The Irish will continue competition today and Saturday. Today's competition

features a showdown between Labosky and Olympian Maddy Crippen in the 400-yard individual medley as well as the individual debut of Hecking, Lloyd, and Musgrave in their specialty events.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish in fourth after first day of Big East

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

They both grew up in Cincinnati, dove on the same club team and have known each other for seven years.

Last night, however, sophomore Andy Maggio and senior Herb Huesman, put aside their long-time friendship and competed in the one-meter diving final.



Huesman

And what an event it was for the Ohio natives. Maggio finished second and Huesman ended up fourth and led the Irish to a fourth place overall showing after the first day of the Big East swimming and diving championships on Long Island.

Pittsburgh leads the field with 247 points, while St. John's (152 points) and Rutgers (134 points) are also ahead of Notre Dame's 117 points.

The competition continues today and ends on Saturday. The Irish have finished second for the last two seasons at this meet.

"We're always a little sluggish on the first day," junior Jonathan Pierce said. "It's tough getting accustomed to the pool. And we have 28 guys here and 15 are first-timers."

Pierce, a junior, had no trouble adjusting to the new settings. His clocking of 4:27.39 was good for third in the 500-yard freestyle and it also broke his own school-record by nearly three seconds.

Pierce's time also placed him in consideration for the NCAA meet, the first time an Irish swimmer has ever been under the consideration time in the 500 freestyle.

He led the race for 15 of the 20 laps but St. John's Michal Szapiel and Eric Limkemann caught Pierce in the final 150 yards. Notre Dame freshman Matt

Obringer placed eighth with a season's best time of 4:34.60.

"That was [Pierce's] plan tonight [to go out fast]," Notre Dame coach Tim

Welsh said. "The other racers in the heat have been ahead of him all year. So part of John's strategy is to say 'be in the race.' It was a fabulous race."

Said Pierce: "You're always going to be disappointed when you get beat but I'm real happy with my time."

Maggio was also pleased with his performance. He received high scores on an inward two-and-a-half, his second-to-last dive, which catapulted him into second. In last year's meet, he finished sixth in the one-meter and fifth in the three-meter.

"He had the best meet he's had since he was 14 today," Huesman said. "It was awesome to see."

Huesman, who dove on the Cincinnati Stingrays club team with Maggio, was a little less ecstatic on a personal level. Last night, Huesman tied his placement at the 2000 championships and struggled on two dives.

"I didn't really dive great," Huesman said. "It definitely could have been a lot better."

Part of Huesman's problem stems from a recurring shoulder injury. At the Indiana Invitational in early November, while preparing for the three-meter event, Huesman dislocated his left shoulder.

He just returned to the pool three weeks ago and has competed in only two meets. And whereas he normally attempts 60-90 dives per day, Huesman only performed 15 dives per day before yesterday's event.

Huesman may have surgery on his left shoulder in the next few weeks. But he plans on competing in today's three-meter event. Last year, Huesman placed fourth in the three-meter competition.

"Andy [Maggio] and I definitely should be in the top 5 [in the three-meter event] if things go well," Huesman said.

Welsh also expects high placements from his swimmers today. In the 100-meter breaststroke, junior Mike Koss is seeded third and senior Dan Szilier is sixth.

Unfortunately for the Irish, junior David Horak, the fourth seed in today's 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke, has mononucleosis and will not compete this weekend.

The 400-yard individual medley will be contested today, as well. Senior co-captain Ryan Verlin, who finished fourth a year ago in the 400, and Pierce are among the favorites. Pierce, a two-time Big East champion in the 1650-yard freestyle, will defend that title on Saturday.

"We always get better from session to session," Pierce said. "We'll do a lot better tomorrow and even better on Saturday."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame faces tough late season contest at Rutgers

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

The last time Rutgers and Notre Dame met, Scarlet Knights' coach Vivian Stringer thought her team played like it was intimidated.

Suffering a 21-point loss to the Irish at the Joyce Center Jan. 6, the Scarlet Knights could not hit their shots and were not tight enough on defense.

But a lot has happened in a month.

Still undefeated, Notre Dame has jumped from No. 3 to No. 1 in the polls while Rutgers has fallen from No. 9 to the 11th spot. And after a devastating 70-45 loss to No. 3 Connecticut on Wednesday, the Scarlet Knights are heading for another demotion in the rankings unless they can pull off an upset Saturday which no other team has been able to — a win against the Irish.

"I think they'll come out and play a lot harder than they did last time," Ericka Haney said. "It would be good for them to have a win over a top ranked team."

The Irish, as usual, are up for the challenge.

After a week-long rest, the Irish hit the court again Wednesday with a solid 75-61 win against unranked Syracuse.

Using a balanced attack, four starters scored in double figures, with Riley leading the pack netting 24 points.

Despite the team effort, the Irish need to stay steady as they

round out the remainder of the regular season. As the team to beat across the country, the Irish need to stay motivated and not fall into a complacent routine.

"We just need to stay focused," Haney said. "We need to go in there and play hard."

The Scarlet Knights will have to pay special attention to their defensive strategy if they hope to stifle the Irish offense.

Rutgers failed to shut down Connecticut's 3-point shooting in their last outing, allowing the Huskies to bury 8-11 attempts in

the second half and put away the game. Behind-the-arc shooting is also a strength of the Irish. Guards Alicia Ratay, with a 56 percent shooting average from behind the arc, and Niele Ivey at an even 50 percent pose big threats for the Rutgers defense.

The Scarlet Knights also had trouble shutting down Notre Dame's offensive power under the basket in the teams' last meeting. Center Ruth Riley and forward Kelley Siemon combined for half of Notre Dame's 67 points.



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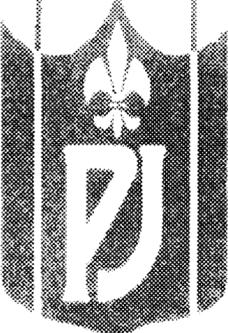
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TRACK AND FIELD

Youth give women hope at Indoors

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish women's track and field team steps onto the track Saturday for day one of the Big East Indoor Championships they will be relying on youth to improve upon last season's sixth-place finish.

Two sophomores provide hope for the Irish in multiple events.

Sophomore Tameisha King will compete in the 60-meter dash, the 60-meter hurdles and her specialty, the long jump.

King's season-best mark of 6.10 meters seeds her first in the long jump entering the meet. King also will be right in the hunt in the hurdles, where she is currently ranked fifth, three tenths of a second behind Charmaine Walker.

In the dash, King's time of 7.56 seconds is currently ranked third.

"Tameisha is going to have to score in two of her three events," said Irish head coach Joe Piane.

With preliminary and final rounds in all three of her events, King will be a busy lady this weekend.

"Tameisha seems like the type of person that needs to be busy," Irish field events coach Scott Winsor said. "If she doesn't have the time to think about it, then she's fine. It's when she sits and waits and has time to let her mind wander is when she struggles."

King's classmate, Jaime Volkmer, will compete in the pole vault and triple jump. The school-record holder in the pole vault comes in ranked second in the event.

"Jaime's a heck of a competitor," Winsor said. "She went into the outdoor Big East last year ranked No. 2 and she won it."

Volkmer enters the meet ranked No. 14 in the triple jump, but remains in striking distance.

Junior Liz Grow enters the meet with by far the best time in the 400-meter dash. Grow's two-week old mark of 53.30 seconds is

more than one second ahead of Georgetown's Sasha Spencer.

Grow will not be competing in the 200-meter dash, where she has the No. 2 time in the Big East, because the 200-meters immediately follows the 400-meter finals on Sunday.

Grow will compete in the 60-meters alongside King, where she enters with an identical time of 7.56 seconds.

"We feel Liz can pick up some points there," said Irish sprints coach John Millar.

A young group of sprinters provide hope for the Irish. Sophomore Kymia Love and freshman Kristen Dodd have put up impressive times in the 400-meters this season, both running below 57 seconds.

"They're relatively inexperienced, both running on this type of track and running in a Big East Championship type atmosphere," said Irish sprints and hurdles coach John Millar. "I'm hoping both can reach the finals."

In the distance races, sophomore Jenn Handley will compete in the 3,000 meters Sunday alongside senior Chrissy Kuenster. Kuenster will be competing one day after running the 5,000-meters.

First-year law student Emily Bienko will step into the ring to throw the shot-put for the Irish. Bienko competed in the pentathlon for the Irish three of the last four years and is familiar with the Big East meet environment.

"I know she hasn't had the training under her belt that she has in the past, but if anybody can do it she can do it," Winsor said of Bienko. "It's going to take a good throw, but she has the ability to score."

Notre Dame hopes to fight past injuries

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

To reach their goal of placing in the top three at the Big East Championships this weekend, the Irish men's track and field team will need more than one athlete to step up.

For one athlete, that might be harder than for others.

Junior jumper Quill Redwine tore his meniscus in his right knee while competing in the triple jump at Notre Dame's Meyo Invitational two weeks ago. The injury will eventually require surgery, but Redwine will still compete in the high jump this weekend because his plant foot leg is his left.

"He was looking to do great things in the triple. That's not pleasant news," said Irish field events coach Scott Winsor.

Redwine isn't the only field events competitor competing at less than full strength. Junior pole-vaulter Josh Heck missed Notre Dame's meet at the Windsor Invitational last weekend due to a gluteus injury. This week, Heck missed three days of practice due to flu-like symptoms.

Heck will compete this weekend, but may enter at a later height and must concentrate on clearing the bar on his first attempt at each height in order to conserve his strength.

"I think he's ready to go," Winsor said. "He's not going to have a lot of energy. He's not going to have tons of vaults in him so he's going to have to make them count."

Despite Redwine's injury, the Irish remain in position to walk off with quite a few points in the triple jump. Freshman Godwin Mbagwu

enters the meet ranked first in the event, having cleared 50 feet in the season's first meet. Despite the fact that this weekend will mark only the second away meet in Mbagwu's young career, Winsor doesn't think his jumper will be phased.

"To me it's always interesting to sit down and see how underclassmen respond to that," Winsor said. "I think he'll do fine. He's pretty level headed."

Also competing in the triple jump for Notre Dame is sophomore Scott Kelley, who placed seventh in the conference last season with a mark of 45-9.

"He's looking very good in practice," Winsor said. "I think he can score, that's why he's going."

In the long jump, sophomore Tom Gilbert enters the meet ranked No. 5. However, Gilbert has battled illness and fatigue the last two weeks and his coach believes his best jump is yet to come.

"Tom really needs to focus on his long jump warm-up, and that's what we've talked about this week," Winsor said. "I think he feels that he can win."

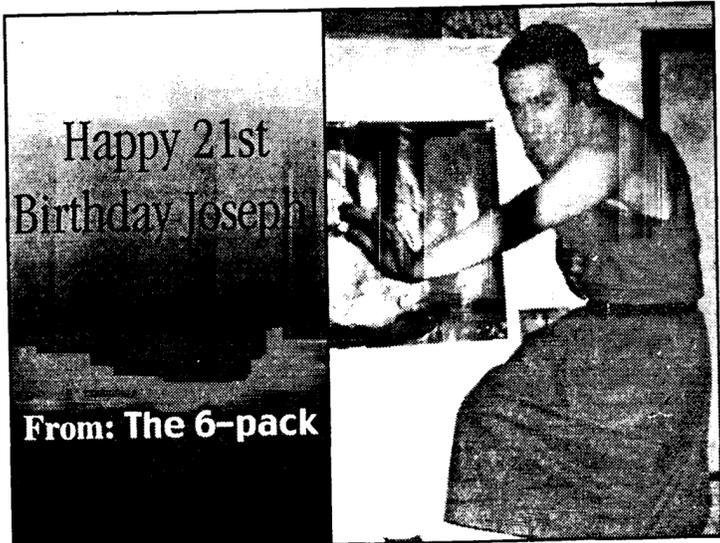
Distance runner Ryan Shay will face his toughest collegiate competition this season as he competes in both the 5,000-meters and the 3,000-meters. Shay's time of 13:52.66 in the 5,000-meters is less than two seconds ahead of Providence's Keith Kelly, the NCAA Cross Country Champion.

In the 3,000 Shay and teammates John Keane and Mark Striowski will have their work cut out for them. Villanova's Adrian Blincoe has posted a time of 8:01.53, nearly 20 seconds ahead of Shay and 30 seconds ahead of Keane.

In the sprints, senior Travis Davey will be the lone Irish runner competing in the 60-meter dash. Davey brings in a time of 6.91 seconds, currently ranked seventh. Millar believes Davey has the ability to run even faster.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Loss puts slumping Belles in cellar

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into halftime of Wednesday night's contest against Adrian College, Saint Mary's was facing a point deficit larger than the number of minutes left to play.

With 20 minutes left in the game, the Belles were losing to the Bulldogs 40-19. They never recovered.

A 36-point second half performance by the Belles wasn't enough to top Adrian, as Saint Mary's dropped another MIAA contest 75-55. The loss dropped the Belles to last place in the league.

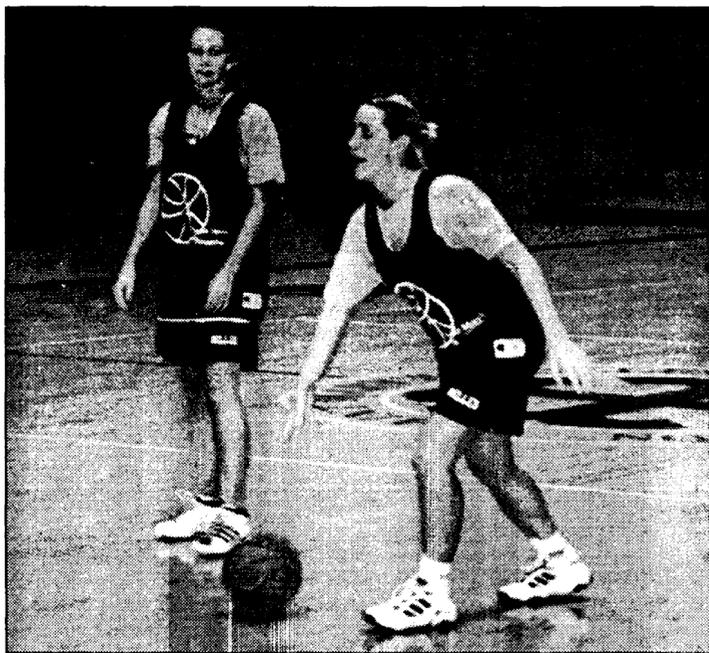
Coming off a victory against Olivet Saturday, Saint Mary's looked for a win Wednesday night. However, 25 percent shooting in the first half wasn't enough to get that victory.

"We've been doing a much better job handling the pressure and different defenses and attacking and being aggressive," Smith said earlier this week.

The Adrian offense got around the Saint Mary's defense to score 40 points in the first half, shooting nearly 50 percent from the field.

Starting forward Sarah Vincke led the Bulldog attack — making seven 2-pointers and claiming two of Adrian's seven 3-point shots.

Adrian's other leading scorers came off of the bench. Guards freshman Kersten Larsen and junior Angie Benefield each added 14 points to the Adrian victory.



DOROTHY CARDER/The Observer
Julie Norman dribbles at a recent Belles practice. She is the lone senior on the squad.

The Saint Mary's bench scored only 12 points. Senior starting guard Julie Norman led the Belles offensively, scoring 16 points. Kelly Roberts and Mary Campione each chipped in 10 points.

Kelly Roberts — who grabbed eight of Saint Mary's 37 rebounds — led Saint Mary's defensively.

Saturday the Belles will play their final game of the season on the road against the Kalamazoo Hornets. This will be the last opportunity for the Belles to try to move up in the MIAA tournament bracket.

If Saint Mary's drops

Saturday's game, the Belles will face the No. 1 ranked Flying Dutch of Hope in the first round of play.

However, if Saint Mary's can come up with a win, and Adrian loses, the team may face Alma instead.

The last time the Belles faced the Hornets, they dropped the game 64-48, wrapping up round one of MIAA play at home. However, Smith believes her team plays better on the road.

"I always think we play a little better on the road," she said.

Tip-off is at 3 p.m. at Kalamazoo.

Norman has life-long love of basketball

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

When Julie Norman gets tired from juggling her internship, basketball practice and a full class load, she thinks of the last line of a poem her friend gave to her: "We are what few can claim — college athletes."

"That poem just means a lot to me; it fits me," said Norman, the lone senior on the Belles' basketball team. "I mean, I'm not out there for the recognition or because I'm trying to move on or because I'm here on full scholarship. I'm out there because I love the game."

For Norman, basketball has always been one of the things that she focuses on. In her earliest basketball days, Norman and her best friend were the only two girls in a YMCA league. They played together on the same team during the first grade.

"One of my friends still remembers pushing me down from that league," she said. "He still apologizes because he thought I hated him."

With three sisters and a father who played basketball, Norman was bound to be involved in the sport.

"My dad always jokes around about having four girls and how he turned us all into athletes," Norman said.

That love of the game carries on to the court where Norman plays with intensity and drive, according to Susan Smith, Norman's coach.

"Julie is definitely a leader," Smith said. "She brings a lot of intensity to the court. She's very focused."

"My style of play is to be aggressive," Norman said. "I like to make things happen by being aggressive and taking it to the other team. There's no sense in just sitting there."

For four years, Norman has been an integral part of the Saint Mary's basketball team. For the past two years, she has been looked on to carry the leadership role on the team. Last season, she was the only junior on a team without any senior members.

"I feel like I've been in this position for two years," Norman said. "It can be hard at times, because you have to deal with your senior year and there are academic and social issues that come with that. There's really no one there who is going through the same things."

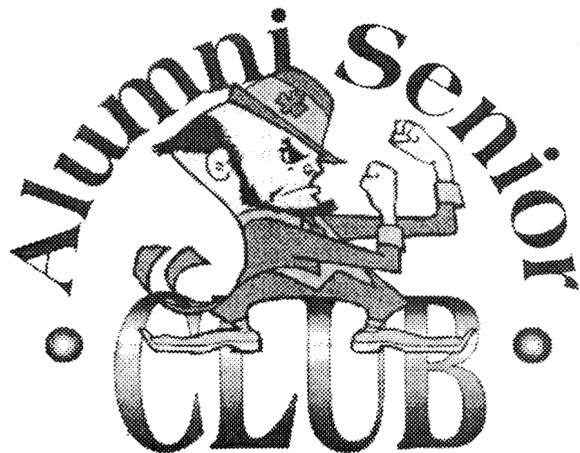
She feels a strong bond to her teammates, even with the difficulties that come with leading alone.

"So many of the juniors came in as recruits and they stayed on campus with me," she said. "They're not only my teammates, they're some of my closest friends."

Playing for four years in an athletic program that has undergone enormous changes has brought both difficulties and rewards for Norman. A new athletic director, coaching staff and countless new staff members have given Saint Mary's athletics a new face.

"I have been fortunate to be here during a time of such change," she said. "When I was a freshman, we were playing with 12-year-old uniforms, and playing on a rubber floor that gave me bad shin splints. Lynn [Kachamarik, the Belles' new Athletic Director] has been the driving force to all these changes. She lives and breathes Belles athletics."

Norman leads on the court for more reasons than her age. Her skills on the court have been looked on for four years, offensively and defensively. She was an All-MIAA Team Honorable Mention during the 98-99 and 99-00 seasons.



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In 1996, the Notre Dame Women's Water Polo team was one of the original members of what would eventually become the Midwestern division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA).

Although the women's team still scrimmages with the men's team once in a while, the women's skills have improved substantially since the team's inception.

Senior captain Lisa Thomas attributes the program's success to the fact that "water polo has gotten a lot more serious in the Midwest."

"The competition has gotten better, which has lead us to practice harder than ever," she said. "The swim sets are harder, and in general, the practices are more focused and more organized," Thomas said. "Our team now would kill our team of three years ago."

However, Thomas also notes, "We've improved at about the same rate as the teams we play."

So far this season, the team is 10-3, beating Northwestern University, the University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University and Ohio State University, among others.

Notre Dame's three losses have been tough games; the team lost to Michigan State 11-4 in their first game of the spring season; they were also beaten by University of Miami-Ohio twice. At the first tournament they lost 8-6 and the second time they were narrowly edged out in sudden death overtime 11-10. Miami is traditionally the team's biggest division rival: last year Notre Dame lost the championship to Miami in triple overtime.

"It's pretty amazing," said Coughlin, who coaches the women's team. "Before, we had to teach everybody everything; now there are a lot of girls who've played in high school."

When Thomas joined the team in 1997, between 8-12 women traveled with the team to weekend tournaments. The number varied greatly from week to week because most of the players were not committed to the team and did not attend practice on a regular basis.

Thomas claims that when she attended her first water polo tournament in November of her freshman year, she had never seen a drive, one of the most fundamental offensive elements of the game.

Thomas is now the lone senior on the team; of the six or seven freshmen who joined with her, only one, who was from California, had played water polo in high school.

This year, five of the six freshmen on the team have played water polo competitively. Because the team lost three starting players to graduation last season, they have had to redirect their focus a little.

"We spend a lot more time teaching the basics and fundamentals of the game," said Coughlin. "The freshmen have been really eager to learn and open to what we're saying."

Since the squad is comprised of so many underclassmen, some of the younger players have had to take leadership roles on the team. According to Coughlin, the two junior captains, Parolin and Lauren Kuzniar, along with Thomas, have filled this assignment well.

"We have more in common and we're able to have a lot of fun in and out of the water," said Kuzniar.

Coughlin believes that the team's unity has helped increase the level of play. "People are more eager to go to practice and tournaments because they enjoy spending time with each other," he said. "It also helps playing because everybody believes in and trusts each other."

The increased popularity of women's water polo at Notre Dame stems directly from the surge the sport has experienced throughout the country. Although it has been played in California since the 1920's and 30's, the first

teams did not emerge in the Midwest until 1982, when dedicated individuals who had played in California began moving eastward and becoming coaches.

The growth of water polo became particularly apparent when universities in the Big Ten conference began to gain varsity status four years ago. Indiana University and the University of Michigan were the first to make the transition. Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin are in the process of becoming varsity. At most of the Ivy League schools, water polo is also no longer a club sport.

Colleges are realizing that women's water polo is a great addition to any athletic program. It is expected that another 20-30 teams will move to varsity programs in the next few years.

Although the Notre Dame women's water polo team is competitive with Indiana and Michigan and easily beat Purdue and Wisconsin last year, it is still a club.

"Sooner or later, if Notre Dame wants to keep competing at the level we have been, we're going to have to look at going varsity," said Parolin. "We're not going to be able to keep playing the varsity teams if we're not getting the same funding and recruiting benefits."

Right now, however, the team's goals include beating Miami and improving on last year's seventh-place finish at Collegiate Club Nationals.

Saturday the Notre Dame women's water polo team takes on Purdue at 8 a.m., Northwestern at 10 a.m., Illinois at 3:30 p.m. and Grand Valley State at 6:30 p.m. at Rolf's Aquatic Center.

Water polo: no horses, plenty of action for all

Observer Staff Report

Contrary to popular belief, water polo does not involve horses. The most basic explanation of the sport is that the four seven-minute quarters of each game combine both the hard-hitting brutality of hockey and plays similar to basketball with swimming to form a unique, demanding sport.

Instead of dribbling down a court, players swim with the ball down the pool; however, when they pick up the ball to shoot or pass, they can only touch the ball with one hand at a time. They never get to stand up or stop treading water. Players must always keep their nails and toenails short because otherwise they will become weapons.

There are seven players in the water for each team at a time: one goalie, a hole-set, a defensive hole-set and four field players.

The hole-set is similar to a basketball center because nearly all of the

offensive plays revolve around her. The goal of the defensive hole-set is to do anything within its power to stop the hole-set from shooting at the goal.

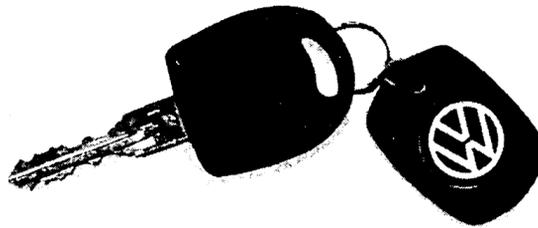
There are limits. If a defensive player is a little too aggressive and the referee sees it, that player gets kicked out for 20 seconds, similar to a penalty in hockey. During this time, the defense has to play man-down.

After three kick-outs, the player is ejected from the game completely.

Referees cannot see everything that goes on underneath the water and that is where the game can get rough. Some players will grab their opponent's suit and just hold it, making it much more difficult to tread water. Picture playing basketball and getting your shorts pulled on throughout the game.

Other players prefer to simply push off their opponents to get a head-start down the pool, like checking someone against the boards in hockey.

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BASEBALL

Irish return to Starkville, look to open 2001 with success

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Kicking off what looks to be a magical season for the Irish baseball team, the Irish head to Mississippi State on a magic bus. Notre Dame flies from Chicago to Memphis today, then takes a high-tech bus from Memphis to Starkville, Miss., where they will take part in a weekend tournament. The bus comes equipped with Direct TV and data ports, providing luxury for the four-hour drive.

"It's unbelievable," said junior center-fielder Steve Stanley. "This guy that drives it his name is Everett. He really treats us first-class. It's a great time."

Notre Dame opens its season Saturday against New Orleans in the same stadium where they ended their season last year. 2001 marks the first year in Notre Dame history that they open the season in the same stadium the previous season ended.

Taking on New Orleans has a special meaning for the Irish. New Orleans is coached by Randy Bush — who was a star pinch-hitter for the Minnesota Twins in the late 1980's as well as a New Orleans alumnus.

Bush also is best friends with Irish coach Paul Mainieri. Mainieri and Bush played together both at Miami-Dade North Community College and New Orleans. In fact, the two men served in each other's wedding.

The Irish will battle fatigue on Saturday. Although the team is not expected to arrive in Starkville until midnight, Notre Dame takes on New Orleans bright and early at 10 a.m.

Following the New Orleans game, Mainieri's team will have little rest, challenging Mississippi State at 1 p.m. Last season, the Mississippi State's ninth-inning victory in Starkville ended the Notre Dame season.

The Irish take on the host Bulldogs again at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Bush brings in a revamped New Orleans squad. The team went 38-25 last year and won the Sun Belt conference. However, the Privateers return

only nine letter winners.

The Irish, on the other hand, return seven of nine starters from a 2000 squad that went 48-18 and was only one win away from the College World Series.

Senior All-American righthander Aaron Heilman surprised nearly everybody in the Notre Dame baseball community when he elected to return to Notre Dame for his senior year after being selected as a "sandwich pick" between the first- and second-round of the Major League Baseball draft.

Heilman owns a 28-7 record and a 2.80 earned-run average during his three years on the mound.

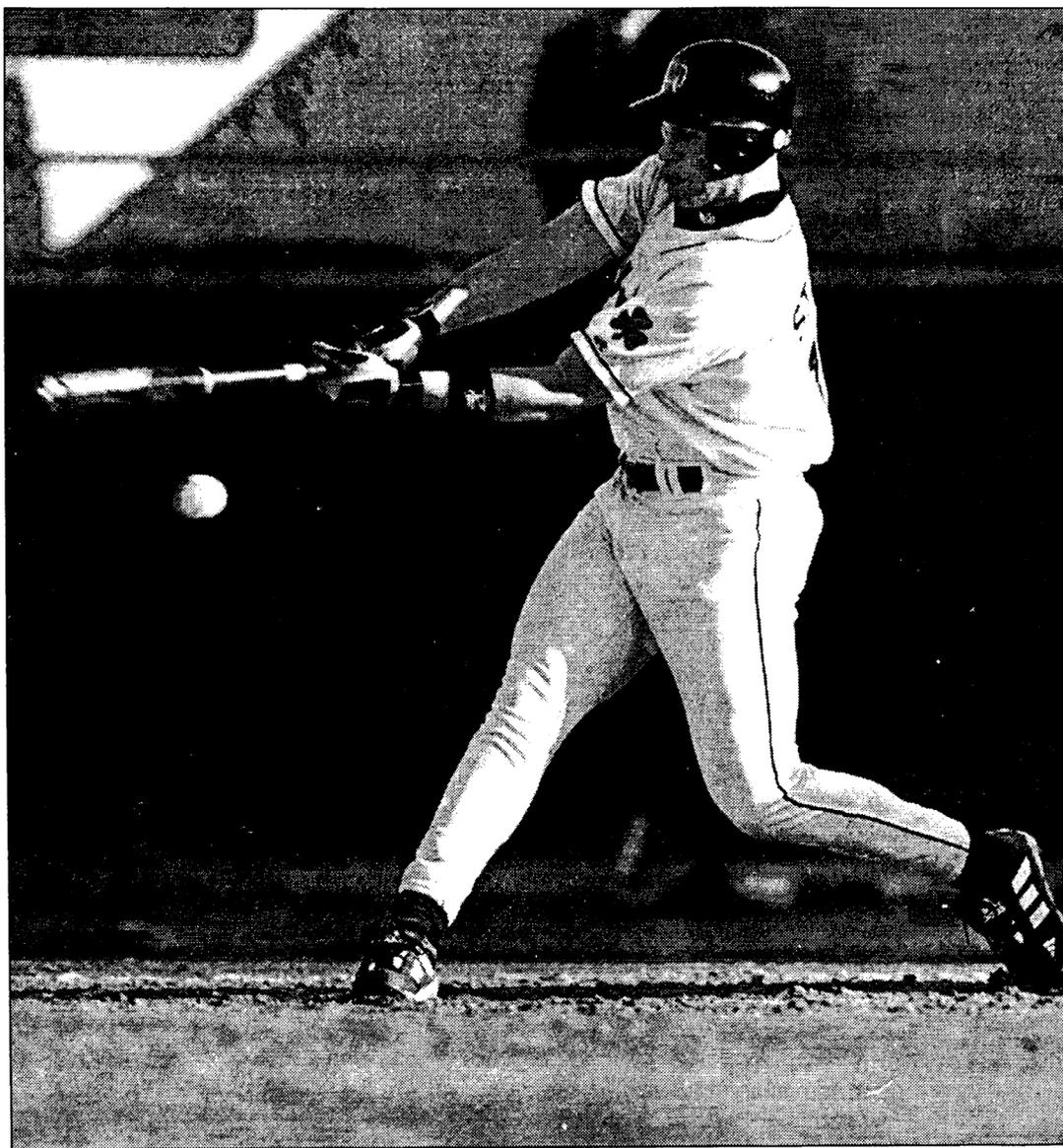
Senior righthander Danny Tamayo proved to be an invaluable asset on the mound last season following Tommy John surgery that sidelined him early in his career. Tamayo pitched a three-hit shutout over Mississippi State in the NCAA Regionals last season.

The Irish season returns seven starters — including two dangerous offensive weapons in senior shortstop Alec Porzel and sophomore rightfielder Brian Stavisky. Porzel led the team with 58 runs-batted-in while Stavisky slugged a team-high 14 home runs.

Juniors Paul O'Toole and Stanley will be looked upon to add speed to the Irish offense. Stanley led the team last season with a .362 average and 29 stolen bases. O'Toole provided strong defense behind the plate while slugging eight homers and swiping 16 bases.

The Irish face an uphill battle this weekend, as they take on two teams that have the advantage of year-round warm weather to practice outdoors. Stanley considers Notre Dame's familiarity with Starkville will make up for any disadvantage in practice time.

"Going back to Starkville is going to help us, playing in a place we're familiar with," Stanley said. "We've got seven starters in the lineup that started last year. We've got a great pitching staff. I don't think not being outside is going to hurt us too much."



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Irish rightfielder Steve Stanley led the Irish with 14 home runs in 2000. Notre Dame opens the 2001 season against New Orleans Saturday Morning at Mississippi State.

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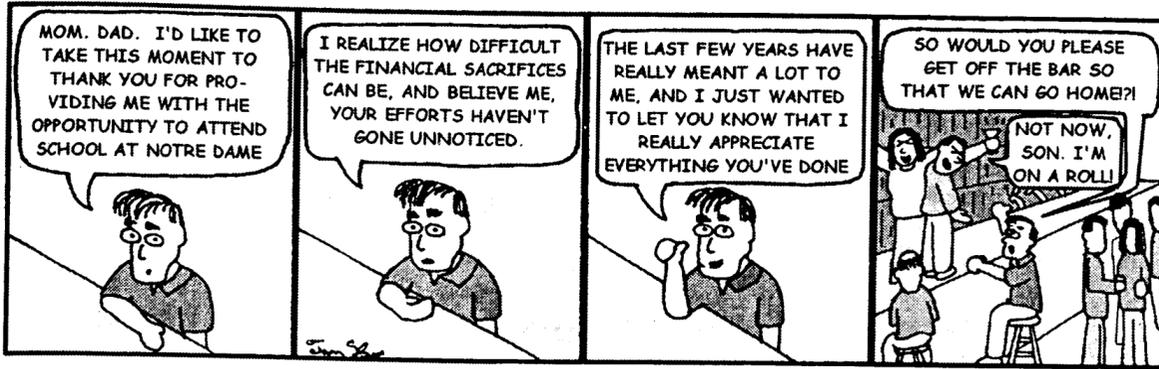
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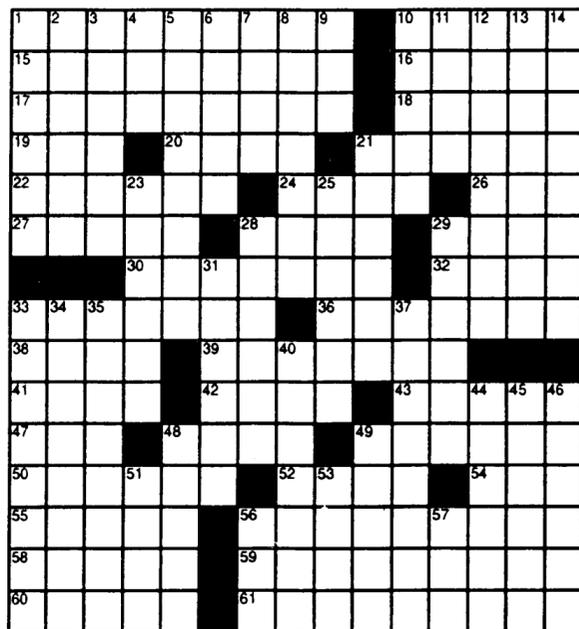
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Novelty item in comic book ads
 - 10 Widget
 - 15 Rocked the boat
 - 16 Go on _____ (rampage)
 - 17 Previously
 - 18 Trunks
 - 19 Atlas abbr.
 - 20 Shoe box marking
 - 21 Sour
 - 22 Provides a seat for
 - 24 Koh-i-_____ (106-carat diamond)
 - 26 Brooder
 - 27 Near Eastern inn
 - 28 Egg holders: Abbr.
 - 29 Wear a long face
 - 30 Lies down
 - 32 Feint
 - 33 "The Fugitive" star of 60's TV
 - 36 Popular, in a way
 - 38 It may be on a roll
 - 39 Schoolmaster, to the classroom
 - 41 "The Birth of a Nation" group
 - 42 A bed in the kitchen?
 - 43 Significant others
 - 47 Listen to one's gut?
 - 48 Le Carré's Leamas
 - 49 Siamese, e.g.
 - 50 Is out, in a way
 - 52 Moonfish
 - 54 Place runners?: Abbr.
 - 55 Developing solution
 - 56 Lots
 - 58 Calendario opener
 - 59 Meddle
 - 60 French Symbolist Odilon _____
 - 61 Utmost

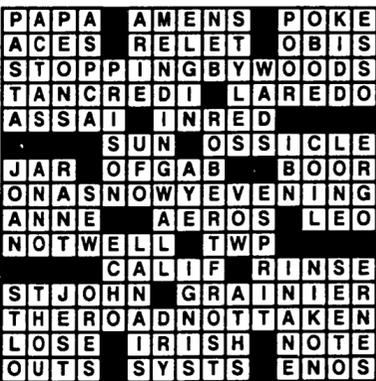


Puzzle by Nelson Hardy

- DOWN**
- 1 Short holidays?
 - 2 Faze
 - 3 Any of the Magi
 - 4 Itch
 - 5 Cupcakes
 - 6 Noodles
 - 7 "Howards End" role
 - 8 Sticks together
 - 9 Venice-to-Naples dir.
 - 10 Swamp snapper
 - 11 Atlanta Rhythm Section's "Do _____ Die"
 - 12 Moment of truth
 - 13 One may work with oils
 - 14 Word after family or object
 - 21 Expert in bryophytes
 - 23 He used to follow the news
 - 25 Jittery
 - 28 Basketball Hall-of-Famer Hawkins
 - 29 Like some urges
 - 31 Units of wisdom?
 - 33 Card
 - 34 Isolated
 - 35 Picked up
 - 37 "Likewise"
 - 40 Story
 - 44 Cry before a fall
 - 45 Gas guzzler
 - 46 Parlor piece
 - 48 Welder's wear
 - 49 In the cards
 - 51 First name in architecture
 - 53 Meat
 - 56 Dynasty during which much of the Great Wall of China was built
 - 57 Batting stat.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2001

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Happy Birthday: This is not the year to sit back watching others take center stage. Get your priorities straight and go after your goals. You have plenty to offer, so don't wait for others to prompt you. Your sound ideas and solutions will be well-received. You can get ahead financially if you are astute in your investments and rely on your instincts to lead you in the right direction. Your numbers: 19, 23, 26, 31, 40, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your interest in educational affairs, teaching and children is growing. Greater self-confidence is helping you deal with others in a more open and honest way, resulting in better friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't travel unless you have no other choice. Talk to relatives who have not been well and see if there is any way you can assist them. Work on home projects.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep everyone you live with too busy to complain. Children may pose a problem if they don't like your suggestions. Make sure you pay enough attention to your lover if you don't want to contend with pouting and the "poor me" syndrome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep working to take your mind off past unpleasant experiences. You have to let go of the past once and for all. You can't get on with your life unless you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to include the whole family in your social events. Accept an

invitation to do something different. You need to experience other cultures or ways of doing things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Organize your day carefully. Someone you care about may be overreacting to situations concerning money. Offer to pay his or her way if it will help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pleasure trips or visiting friends will be most enjoyable. There will be sudden changes due to unpredictable individuals in your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Handle all the details regarding your personal financial situation. Don't question your boss's decisions. Just follow instructions carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get dragged into secret encounters. It is best to keep your feelings and intentions out in the open so that there will be no mistake or misinterpretation of your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your emotions clear of your professional decisions. You can make financial gains if you don't take risks. Don't let confusion lead you down the wrong path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can meet that special person if you attend fund-raising events. Your ability to intellectually dazzle others with your innovative ideas will attract attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel will be enticing but expensive. Be sure to look into the cheapest way to explore your desired destinations. Don't exaggerate when dealing with other people's lives. You may hurt someone's feelings unintentionally.

Birthday Baby: You have a zest for life, and your friends and family will find it hard to keep up with you. You are always on the go and eager to try new things. You are competitive, caring and creative in all that you do. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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Irish hockey travels to Michigan
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BIG EAST WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish hold slim lead, break three school records

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

With 50 yards of freestyle left to go in the women's 200-yard individual medley, it appeared as if the duel between Notre Dame Marie Labosky and Miami's Jen Weir would be decided by fractions of a second.

After all, Labosky had pushed off the wall a mere three hundredths of a second ahead of the defending Big East champion.

But the talented freshman, swimming her strongest stroke and backed by a season of intense endurance swimming, pulled a body length ahead of Weir to win her first-ever Big East title by a second and a half in the first day of the Big East

Swimming Championships.

The Irish, who won two events and set three school records, hold a slim lead after the first day of competition. Notre Dame has 184 points, followed by

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159.5 points.

"I just wanted to go and have a good time — that's what helps me swim fast, staying relaxed. I was feeding off the fact that I had two other awesome girls in the same heat," Labosky said.

The freshman actually trailed for most of the race, but pulled even in the breaststroke and

then surged ahead in the last 25 yards.

Her time in the finals, 2:01.87, was actually slower than the school-record 2:01.74 she swam in the preliminaries. Labosky broke Tanya Williams' 1990 mark, which was the oldest record remaining at Notre Dame.

"I felt worse [in the finals] than this morning," she said. "I'm a distance swimmer and I knew I could bring it home. I get touched out in the end so much, and I just thought 'I'm not going to let that happen this time.'"

The four members of the women's 400-yard medley relay team were the only other Irish swimmers to win an event, shattering the school record they set last year at the Big East championship meet in the process.

The team of Kelly Hecking,

Allison Lloyd, Lisa D'Olier and Danielle Hulick had the rest of the Irish swim team on their feet screaming.

Hecking led off the relay with a personal best 55.16, breaking William's 1993 school record. As each swimmer finished their 100-yard leg, the Irish women broke out in cheers as they realized the relay team was still on pace to set the record.

When Hulick finished six seconds ahead of second-place Virginia Tech, the Notre Dame section erupted into cheers and raised their arms in triumph. In the excitement, coach Bailey Weathers was knocked off the bleachers by exuberant Notre Dame swimmers congratulating each other.

"They had a great time, and they even did it without Carrie

[Nixon, who is not competing because of an injury]," he said.

The Irish completely dominated the 400-yard individual medley. In the preliminaries, both Labosky and freshman Lisa Garcia swam NCAA provisional qualifying times. In the finals, Garcia took fourth and D'Olier placed eighth.

Tiffany O'Brien won the consolation finals, while Laurie Musgrave and Lloyd took sixth and seventh. In all, Notre Dame scored 60 points in this event.

Sophomore Nicole Kohrt turned in the most surprising performance of the evening in the 500-yard freestyle. Before today's competition, the fastest

Kohrt had ever swum in that event was 5:05.99.

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WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Notre Dame's fledgling squad looks to make a splash



Senior captain Lisa Thomas passes the ball to a teammate after making a save at the Collegiate Club Nationals in Tuscon, Arizona last May. The team placed seventh at the tournament.

Observer Staff Report

In the spring of 1995, Mary Sundy, Bridgid Fitzpatrick and Katie McCoyd approached Brian Coughlin, then the captain of the men's water polo team and currently the rector of Carroll Hall, with a simple request: They wanted their own game; they were tired of playing with the men.

Although there had been women playing with the guys' team for a few years, there were never quite enough to form a separate team. However, by 1995, a handful of women were coming to practice consistently.

Coughlin agreed, but with one stipulation: there would have to be nine women at practice every night for two weeks. Then he would get them a game.

Amazingly, 14 women attended practice every night for three weeks. True to his promise, Coughlin called a fellow captain at Bowling Green State University and they set up a tournament between four Midwestern teams.

The original squad, comprised of nine women from Notre Dame and one from Saint Mary's, went to the tournament and proved to be far better than the other women's teams, having practiced with guys for so

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



at Michigan
Friday, 7:35 p.m.



vs. Seton Hall
Sunday, 2 p.m.



Baseball vs. New Orleans
at Mississippi State
Saturday, 10 a.m.



Swimming
at Big East Championships
Today - Saturday



at Rutgers
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.



Softball
at Holiday Inn Invitational
Today - Sunday