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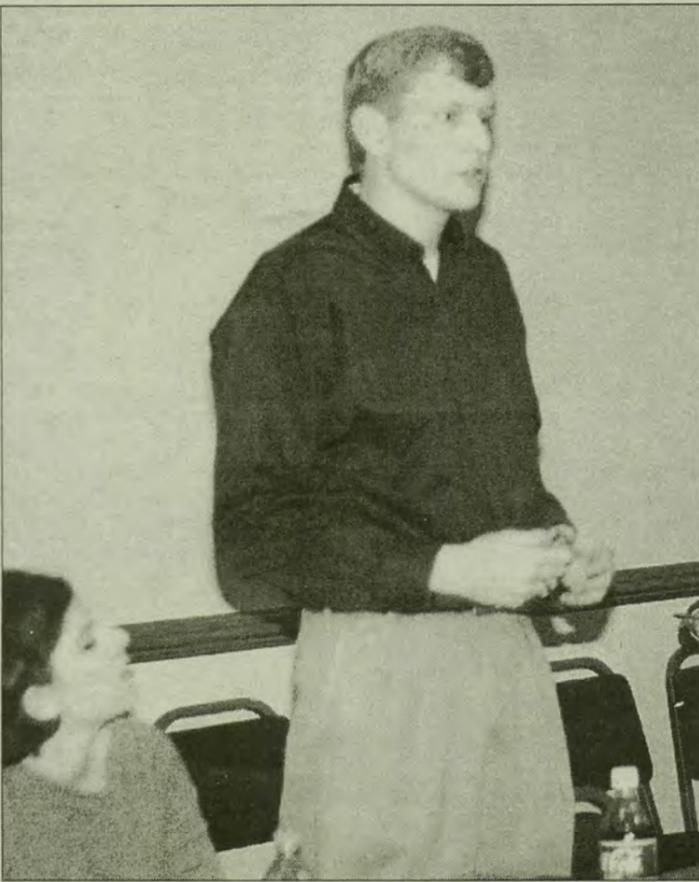
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"We're not about to stop believing now. We're going to overcome this, and press on."

Brian O'Donoghue
presidential candidate

O'Donoghue/Norton given two-day campaign suspension



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer
The Judicial Council found presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue, shown here, and his running mate, Brooke Norton in violation of campaign rules.

By LAURA ROMPF
Associated News Editor

In an 11-4 vote with seven abstentions, the Senate turned down an appeal from the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton ticket, which asked that its two-day campaign suspension from the Judicial Council be revoked.

According to the Judicial Council, candidates O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton violated campaign rules when they appeared on a WVFI radio show Saturday. According to campaigning rules, candidates could not begin campaigning until midnight on Monday.

However, controversy arose in the Senate because of gray areas surrounding the definition of campaigning. O'Donoghue and Norton did not realize that appearing on the radio was a violation of rules and thus their motives for the interview on WVFI were unclear.

"Personally, knowing [O'Donoghue], I know he would never [purposefully] do anything in violation of the constitution," said Alumni Senator David Zachary. "However, ignorance of the law is not a defense."

"The candidates made no efforts to solicit votes," junior Jay Smith, O'Donoghue and Norton's campaign manager, said in a statement to the Senate. "They were engaged in a conversation on the radio about issues effecting the Notre Dame community. It is no different from you or I appearing on WVFI. If a difference exists, it is because they are a known candidate, which they have no control over."

According to the Judicial Council, the pair discussed pertinent campaign issues and because their names appeared in The Observer on Friday and they affirmed their candidacy in the interview, their appearance on the show was as candidates.

However, at the time, O'Donoghue did not realize the interview violated campaign rules. When he became aware that the appearance was a possible violation, he went to Kelly Folks, Judicial

Council President. After a discussion with her, he immediately turned himself in for the violation.

"Concessions are being made because [O'Donoghue] was honest and turned himself in," Folks said. "He did not realize it wasn't allowed because it was not explicitly mentioned. I do not think his actions were malicious or even intentional, but this decision was made to be fair to other candidates."

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Kelly Folks
Judicial Council president

According to the Judicial Council, the appearance on the radio violated the bylaw which states campaigning is limited to a specific period determined by the Election Committee. The penalty for campaigning outside the time period could be as strict as a forfeiture of candidacy.

However, a gray area exists in the definition of campaigning. The constitution states: "Campaigning consists of any

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Provost addresses Faculty Senate on increasing diversity

By JOSHUA BOURGEOIS
Assistant News Editor

University Provost Nathan Hatch addressed the Faculty Senate Wednesday night on such issues as lack of reporting from the Provost's Office, affirmative action in respect to students, faculty and staff and the creating of academic institutes and centers within the University.

Members of the Faculty Senate queried why Hatch's office has not published any reports summarizing the recommendations of the Provost's Advisory Council (PAC) to academic priorities during his time in the office.

Former Provost Timothy O'Meara stated that the PAC should publish such a report at least once a year.

"The first three [years'] reports will be out by spring, and again I

apologize for this," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that the University is committed to diversifying its faculty and students without limiting themselves to set numbers or percentages.

"We want to be proactive and creative [in attracting diverse students and faculty], but we do not try to set numeric goals," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that within the last three years the number of women faculty raised from 16 percent to 19 percent, but said he regretted that the percentage of minority faculty remains at 12 percent.

Coinciding with the increasing diversity issue is the discussion of faculty spousal hiring.

Hatch commented that the number of spousal hirings within the University has increased. He noted that the College of Science

now has five couples among its faculty, and the Law School just hired its second couple within its faculty.

Although spousal hiring continues to be a success, Hatch stated that there are difficulties in finding and funding positions for perspective faculty's spouses.

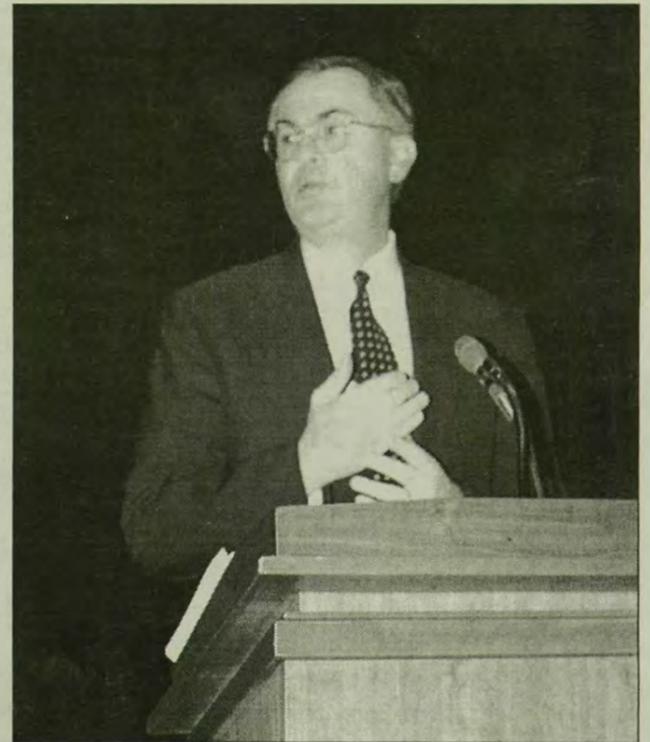
"Overall, spousal hiring is immensely complicated. However, it's one of the strategies used to maintain women faculty," Hatch said.

The Faculty Senate also asked the provost to comment on faculty representation in the University governance. They said this issue was especially important in respect to the Fellows of the University's and Board of Trustees' rejection of the non-discrimination clause last year after the Faculty Senate and Academic Council voted to approve the clause.

"I believe Notre Dame faculty have a lot of representatives throughout University governance," Hatch said.

Hatch noted the faculty's

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SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer
Provost Nathan Hatch responds Wednesday to questions posed by the Faculty Senate during his address.

INSIDE COLUMN

Arm yourself with the facts

With the approaching United States presidential elections at hand and my personal involvement with the media, I thought it would be appropriate if I addressed my beliefs regarding the role of media in relation to government. Let me state for the record, though, that I am neither a government major nor a very politically-minded person.

Amanda Greco

*assistant
Scene editor*

We Americans embrace our democracy and the freedoms it affords us. However, I find the idea of a representative democracy to be an oxymoron. On a local level, it makes sense, though few people use their persuasive voice in the local government. When was the last time you wrote your representative? Do you even know who your local representative is? This is a tool too often left in the drawer. People opt for reform on a larger scale, where it seems unfeasible that one voice could realistically represent millions of people.

Accurate representation occurs when we elect a representative whose stances we know. It often seems that people are confused when it comes to picking a candidate. Recently, a Chicago radio station had a call-in for voters who thought they knew their preferred candidate. The callers went to www.selectsmart.com to enter their opinions on political issues and find what candidate fit their beliefs. All of the callers found that the candidate who they had intended to vote for was not the candidate that supported their beliefs.

This brings me to my next grudge with our so-called democracy. It is based on a huge fallacy: It assumes an educated public and then goes out of its way to deceive said public. The most common medium through which we receive information is the media, namely television and print. However, media is notorious for providing a sensationalized, biased representation of the facts (often persuaded by funding received from political groups).

Example: I am a member of the National Rifle Association and receive its magazine monthly. One of the main features is a section entitled "The Armed Citizen." Here, one can read about the law-abiding citizens who have used their guns to protect themselves from robbery, rape and murder. Surprised that you don't hear these stories as the evening news headlines? Well, I am. You are far more likely to hear of the armed person attempting the crime rather than the armed citizen defending himself or herself.

Here's a little known fact: There are 65 million gun owners in the U.S., yet less than 0.2 percent of the guns owned are used in crimes. According to a survey conducted by criminologist Gary Kleck, there are 2.5 million protective uses of firearms annually. This means that guns are used for protection five times more often than for the committal of crimes. But you won't get to hear about the good guys.

This is just one example of the media's attempts at censoring the facts. Take advantage of the resources you have for unbiased information to create an informed opinion. And next time you turn on the news, allow yourself to be skeptical. Our constitutional freedoms that we so readily embrace will only be protected when we exercise our voice and arm ourselves with the facts.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Concert: Acoustic Cafe, Huddle, 9 p.m.	◆ Party: Mid-Winter Celebration, LaFortune, 11:30 a.m.	◆ Concert: Steel Drum Band, Reckers, 2 p.m.	◆ Performance: Body Week, Little Theatre, 1 p.m.
◆ Tournament: Promotional Air Hockey, Alumni Senior Club, 9 p.m.	◆ Lecture: Joseph A. Morahan III, "In, up, and on top in a hurry," Jordan Auditorium, noon	◆ Discussion: "Gangsters on Campus," CSC, 3 p.m.	◆ Debate: Student body presidential candidates, LaFortune, 3 p.m.
◆ Movie: "Mickey Blue Eyes," Debartolo, 10:30 pm.		◆ Dinner/Dance: SMC Sophomore Parents' Weekend, Century Center, 6:30 p.m.	◆ Literary Festival: William Kennedy, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

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U. Michigan protestors meet with administrators

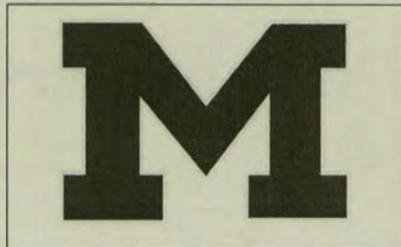
ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Until Sunday many people at the University of Michigan had no idea what Michigamua was — that was before the Students of Color Coalition (SCC) occupied the secret society's meeting space and made public the organization's inner workings, which have been largely unknown since 1902.

Students, faculty and Ann Arbor residents were lined up until late Tuesday night to view what SCC members claim is an atmosphere that is degrading to Native American culture.

"We're making this open to students ... (Michigamua) has never been infiltrated like this before," said Diego Bernal, a Social Work graduate student who is occupying the meeting space with SCC.

Those who took the tour of the



meeting space led by SCC members Tuesday night saw many items on display in Michigamua's space, including a miniature totem pole, a bust of an Indian chief and a small figure of a Native American.

But Michigamua spokesman Nick Delgado said these items, and the majority of others on display to the public, were in storage prior to the SCC occupation.

"The first time I'd ever seen [the fig-

ure] was this morning when I picked up the paper," Delgado said at Tuesday night's Michigan Student Assembly meeting.

He was referring to a photo in Tuesday's Michigan Daily of the Native American figure lying on top of a book titled "Pride of 2000." The book and figure are not related and Delgado said that while the book was part of Michigamua's practices, the figure must have been in the storage space prior to the occupation.

"The question needs to be posed — were these in the room when the SCC took over?" he asked.

SCC members said they will be vigilant and will not vacate the meeting space until the University severs all ties with Michigamua.

They are also demanding the space currently occupied by Michigamua be made into a cultural study lounge.

Iowa faculty petitions evaluation

AMES, Iowa

Claiming that the Iowa State University administration is responsible for creating "a climate of fear and repression," several faculty members have written and are distributing a petition supporting an evaluation of ISU President Martin Jischke's performance as university president. The petition, which began circulating Tuesday and will continue until about Feb. 25, states, was written by several current and former faculty members. The petition states that "many faculty and other concerned individuals are dissatisfied with the declining importance of undergraduate education and teaching, inadequate communication with faculty concerning the direction of the University, and a climate of fear and repression that has been created at ISU." Jischke responded to the criticism Tuesday evening by saying Iowa State is making progress. "I think there's an overwhelming feeling across Iowa, within the University and the Board of Regents, that Iowa State is a far better university today than it was 10 years ago, and if these people continue to complain, it is unfortunate, but I guess they have the right to do so," he said.

Arizona hate crime sparks march

TUCSON, Ariz.

Out of both support and outrage, members of the University of Arizona community are rallying to the side of a gay student who was stabbed Sunday night while sitting outside a coffee shop. University of Arizona assistant English professor David Robinson is one of several people planning a protest march and speak-out event outside of the shop where the 20-year-old student was assaulted. The rally will feature an open mic for people to share anti-gay experiences and other thoughts on homophobia. Robinson, who is an acquaintance of the victim, was notified of the stabbing by a friend who witnessed the crime. After visiting the cafe the same night and speaking with other witnesses, Robinson said he was inspired to organize the march and speak out. Robinson, along with the people he met with Sunday, the UA Pride Alliance and the Tucson chapter of a grassroots gay rights organization are working to make the march and speak-out happen. "We're in the midst of a lot of very vocal anti-gay speech," Robinson said. "That's the kind of stuff that fosters actual violence."

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Lecture: More teen pregnancies lead to more abortions

By KEVIN SCHUMM
News Writer

Over the past three decades, changing attitudes attributed to the sexual revolution have led Americans to view abortion as a "fail-safe contraceptive," said Clarke Forsythe, president of Americans United for Life (AUL).

Many Americans today are misinformed about abortion because of marketing of the procedure during the 1960s, Forsythe said. Currently, one in three pregnancies in the United States ends in abortion.

Although the procedure was marketed as a tool to "end illegitimacy, poverty and child abuse and promote maternal health," it commonly causes side effects in the woman, ranging from infection and excessive bleeding to cervical

damage and endotoxic shock, Forsythe explained.

Furthermore, he said several studies of American women report an increased risk of breast cancer after having an induced abortion.

AUL's goal is to counter the widely held opinion that "abortion promises no consequences."

AUL is a very strong advocate of Woman's Right To Know (WRTK) laws, which mandate that adequate information on the risks of and alternatives to abortion be presented to the mother so that she may make an informed decision.

Pennsylvania currently has a WRTK law.

Despite its possibly harmful effects, polls show that some teens view abortion as an effective means of contraception. According to a poll conducted by the Center for Disease Control, the teen birth rate in 1972 went from 22 per 1,000 teens to 42 per 1,000 teens in 1990. Similarly, the abortion rates soared from 20 per 1,000 in 1972 to 43 per 1,000 teens

in 1990. "The bottom line is that the number of teenagers getting pregnant nearly doubled in

1990," said Forsythe.

Accompanying this increase in sexual activity is the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, said Forsythe. A common STD known as HPV, which contributes to over 90 percent of annual cervical cancer deaths, affects about 24 million Americans.

In a recent Gallup poll, 60 percent of Middle America — defined as those people not absolutely pro-life or pro-choice — are in fact, "deeply troubled" by the prevalence of abortion.

"Americans see abortion as a necessary evil," Forsythe said, explaining that many myths alluding to the occurrence and prevalence of back-alley abortions developed during the 1960s. The promulgation of these myths led many modern Americans to believe that the "restoration of abortion laws

would be worse," Forsythe said.

Because of Roe v. Wade, some Americans in the 1970s viewed abortion as crucial to the future of the United States. Acknowledging that abortion has become ingrained in modern American society, Forsythe advocates the development of a new vision void of abortion.

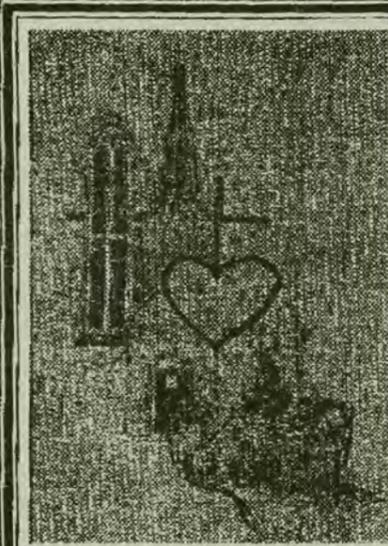
This change in vision will lead to a dramatically different culture that must start on the personal level with individuals adopting positive ideals, Forsythe said. He specifically cited the need to develop positive conceptions of marriage.

"The sexual revolution must give way to a culture of fulfilling, committed relationships," said Forsythe.

Through his efforts with AUL, Forsythe wants to focus on "dispelling the myth of abortion being good for women."

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Clarke Forsythe
president of AUL



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Patrick Geary, Director of Medieval Institute

Robert Wegs, Director, Nanovic Institute

Katherine O'Brien-O'Keefe, Professor of English

Discussion to Follow

**Monday, February 14th
210 CCE, McKenna Hall
3:00 - 5:00**

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

Hatch

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involvement in selection process of deans and how the president has to concur with what the elected search committee, consisting of faculty, decides.

Hatch added that the Fellows and the members of the Board of Trustees acted within their power and both sides of the issue were presented in the London meeting.

"I know enough people involved to know that neither side dominated the meeting," Hatch said.

Hatch also commented on the role of the research professor in the University and the importance to recognize their accomplishments.

"Research faculty need more recognition ... but it would be cumbersome to invent a new category for the recognition," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that the University needs to find more occasions to hire research faculty.

One of the other issues that Hatch addressed was the creation of centers and institutes within the University and how open such institutions and centers are to both internal and external review.

Hatch stated that last year the Academic Council passed some academic regulations and guidelines for institutions and centers.

"We've begun to review centers such as the Center for Environmental Studies, Kroc Institute and the Kellogg Institute," Hatch said.

"However, centers and institutes are too complex for a one size fits all model."

Hatch acknowledged the importance of investing in such centers and institutes and cites the success of the Keough Center for Irish Studies as an example of this importance.

"We need to continue to invest in these centers because many times they can lead to foundation funding," Hatch said.

Hatch stated that it is important to "integrate academic and student [or campus life] affairs, while recognizing the roles of each."

The provost noted that Duke University provided a stipend for faculty who act as fellows in the residence halls. Hatch stated that this stipend has provided moderate success.

"Notre Dame's residence halls do a fabulous job at building community," Hatch said. "We want to maintain that."

In other news:

♦ Faculty Senate voted unanimously to send a motion and proposed an amendment to the Administration Committee. The motion dealt with amending the Academic Articles in respect to the Faculty Board on Athletics. The committee will report on the motion in March's meeting.

♦ The chairperson announced in her report that there will be a Senate Forum on Academic Life on Feb. 14 in room 210 of the Center for Continuing Education. The topic of the forum will be "Arts and Letters Departments, Institutes and Collective Resources."

Speakers discuss social justice

By MOLLY McVOY
News Writer

The speakers at Wednesday's brown bag luncheon said that their education at Saint Mary's involved more than classrooms and textbooks.

As part of Social Justice Week at the College, M.J. Murray-Vachon, Class of 1982, Emily Hopkins, Class of 2000, and Ann Loux, an English professor, spoke on the issue of social justice and everyday life.

"Social justice, to me, is a search for truth and a search for the dignity in every individual," Hopkins said.

Hopkins hopes to go on to graduate school in social work, with a specialty in social justice. A passion to help those who cannot seem to help themselves drives her work at the Center for the Homeless.

"My only fear, and I guess my hope, is that I never lose that passion," Hopkins said.

She explained that the first

component to living a socially conscious life is changing one's mentality. People must first force themselves to seriously think about social issues in a different way.

"This was my biggest challenge," Hopkins said. "It can be a challenge on this campus; it is somewhat homogeneous."

Exposure to the poor and involvement with them is also crucial to social justice. She explained that without immersing oneself in poor communities, feeling does not turn into action.

"Exposure is the key," she said. "It turns those thoughts into actions."

Murray-Vachon agreed that exposure to the issues is the best way to awaken consciousness. For her, social justice is an extension of the responsibility that comes with being Christian.

"Social justice is how we, as Christians, take our faith into action everyday," Murray-Vachon said.

After graduating from Saint

Mary's, Murray-Vachon spent a year volunteering with Holy Cross Associates. This experience helped change her attitudes about the poor and other social problems.

"I learned that the world is so much bigger than my needs," Murray-Vachon said.

She explained that people have a choice between what she calls the good life and the abundant life. She described the good life as the American dream: a career, a house and a car. The abundant life is what Christians are called to live: a life focused on community and religion. Communal living, faith development, service to the poor and simple living are all components of the abundant life.

Murray-Vachon also worked with high risks families for six years as a therapist in the inner city of Chicago.

"It was so humbling and so directing," she said. "They had so little hope. It was very profound."

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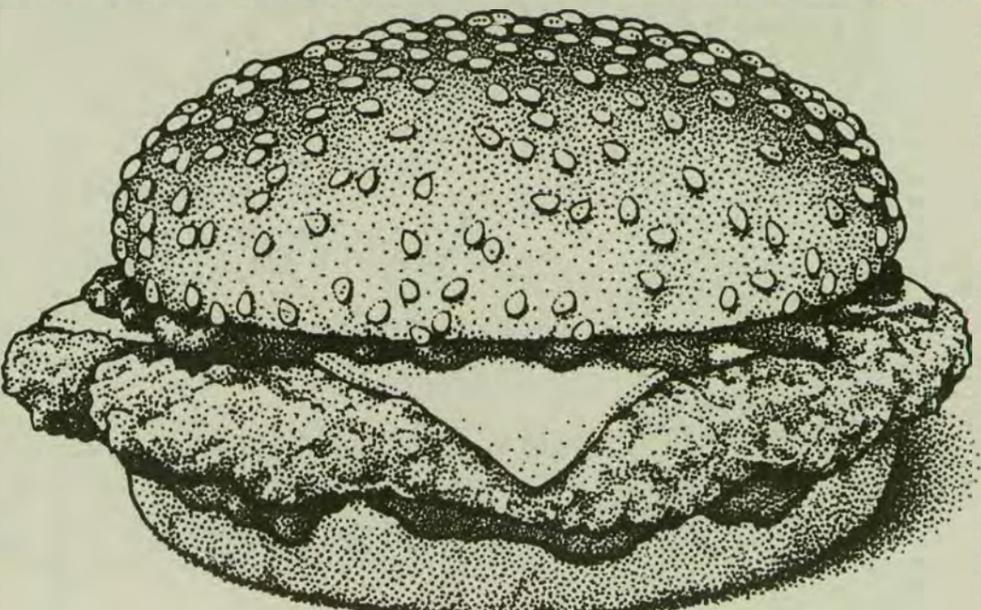
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rivals Gore, Bradley focus on education

ST. LOUIS

Democratic rivals Bill Bradley and Al Gore focused tightly on education today, with Bradley arguing the Clinton administration has been "long on promises and short on progress." Gore countered that Bradley was discovering the education issue only after "14 months have passed in this presidential campaign and three states have had elections" rejecting Bradley. The vice president was in Michigan to detail his proposal for a national college-tuition savings program. It would ensure that state plans transfer from state to state and would have the federal government cover the amount that inflation ate away from a family's investment.

High prices spur Iraq oil smuggling

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

Smugglers evading U.S. destroyers in the Persian Gulf are shipping more and more Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. sanctions, reaping handsome profits and lining the pockets of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the U.S. Navy says. Last week's seizure of a Russian tanker carrying illicit Iraqi fuel highlighted the issue of Iraqi oil smuggling, which the U.S. Navy estimates has nearly doubled in six months. U.N. naval forces seized the tanker off the Emirates' coast. The 4,000 tons of oil — equivalent to 29,320 barrels — seized from the Volga-Neft-147 is only a fraction of what is getting through, said Cmdr. Jeff Gradeck, spokesman for the Bahrain-based U.S. Navy 5th Fleet.

Obstetrician indicted, arrested for assault

NEW YORK

An obstetrician who carved his initials into a patient's abdomen when he delivered her baby was arrested Wednesday on assault charges. Allan Zarkin, 61, was accused of cutting "AZ" with a scalpel into the lower abdomen of Liana Gedz, 31, after delivering her baby by Caesarean section at Beth Israel Hospital on Sept. 7. Zarkin pleaded innocent to two counts of assault at his arraignment. Acting Justice Brenda Soloff released him without bail and scheduled a hearing for March 14. Zarkin, whose license to practice medicine was revoked Feb. 3, faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted. The charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years. Barry Fallick, Zarkin's lawyer, admits that his client cut the letters into Gedz but said his client isn't responsible because he suffers from a brain disease that impairs his judgment.

Market Watch: 2/9

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ENGLAND



Police walk beside the nose of the Ariana Airlines B-727 on the tarmac at Stansted Airport late Tuesday night. Several hours before four men believed to belong to the crew escaped from the hijacked aircraft using a rope from the cockpit window. The 151 hostages began their fourth day aboard the plane.

Police regain contact with hijackers

Associated Press

STANSTED

Contact with the hijackers of an Afghan airliner broke down Wednesday after the flight crew escaped, but police regained communication and expressed confidence they were on track to win release of the 150-plus hostages aboard.

The negotiations became strained after four crew members staged a daring, midnight escape through a cockpit window. Police were left to wonder if anyone aboard could fly the Ariana

airlines Boeing 727 if the hijackers chose to take off again. The plane had leapfrogged across Asia and Europe before arriving Stansted airport near London early Monday.

"You can imagine their [the captors] reactions when they discovered that the flight crew had gone," said Joe Edwards, an assistant chief constable of Essex County police. "Perhaps understandably, things went quiet."

But contact resumed later Wednesday and negotiators grew more hopeful about the release of the 150-plus

hostages.

"We're more optimistic now," said Edwards. "Negotiations are where they should be."

Negotiators insisted that the armed men had made no formal demands, political or otherwise. The men, believed to be Afghan dissidents armed with grenades, pistols and daggers, had requested only that food, water and other comfort items be brought to the plane, parked on a runway.

Speculation mounted in the British media, however, that the plane was seized as part of an elaborate bid for

political asylum — and that some of the roughly 150 hostages were in on it.

"HI-HOAX? Hijackers and hostages may be asylum seekers," the tabloid Mirror blared on its front page. The downmarket Daily Star lamented "Oh no! They ALL want to stay [and we'll have to pay]."

Fueling the asylum speculation was the arrival Tuesday of an observer from the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. The observer would be providing expertise but would not be joining the negotiating team.

Alaska Air inspects MD-80 jets

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Alaska Airlines said it was inspecting its fleet of MD-80 jetliners Wednesday for damage to a key part in the tail system that may have played a crucial role in the crash of Flight 261.

The component, called a jackscrew, drives the horizontal stabilizer, which has become the focus of the investigation into the Jan. 31 crash that killed 88 people off the coast of Southern California.

A two-foot section of the screw was found with the main wreckage of the MD-83 about 10 miles off the coast, and the airline said the screw was found to be stripped.

"It appeared to investiga-

tors who looked at the mechanism — that there was some damage to it," National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall said in Chicago. "It was unclear whether the damage was pre-impact or from hitting the water."

Alaska said it would inspect all 34 of its MD-80 series planes as a precaution. The inspection was not expected to cause significant service delays.

The jackscrew is powered by two motors and resembles the corkscrew-like device that opens many automatic garage doors.

Investigators are focusing on the stabilizer, a wing-like device on the jet's tail, because pilots reported problems with it after taking off from Puerto

Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco.

If the jackscrew was damaged during flight, the horizontal stabilizer could move beyond its normal range, causing the tail wing to stall, or lose its lift, said William Waldock, associate director for the Center for Aerospace Safety Education at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

It would be nearly impossible to recover from such a stall, Waldock said.

The pilots would not be able to control the up-or-down motion of the aircraft — which would be consistent with flight data that shows the plane went into a 3.4-mile nosedive

and radar tracking that shows something may have fallen off the plane as the dive began.

The stabilizer moves up and down as a nut rides the jackscrew back and forth, explained aviation analyst John Nance of Tacoma, Wash. It was unknown whether the NTSB recovered the nut.

"The system somehow came apart, separated or whatever and the stabilizer was free to flip up into the wind at a very severe angle," he said.

"You put something like that directly into the wind at such an angle and it's going to fail. In the process of failing, instead of just coming off the airplane, it pulled the tail up and pulled the nose down," Nance said.

Senate

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public contact for solicitation of votes. Personal appearances, placement of posters or distributions of any election materials is considered campaigning."

Because O'Donoghue and Norton did not solicit votes on the radio, they did not violate the bylaw, according to Smith.

"It was common knowledge that they were candidates," Smith said. "However, they went into the interview to have fun, to talk about things. They were not soliciting votes. Were they acting as candidates? No, they were not. It just happens they are candidates."

However, Folks argued the other side.

"It is my understanding that when they were asked to be on WVFI, it was because they were candidates. [O'Donoghue] himself told me that," Folks said.

Dillon Senator Brendan Dowdall was the only senator present that heard the interview Saturday.

"I'll be as frank as possible," he said. "Their interests were not in the campaign. Most questions asked were jokes ... There were some serious issues, such as interracial dating and diversity on campus, but no platform was established."

Other senators felt the same way.

"Their appearance on the

radio and talking about whatever, was not a solicitation of votes," said Knott Senator Ed Foy. "I think the words 'vote for me' are very important and I don't think they were uttered."

Standord Hall Senator Curt Roberts said that if the radio show was a violation, then other public appearances of candidates should also be considered violations.

For instance, he said, the ticket of John Osborn and Mark Donahey presented a proposal to the Senate a few weeks ago and at the same meeting also announced they were running for office.

"They were talking about campaign issues. Shouldn't this have been a violation?" he said. "No, neither of these tickets said 'vote for me.' They were not soliciting votes."

Other senators disagreed, saying the appearance was a violation.

"They made a personal appearance on the radio as candidates," said Zahm Senator Ryan Becker. "To me that's cut and dry — they made a violation of the bylaws."

"A rule is a rule," said Cavanaugh Senator Bridget Tomes. "Rules make sure that people play fair. They are in violation. By overruling what the Judicial Council said, we are taking our trust away from them."

Perhaps the most controversial issue was a motion passed at the beginning of the meeting. The "Procedures for Election Appeals Bylaws" said

that the Senate had the right to overturn, reduce, increase or change imposed penalties assigned by the Judicial Committee with a 2/3 vote.

Most of the debate occurred under the notion that this bylaw — having been passed earlier at the meeting — granted the Senate the ability to hand down a different punishment to O'Donoghue and Norton from the original two-day suspension.

Two hours into the meeting, student body vice president Michael Palumbo was informed that the new bylaw was not in effect because it needed Student Activities approval.

Because the bylaw was not in effect, the Senate had the choice to either accept the appeal in full and designate no punishment, or deny the appeal and agree to the two-day punishment.

Many senators felt this punishment was too harsh for the crime and wanted to use the new bylaw to amend the pun-

ishment.

"Did a personal appearance occur? Yes, of course," said Pat Foy. "Campaign tickets should know the rules. I think they are in violation. However, two days doesn't make much sense."

"I feel that they did violate the rules, but most importantly, I do feel the punishment given should fit the crime," said Dowdall. "I think it should be one day."

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**Brendan Dowdall
Dillon senator**

"We've now determined they were in the wrong," said Ed Foy. "They did reach out to the student body and in some opinions, solicit votes. However, they did this for one day, and a one-day suspension is fair."

After more debate, the Senate concurred that because there was a violation, a punishment should be handed down, and thus voted to support the two-day suspension. However, seven Senators abstained from voting because they did not agree.

"Honestly, I am just disappointed in the abstentions. Senators are there to vote and they did not," Palumbo said. Pat Foy also shared some discontent with the meetings outcome.

"In my two years on the senate not a single thing the Senate has passed has been turned down by Student Activities, let alone by two assistants to the director of Student Activities," he said.

"Two assistant to the directors determined the outcome of an appeal for a student election," he added.

Presidential candidate O'Donoghue commented after the meeting stating disappointment in the overturned appeal.

"It is a setback, a small one. However, we've been running on the slogan 'Believe.' We're not about to stop believing now. We're going to overcome this, and press on," he said.

O'Donoghue added that there is a positive side to the controversy: "There has been some good come of this. We have seen phenomenal faith and support from the Notre Dame student body — both in the Student Union and our dorms. People do truly believe in us and believe in what we're fighting for."

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Students, faculty criticize ND's character

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame administrators are too controlling and judgmental, said students at an open forum Wednesday sponsored by the ad hoc committee on Academic and Student Life.

Law school professor Carol Mooney asked the students if Notre Dame sends inconsistent messages, citing the probation of the Women's Resource Center despite the importance the University places on academic freedom. Students criticized the way that situation was handled.

"The Women's Resource Center is there to help women and to serve them," said junior Vincent Slatt. "They took the information away from the women who need it."

Slatt faulted the University for pushing a Catholic agenda. "It's like they're saying,

"Look, we understand your problems, but this is the right solution, and you're going to hate yourself [if you make a different choice]," he said. "Let the women who are smart enough to get into this University decide for themselves, and if it's a sin, then that's for God to judge."

Senior Candy Marcum expanded the discussion to include the general way in which administrators treat students.

"Part of being Christian, part of being Catholic ... is

learning to grow up," she said, stressing that the University considers more than test scores and grades during the admissions process. Since the school selects "good people," those people should be given more discretion.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm being led by the hand and that people are helping me a little too much, ... In some ways you have to break free, and part of that is making your own mistakes," Marcum said.

Slatt claimed that Notre Dame refuses to allow students to make such mistakes because it is more concerned about its image than it is about its students.

"Public relations is not the most important thing in this world," he said. "This place is a multimillion-dollar business ... and a Catholic institution, but sometimes it's run more like a multimillion-dollar business."

Students also cited the parental rules as an instance of the University refusing to let students direct their own lives.

"That's a huge growing-up experience, being able to stand up for yourself," said Marcum about deciding to ask guests to leave.

Noting Notre Dame's lax alcohol policy, Slatt claimed that the University's priorities are misguided.

"That's a law. That's not even speaking about moral issues," he said. "I know there's a separation between church and state, but it's not

supposed to be that big."

Students also discussed the development of relationships with professors.

The development of a personal relationship with professors requires primarily student initiative, said students present for the meeting.

"A lot of it is up to me," said Marcum. "Professors are very busy people."

Slatt expected a more personal relationship with his instructors.

"[The relationship is] not what I expected, but it's good in a different way," he said.

Marcum, a biology major, attributes the difficulty in forming personal relationships with professors to the nature of the science curriculum.

"In the beginning sciences, it's learning facts," said Marcum, who explained that professors and students do not have another context in which to relate to one another. Both groups also spend such large amounts of time together in lecture and lab that often both have had enough of one another, she said. "Science classes are more structured ... That makes a big difference."

The students also expressed a great deal of interest in intellectual discussion in a non-class setting.



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer
Students and faculty discuss their complaints Wednesday about academic and social life of Notre Dame at a forum.

They also said that there is often little participation in such events because most students do not know about them, said students present at the forum.

"We enjoy it. We get a pretty good turnout for most of our lectures," said Dillon Hall sophomore Alex Pagnani of dorm-sponsored events.

But student participation in a number of events is low, Slatt said, because students do not find out about events until it is too late to attend. Marcum suggested posting campus events in the dining halls because most students would see such a list.

In addition, students at the forum noted that it is difficult to take classes for credit in a non-traditional manner.

Marcum, who spent a semester abroad, claimed she encountered resistance to her efforts to take classes for her biological sciences major out of the traditional sequence.

"It's all planned out for you," she said. "[People] get upset when you ruffle feathers, (even though) it's your own life you're dealing with."

Slatt, who spent a year studying in Spain through Marquette University, had trouble getting the credits he earned that year to count at Notre Dame and claimed not to understand why the

University would hesitate to accept classes taken at a fellow well respected, Catholic institution.

"It makes you wonder, 'What's the issue here?' I understand that we have to uphold our academic standards ... but I didn't receive any help trying to translate those classes," he said. "There's no academic body helping me research what [Notre Dame does] have and how credits can transfer."

Furthermore, Pagnani suggested that more 24-hour space is needed on campus. Marcum noted that Reckers is a good start for interaction among students but that it is inconvenient for students who live on the other side of campus.

Slatt also expressed concern that his classes on similar topics do not overlap and believes that he is missing the larger picture in his Spanish/history major.

"I'm going to walk out of here with a degree in Spanish from the University of Notre Dame prepared to speak Spanish with native speakers, but not to communicate with them, and I feel there's a big difference," he said, noting that Notre Dame's Spanish program does not provide sufficient awareness of Hispanic history and culture.

The center for Ethics and Religious Values is sponsoring another exciting Ethics Week. Ethics Week 2000 events include the following presentations in the College of Business.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14. "Ethical Issues in Organizational Behavior." A workshop will feature Professor Mike Crant.
12:30pm - 1:30pm
121 College of Business

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15. "Community Service: The Ethical Imperative." Marilou Eldred, the president of St. Mary's College, will be the speaker for this session.
12:30pm - 1:30pm
122 College of Business

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16. "What Ethics Week Means to the College of Business" will be the topic of a presentation by Dean Carolyn Woo, College of Business.
12:30pm - 1:30pm
Jordan Auditorium

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17. "Ethical Implications of Certain Marketing Practices." Professor Greg Gundlach will lead this workshop session.
12:30pm - 1:30pm
121 College of Business

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18. "Professionals." A panel discussion that will include input from Carolyn Anderson, (1st Source Bank), Gary Stenke, (Goshen Rubber), Barbara Sutton, (NITA), and Mark Witbeck, (Ave Maria Press).

All are welcome to attend the presentations. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Cold drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions about Ethics Week 2000, please contact Ken Milani at Kenneth.W.Milani.1@nd.edu, or Deb Coch at Deborah.M.Coch.1@nd.edu

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Hypertension drug effective in many ways

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

Could an experimental hypertension drug keep seniors with a common, but rarely treated, type of borderline high blood pressure from dying or having a heart attack, stroke or heart failure?

Scientists in 16 countries, led by a cardiologist at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, have begun an extensive, five-year study to find the answer. They are hoping the medication will prevent patients' arteries from stiffening further and thus pushing their blood pressure dangerously high.

The study begun last fall will include about 12,600 patients at about 900 sites around the world, according to the lead researcher, Dr. John B. Kostis, a cardiology professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick.

"It is a history-making clinical trial," Kostis said last month.

The study will test a Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. drug, called omapatrilat, on patients who have an early stage of what's called isolated systolic hypertension because only their systolic blood pressure is above normal.

Systolic pressure, the top number in a blood pressure reading, occurs when the heart contracts, forcing blood into the arteries; diastolic pressure, the lower number in a blood pressure reading, occurs when the heart relaxes between beats. Usually if one pressure is elevated, the other is high as well.

From the 1950s until the 1990s, cardiologists and researchers focused on patients' diastolic pressure,

partly because the heart is at rest two-thirds of the time. Efforts to control hypertension concentrated on bringing down patients' diastolic pressure until studies by Kostis and other researchers in the late 1990s showed that using diuretics prevented cardiac "events" such as heart attacks in many patients.

Kostis said those studies showed that the level of a patient's systolic pressure was a better predictor than diastolic pressure of whether their heart condition would worsen or kill them.

"There is no proof that treating the mildest forms of this isolated systolic hypertension benefits the patient," but this study could prove just that, said Kostis,

who spent a decade trying to organize and get funding for it.

Bristol-Myers Squibb, which has its research headquarters in Princeton, is funding the study. It is hoping the federal Food and Drug Administration, which last month said it would expedite its evaluation of the drug, will approve it for sale by June.

Half the patients will take a 20 mg or 40 mg dose of omapatrilat each day and half will take a sugar pill. Neither the patients nor their doctors will know who got what until the study ends. Patients must be 65 or older and have a systolic blood pressure of 141 to 159 and a diastolic pressure below 90.

"I think they're doing a great thing for whoever might need it," said Alfred Feld, 72, one of the first patients recruited.

Feld, a retired salesman and manager in the textile industry, has had borderline high blood pressure for years but is always on the go with errands and civic activities. He doesn't want his heart condition to worsen and force him to slow down.

"It is a history making clinical trial."

John Kostis
chairman of Department of Medicine

Collisions prompt NTSB inquiry

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Two recent collisions involving small airplanes have some urging improved air traffic control for such aircraft, which often take off and land at facilities without control towers.

On Tuesday, two small planes collided over suburban Chicago, killing three and sending smoldering wreckage into a densely populated area. Only a day before, four people died in Los Angeles after their planes collided over a golf course.

Those who fly such planes call the collisions Monday and Tuesday a tragic fluke. But others argue the accidents point to a problem.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators were sorting through wreckage Wednesday in Zion, about 45 miles north of Chicago, to find clues to what caused Tuesday's crash over a hospital.

The crash killed popular Chicago radio personality Bob Collins and a friend flying with him, as well as the student

pilot flying the other plane.

A control tower at the nearby Waukegan Regional Airport had cleared both Collins' two-seat Zlin stunt plane and the four-seat Cessna 172 to land, one after the other.

But in this case, as with most operations of small, noncommercial planes, it was up to the pilots to make sure their air space was clear before landing, officials said.

In fact, the presence of a control tower at the Waukegan airport — and at the Van Nuys Airport, near the site of Monday's crash in Los Angeles — is unusual.

Warren Morningstar, a spokesman for the Maryland-based Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, said only 543 of the about 5,300 public-use airports in the United States have control towers.

That means pilots of smaller planes that are not tracked by radar must rely on a common radio frequency, their instruments and their eyes to assure safety, Morningstar said.

The fact that two such collisions occurred in such quick

succession raises questions about the ability of the pilots of small aircraft to monitor their own actions, said Jim Poole, the Chicago-based regional vice president for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Control towers that do exist are often understaffed, and other towers that should still operate have been removed, leaving pilots that sometimes have very little flying experience to muddle through a take-off or landing with no guidance, he said.

"Certainly you're cutting the cost ... but you're also cutting the safety," Poole said.

Most of the time, the "rules of the road" approach to flying works, FAA statistics show. In 1998, for example, general aviation aircraft — those that are not government, military or commercial — had 1,907 accidents, or 7.12 per 100,000 flight hours. Of those, 361 were fatal.

Midair collisions were extremely rare, with preliminary NTSB data for 1999 showing 18 such crashes.

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Gasoline additive found in water

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md.

A widely used gasoline additive that makes cars pollute less but may cause cancer has been fouling water systems in Maryland, authorities said.

The additive, known as MTBE, has been detected in about 210 private wells and 140 monitoring wells drilled near gas stations since 1998, state officials say. It has also turned up in 66 of the more than 1,000 public water systems in Maryland, which began testing in 1995.

The state Department of the Environment does not know the

full extent of contamination and is asking lawmakers for permission to use \$150,000 to raise the number of groundwater inspectors from 21 to 24.

"We don't think that we have a crisis situation here," Rick Collins, director of the department's Water Management Division, said Tuesday. However, he continued, "I don't want you to go away thinking everything's under control."

Small amounts of MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, first came into use in gasoline in the 1970s to boost octane and later, in greater amounts, to "oxygenate" gas, reducing pollution

coming out of automobile tailpipes.

Following the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1990, federal authorities ordered the phase-in of oxygenates in gasoline sold in the nation's smoggiest urban areas.

Terry Wigglesworth, executive director of the Oxygenated Fuels Association, an Arlington, Va.-based trade group, said Maryland has enjoyed tremendously cleaner air because of MTBE.

Concerns about the petrochemical arose in the mid-1990s when a European study linked MTBE to liver and kidney tumors in mice.

FBI: Computer crimes unsophisticated

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

This week's computer attacks on Internet sites are the largest in memory but are not particularly sophisticated and easily could have been launched by one 15-year-old boy, a senior FBI official said Wednesday.

Ron Dick, chief of the FBI's computer investigation section, said the bureau could not solve the crime or prevent future Internet vandalism without considerable help from the private sector. "We're going to need the help of everyone in the community to resolve this," Dick told a news conference at FBI headquarters.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the motive and identity of the attacker or attackers are not known but, "We're committed to taking steps to ensure that e-commerce remains a secure place to do business."

"This is a wakeup call," said Commerce Secretary William Daley. "I don't think these incidents should cause people not to go online to do whatever business they're doing."

Dick said the week's vandalism was accomplished using "distributed denial of service" tools.

In such attacks, a hacker hides these tools, known as daemons, on hundreds or even thousands of innocent third-party computers. The daemons can be triggered later from a remote location to launch simultaneous attacks on a single target, such as Yahoo! or eBay. The attacking daemons give false addresses so they are harder to trace.

The volume of attacks overwhelms the target and causes it to cease operations, much the same way that a very heavy volume of telephone calls can tie up a phone system and leave most users with no dial tone or a busy signal, Dick said.

Many tools for such an attack exist on Internet Web sites, and anyone can download them, he said. "They

do not take much technical expertise to use," Dick said. "A 15-year-old kid could launch these attacks. This is not something that it takes a great deal of sophistication to do."

But Dick noted that since the FBI does not know who conducted the attacks, it's "always a possibility" that a foreign government is responsible.

"Until you get to the keyboard being utilized, you don't know what you're dealing with," Dick said. He noted that most similar, past attacks used some overseas computers as well as ones in this country.

Dick could not remember any attacks that affected as many millions of people as those this week.

In addition to not knowing who is responsible, the FBI also does not know how many innocent third-party computers were used to launch them and does not know if the attacks have ended, Dick said.

Agents are starting from victim computers and tracking the attacks back through the Internet service providers that delivered the attacking daemons. Dick likened it to tracking a trail left by bank robbers from the bank to their lair. Tom Burke, of the General Services Administration, said no attacks had been traced thus far to government computers.

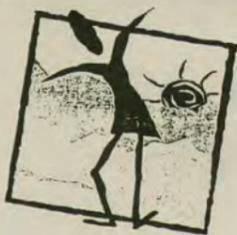
Dick urged the private sector to report any attacks promptly so tracing can begin quickly. And he urged private Internet sites to keep logs of traffic, install any tools developed to thwart such attacks and keep them updated.

Over the New Year's weekend, the FBI posted tools that could detect whether two types of daemons were hidden on a computer system. Some 2,600 businesses downloaded the FBI tools at no cost and three found such daemons, prompting the FBI to open criminal investigations of who put them there.

"This is a wakeup call. I don't think these incidents should cause people not to go online to do whatever business they're doing."

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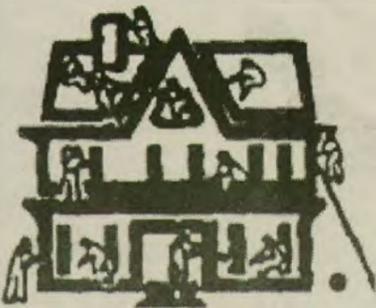
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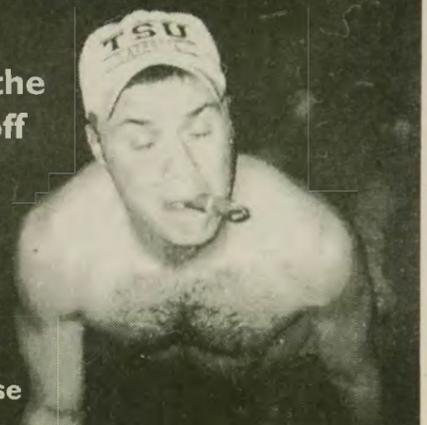
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CAMBODIA

U.N. urges prosecution of regime

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan remains firm in demands for international domination of a proposed tribunal for Khmer Rouge leaders, rejecting key provisions of Cambodia's plan.



Annan

In a letter to Cambodian premier Hun Sen, obtained today by The Associated Press, Annan urged an independent international prosecutor and a majority of U.N.-appointed judges. Cambodia has rejected such demands as infringing on its sovereignty.

"The United Nations ... maintains its long-standing position that its cooperation and engagement in the process of establishing a tribunal for the prosecution of crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime, is contingent upon meeting international standards of justice, fairness and due process of law," Annan wrote.

Hun Sen's staff declined to comment on the letter today, except to say that it was received late Tuesday and was under review. Senior officials

who drafted the trial plan could not immediately be reached for comment.

Talks on a court to judge Khmer Rouge leaders for the death of 1.7 million Cambodians in the late 1970s have been deadlocked for months. Annan sent the letter in response to Cambodia's invitation last month for a resumption of face-to-face talks in Phnom Penh.

Annan told Hun Sen he will send a team of senior officials if Cambodia is willing to discuss his four main concerns.

Along with a majority of foreign judges and an independent U.N. prosecutor, Annan

wants an international agreement guaranteeing that the Cambodian government will arrest any suspect indicted by the court.

He also wants Cambodia to clarify an amnesty clause in its trial plan that could bar prosecution of several senior Khmer Rouge who defected to the government as the movement collapsed in the late 1990s.

Cambodia's plan calls for a majority of Cambodian judges, but requires at least one

international judge to agree with all rulings. Indictments would require agreement of Cambodian and U.N.-appointed co-prosecutors.

Annan warned in his letter that the Cambodian plan "will be difficult to operate and likely lead to an impasse."

The Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975 after winning a civil war against a U.S.-backed regime and emptied Cambodia's cities, forcing the entire population into Maoist-style farming collectives.

Starvation, disease and execution claimed the lives of about one in five Cambodians.

The Khmer Rouge was forced out of power by the Vietnamese army in 1979, but fought a guerrilla war against the Cambodian government until 1996, when the rebel leadership began breaking up.

In New York, Annan legal adviser Hans Corell said Tuesday that it wasn't yet known if Annan and Hun Sen would discuss tribunal plans on the sidelines of a U.N. Conference on Trade and Development meeting in Thailand, which both are attending.

"The United Nations ... maintains its long-standing position ... for the prosecution of crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime."

**Kofi Annan
U.N. Secretary General**

BRITAIN

Official asks for better IRA response

Associated Press

LONDON

Britain's top official for Northern Ireland appealed Wednesday for the Irish Republican Army to "respond in a constructive way" to calls for disarmament, hoping to save the province's fledgling Cabinet.

The plea from Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson came a day after the House of Commons passed emergency legislation that would allow Britain to suspend the Cabinet's considerable powers and restore so-called direct rule from London.

Mandelson has vowed to lift the powers Friday, after the bill makes it way through the upper House of Lords. But he indicated a positive response by the IRA could forestall the move.

"Nobody is asking for surrender by the IRA," Mandelson told the Commons. "Nobody is asking for humiliation to be heaped on the IRA."

He said he hoped the IRA "will understand this need and even at this 11th hour respond in a constructive way."

The crisis was spurred Jan. 31 when a report by an independent disarmament commission, which was established the year before the

1998 Good Friday peace accord, indicated the IRA had made no concrete commitments toward disarming.

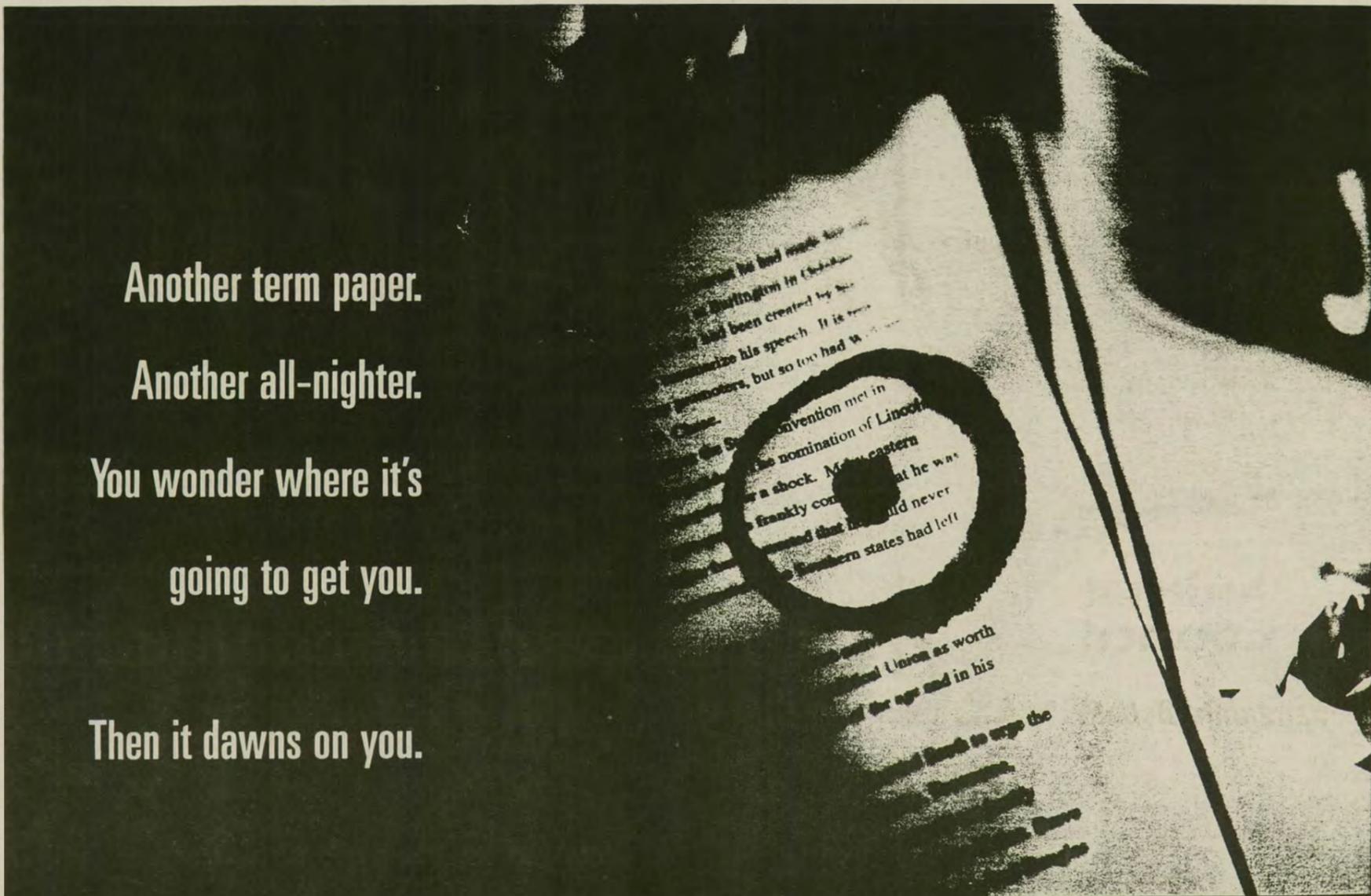
The major Protestant party within the power-sharing Cabinet, the Ulster Unionists, had agreed to form the four-party coalition — which includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein — only on condition that IRA start getting rid of weapons.

Mandelson disclosed Wednesday that the disarmament committee might issue a further report before the end of the week, which could buy the British government some time if it contained any positive news.

"In that context, I would make this appeal to the leaders of all the political parties in Northern Ireland — that they shouldn't close their minds to any further developments," he said. "Nobody wants any of the political parties to walk away from the peace process, because we want this to work."

The Ulster Unionists have scheduled a meeting Saturday for grassroots members to vote whether to remain in the 12-member Cabinet.

Forming another administration would prove extremely difficult, since it would require a new election in Northern Ireland.



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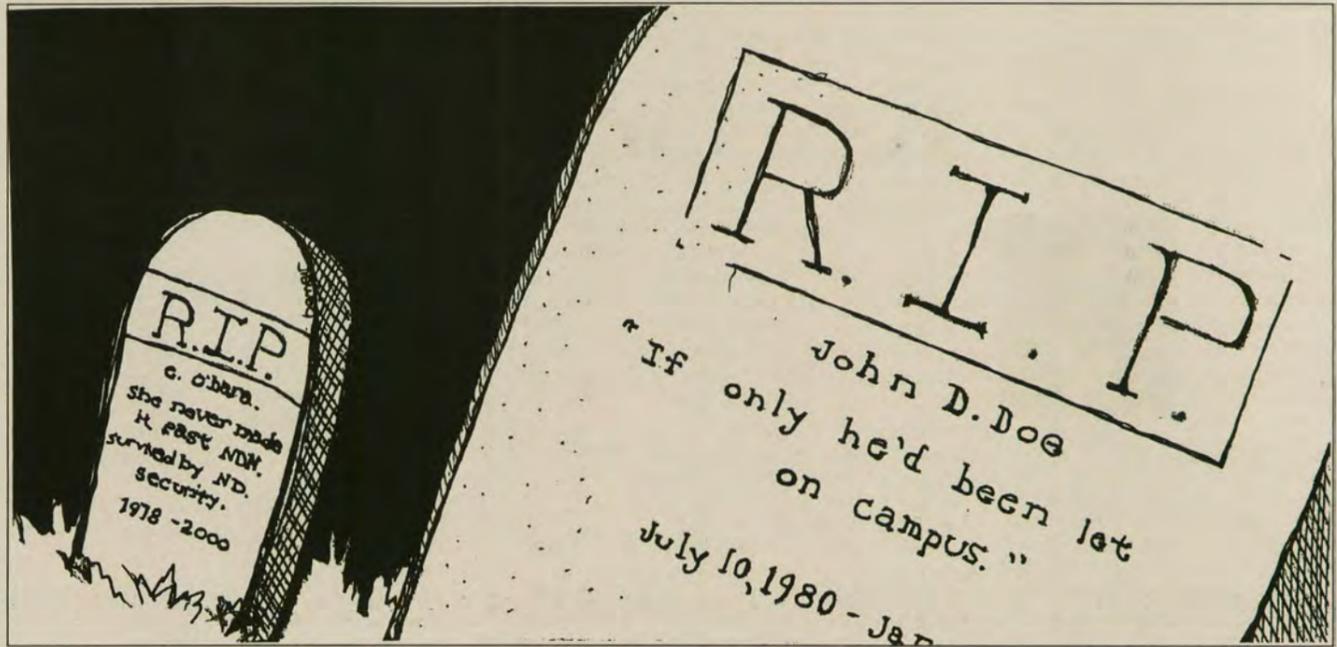
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Let sick students through the gate!

Going to the Health Center for medical treatment is apparently no easy task. For those who do not already know, off-campus students must walk half a mile from the parking lots or wait at the call box for security to provide a ride (assuming one is too ill to walk). In no case is a student allowed to drive to the building — this requires permitting the student with the privilege of driving a vehicle on campus.

The woman at the gate mumbled to me the options available, lowered the bar before me (a deterrent I suppose), closed her window and ignored me until I left. I had no intention of waiting in the cold and snow for a security officer, so it was either the visitor's lot by the library or the lots by the JACC.

Influenced by the impetus for my journey to the Health Center, I spontaneously called campus security to discuss the matter. Well, I am sure you can imagine how uninterested, uninformative and insulting the conversation went for me. I do not want sympathy for my little walk, only improvement on a system that actually disserves those for which it supposedly exists. Of course, I heard how busy the gates are and the number of students who will say anything to get on campus (before noon on a Monday, what a security risk!). There is also the legitimate concern over parking space.

I suggested some form of control given the effective means of confirming a visit to the Health Center; students all register at the front desk before receiving any medical attention. The security official literally chuckled at me for being foolish enough to believe that there is a way to check on whether or not a student attends the Health Center after gaining access to campus. The detached voice went on to "inform" me that the truly sick thank the gate worker and freely accept the long walk while the truly healthy get infuriated at security. By this time, I gave up on the conversation. The official was neither surprised nor concerned when I informed her that I was calling from the

Health Center and extremely dissatisfied. This deviation from the "norm" fell on deaf ears.

My question is, why is this such a strained relationship? It seems security could care less about the students: the less, the better. They witness emotion in a driver and perceive it as an indication of a lie to get on to the campus? Surely the investigative capabilities of these individuals are obviously unimpressive to us all.

Maybe you too know of a RA who sneaks anything desired onto campus or the infamous "someone who knows someone." Many others manipulate the system by using the right to drive a female student back to her dorm. Limited parking and alcohol are apparently the problems. The current solution is to deny anyone unlucky enough to not be able to pull strings access to the place we pay to attend.

Conversation with a nurse at the Health Center informed me that she too walked from the library. My status as a student compels me to place our rights first, but it is unwise to ignore the rights of the workers on campus. Politics aside the issue is troublesome. Campus size is not increasing, but the number of buildings and the number of students (as well as workers to fill those buildings) are on the rise.

Parking lots, however functional, do not add value to a visit to Notre Dame. Aside from asking the ultimate question of for whom does this not-for-profit organization cater its offerings, the issue of access to campus remains. How many students and parents knew this before enrollment? One might cast aside all hope, except that complacency is not a trait a university of this level should endorse.

In the example of the Health Center, it seems students could call ahead to get an appointment and the Health Center could call the appropriate gate with a name and time for access. A simple one strike, you're out rule would eliminate the potential for frequent abuse of such a system by the compulsory liars security sees

in us all. Yes, the gates are busy. Maybe the answer is quicker service and more flexibility. After all, students already attempt to get on campus quite often. If it is "no" to most students and "no" to most workers, then why allow the charade to continue with those volatile conversations? Letting more people in quicker would shorten that line of cars significantly. Security knows our address and car registration. Together with an ID, this confirms one's legitimate status. For destinations that record one's presence — like the Health Center — security can monitor the truth in the proclaimed destination.

Failure to adhere? More fines would suffice. Hey, at least this gives incentive to tell the truth (present conditions provide incentives to lie to security until they lift that orange bar). The timing of access passes and parking lot surveys are important considerations. However, if security has enough time to pick me up and drive me to a building, then they have enough time to undertake these tasks (ever wonder what security does all day?).

There are ways to assure that those who tell the truth are driving to where they say. Security told me of no plans of anything like this and proclaimed zero tolerance was the best policy.

Given this unwillingness to change, given students' tendencies to lie, given the safety enjoyed by all on campus, I feel that some cases (not necessarily all) warrant allowing students the right to drive a vehicle on the campus paid for in part by our tuitions. On my biased list, medical attention deserves much more leniency. If at noon on a Monday one cannot drive to the Health Center, when and where are the appropriate time and destinations? Next time I will use those.

David Buckley
senior, off-campus
February 9, 2000

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I was young there was no respect for the young, and now that I am old there is no respect for the old. I missed out coming and going"

Joseph B. Priestly
scientist and philosopher

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Vote for Hanover/Micek

With enthusiasm, a commitment to empowering students and diversity of experience, Hunt Hanover and John Micek have the creative, realistic vision to lead Notre Dame's student government and student body in 2000-01.

In a year when students generally feel uninformed and under-represented, Hanover and Micek combine plans for campus-wide programs with a promise to voice students' opinions and protect their rights.

Calling for campus unity, proactive dialogue and increased student services, this ticket's ideas are innovative yet feasible. The Observer endorses Hunt Hanover and John Micek for student body president and vice president.

In their interview with The Observer, these candidates proved informed and engaging. Not content simply to deal with unfinished or unrealized tasks of previous administrations, the pair offered inventive ideas to drab problems and recognized areas of the University untouched by student-government.

Their call for a Student's Academic Bill of Rights shows commitment to the

University's educational mission as well as concern for fairness across departmental and class boundaries. Their dedication to issues like eating disorders, the Women's Resource Center, 24-hour space, diversity and press rights means they haven't limited the possible extent of their influence.

Hanover and Micek also are committed to increasing communication among students, administrators, faculty and student government by improving personal and Internet contact. Their own ability to communicate with each other as good friends further demonstrates their commitment to honest and effective communication.

They promise to echo the students' voice to University leaders — something they believe the Murphy/Palumbo administration generally fails to do — and to make students aware of pending decisions regarding student life. Calling for a student member on the Board of Trustees, these candidates realistically see barriers to that goal; in the case a student trustee is not appointed, they plan to work with young-alumni trustees

to offer current students' views to the board.

While both have extensive student government experience, Hanover and Micek have trod in realms of the Notre Dame community often not traversed by traditional student representatives. Involved in varsity athletics — Hanover in basketball and Micek in golf — and active in clubs and organizations, these candidates offer knowledge of the community unavailable to most employees of LaFortune's second floor.

Hanover, a junior finance and government major, currently serves as assistant chief of staff for the Murphy/Palumbo administration. He has served on junior class council, as sophomore class president and led freshman religious and diversity retreats. A St. Edward's Hall resident, Hanover also heads the chess club.

A finance major, Micek is junior class president. He served as Keough Hall copresident as a sophomore and is a tutor in South Bend's Hispanic community outreach program, El Buen Vecino.

While this ticket boasts extensive expe-

rience in programming, Hanover/Micek does lack the policy-making knowledge of other tickets, including O'Donoghue/Norton and Osborne/Donahey. This should not prove detrimental to the team's overall objectives if educated appointments are Hanover/Micek's first order of business.

Surrounded by people who have worked extensively with the student union constitution, Hanover and Micek will expedite their plans, making implementation of projects like "The Shirt" for men's and women's basketball and free tutoring for all students more probable.

Hanover and Micek recognize students' current discontent with their lack of influence in University decisions and the growing need for augmented campus services. A strong, dynamic team, they are dedicated to tackling campus issues in a realistic, timely and innovative manner.

Their commitment to excellence secures Hanover and Micek as the best candidates to represent Notre Dame's student body in the first years of the new millennium.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMC voters: Quit whining, act like ladies

We have always been proud to attend Saint Mary's College. It is an institution that is founded on Catholic moral beliefs and a strong sense of unity throughout the student body. However the recent student body president and vice president elections have brought forth a completely opposite atmosphere to our campus.

It is impossible to walk to class, to have a meal in the dining hall, or even to sit in the peace and quiet of one's own room without listening to members of our "unified" student body trashing the four girls who wanted nothing more than to help the very people who are putting them down. We would like to take this chance to say something to the student body that we were once so proud to be a part of. The mudslinging that has been occurring on this campus in the past few days has been atrocious. How can any of you who are not close to the people involved in any of the tickets speak so vehemently against them?

There have been many rumors about the mudslinging of students. There have been spineless and anonymous phone messages left with Renner/Nagle supporters which used extremely explicit language. The comments made by many a student at Saint Mary's have been out of line and unfounded.

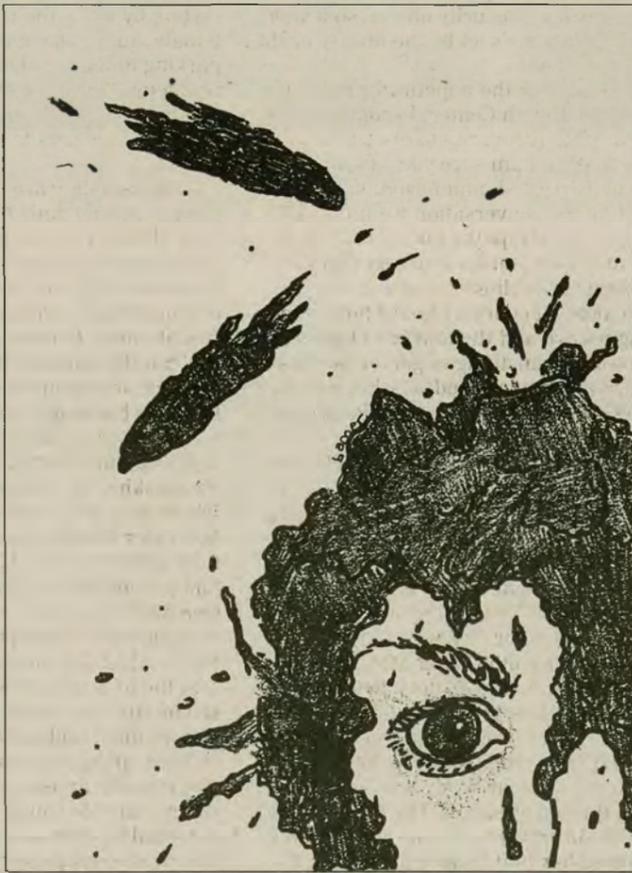
So, to the many girls who seem to have so many hateful words to say about the election and its process: The election process was botched; this is true. However, according to the bylaws, it was up to the Elections Committee to make the final decision after the tie last Wednesday. Rules are rules and they are not negotiable. There are many laws in the United States that could be seen as unfair, but are expected to be followed with no exceptions. If they are not followed, then people get hurt. That is what they are there for. In this situation, the rules were not followed, and people got hurt. It is a shame that a hasty and careless decision (to hold another election) made by the inap-

propriate committee, who is not a member of the student body, would turn so many women against each other.

The bad press that Saint Mary's has received on sexuality, smoking and bitter fighting is ridiculous. We are doing it to ourselves. Saint Mary's is a women's college whose number one priority is "to promote the education of women in the tradition of intellectual vigor, aesthetic appreciation, religious sensibility, and social responsibility," according to the Saint Mary's mission statement. We need to uphold these traditions, not make it impossible for ourselves to be seen as responsible, mature and elite women.

Both tickets in this race were qualified and impressive. We should feel lucky to have a group of women who are willing and able to represent Saint Mary's to the rest of the world. We have that luxury. Many colleges don't. So be proud that you have such an impressive group of people who are prepared to represent you, do not belittle them. If you are not qualified to make the comments that you are making, keep your mouth shut.

It is an embarrassment to hear the petty, inappropriate and disrespect-



ful comments that have been so ardently voiced throughout the Saint Mary's campus. The election is over. The decision has been made. To all the women who have been whining about this election — STOP IT. If you can constructively criticize in the right places at the right time and to the right people, then by all means do so. If not, keep your rude and audacious comments to yourself. You are ladies; act like it.

Angela Agness
Kathryn Sherman

Juniors
Saint Mary's College
February 8, 2000

Thanks for gay speak-out

I am writing to applaud Saint Mary's for having the decency to allow its lesbian alumnae the opportunity to come back on campus to share their stories.

When I first decided to go listen to the alumnae panel speaking I felt apprehensive — would I be made to feel uncomfortable? Would people think I was gay? Would I be the only student there? When I left I felt enlightened — as well as ashamed of my own previously unknown prejudices.

Identity Week was just a small step in the changes that need to be made. So many times heterosexuals take for granted the rights they have that the gay community is lacking. The right to marry the person one chooses, to have significant others placed on health insurance plans and to be true to oneself without having to worry about being mocked, spit on, hurt or even killed for personal views. Especially important is the right not to be labeled and have that label carelessly thrown around as a hateful insult.

People need to think next time they refer to something as gay, retarded, Jewish, queer, etc., about the individuals they could inadvertently be offending.

There are unbelievable stories about the biases the courageous women I heard speak, as well as other members of the gay population, have been forced to endure. There is so much heartache and pain. And why? Because some choose to live their lives outside the realm of society's ideals?

Being a pro-choice agnostic I understand what it is like not to fit in. I cannot even fathom how these women must have felt. Acceptance is key. I urge people to see beyond their stereotypical ideals and acknowledge no one can categorize what it is to love. That there are others — people that eat, sleep, breathe and cry just as they do — that live slightly different lifestyles. But that they are still people deserving of our respect, approval and understanding. Please put an end to this wasteful intolerance of humanity's differences and celebrate our uniqueness.

Jessica Needles
Freshman
Regina Hall
February 7, 2000

Wherefore art thou, Shake

Paul Rathburn brings Shakespearean theater into the mainstream of Michiana

By JEAN McCUE
Scene Writer

Culture, at Notre Dame? Enthusiasm for the fine arts might seem laughable at a university better known for its football team than its drama program, where "WWF Smackdown" has a larger following than "Masterpiece Theatre." But Paul Rathburn, an award-winning faculty member in the English department, has been working with a dedicated team of administrators, professors, theater professionals, alumni, students and community volunteers to change

Summer Shakespeare Festival 2000

- ◆ Where: Notre Dame
- ◆ When: July 17 to Aug. 6
- ◆ Auditions: Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.; Monday, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

deserted dorms; silent DeBartolo lecture halls; two fanatical chemists in Stepan who have not yet realized that school ended for the summer; and ... a major Shakespeare festival in Washington Hall?

Has Notre Dame entered an alternate universe? Hardly! The Shakespeare Festival 2000 is actually the result of an energetic movement to bring live Shakespearean theater annually to Notre Dame and the greater South Bend community. At the heart of this summer's inaugural festival are six performances of "The Taming of the Shrew," opening Aug. 2 through Aug. 6.

The primary goal of the summer Shakespeare festival is to merge literary Shakespearean scholarship with dramatic performance, or, as Rathburn defines it, "the marriage of 'Shakespeare in the study' to 'Shakespeare on the stage.'" Rathburn challenges the long-standing "war" between academics and theater professionals as absurd, convinced that the two approaches were meant to be united. In order to fully appreciate the complexity of Shakespeare's work, his plays must be both studied as literary texts and seen in dramatic performance.

Rathburn has long advocated this combined approach to studying Shakespeare. He has taught the playwright twice for the Notre Dame London program, where students were privileged to study thoroughly several plays over the semester, attend various stage productions and even to speak with actors following the performances. But Rathburn felt these experiences should not be limited to London. Back in South Bend, he thought about creating a course that incorporated both the academic and theatrical approaches to Shakespearean studies.

In 1989, thanks to a Lily Endowment Grant for the development of new courses, Rathburn designed an experimental class entitled "Shakespeare in Performance." Founded on the idea that Shakespeare's works are theatrical scripts as well as literary texts, the course required students to perform four times each semester.

Convinced that the class ought to be team-taught by a Shakespearean schol-

ar and a theater veteran to fully explore the material, Rathburn enlisted the help of professional drama coach Carol MacLeod, a retired Broadway actress who also claimed television and film credits. The incredibly popular course soon required a student audition to participate.

Have you ever wondered what goes on at Notre Dame after students leave in May? You might picture dark,

"This is the most exciting moment in the history of Notre Dame theater."

Paul Rathburn
artistic director-producer



Photo courtesy of Paul Rathburn

This is Washington Hall, a full Washington Hall. One of the primary reasons for the Summer Shakespeare Festival 2000 is to fill the emptiness of Washington Hall during the summer months. The festival will run from July 17 until Aug. 6.

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The success of "Shakespeare in Performance" inspired Rathburn to think bigger, and he began dreaming of a project that could bring Shakespeare to an even greater number of people. Wondering why Washington Hall sat empty and unused all summer, Rathburn seized upon the possibility of using the stage for a summer theater program, and the seeds of the Shakespeare Festival 2000 started to germinate.

Rathburn enthuses, and his energy is contagious: "This is the most exciting moment in the history of Notre Dame theater!"

Through the Shakespeare Initiative, six dynamic theatrical events are converging upon the normally staid Notre Dame campus. Not only is the University constructing a new performing arts center, but the initiative intends to insure that Shakespeare becomes an integral part of university life, enriching both the undergraduate education and the community's cultural resources.

In addition to building the center for performing arts, the Shakespeare Initiative includes five major components. In July of 2000, the renowned professional repertory company ACTER (A Center for Theatre Education and Research) will change its operational home from the University of North

Carolina to Notre Dame.

The 25-year-old organization, co-founded by Patrick Stewart and members of the Royal Shakespearean Company, embodies the combined literary/theatrical approach to Shakespeare. The group annually sponsors performers from Great Britain who travel the U.S. as "Actors from the London Stage," performing and teaching in university classrooms. Notre Dame will host 10 actors in residence each year — five per semester — and Notre Dame will serve as the home base for ACTER's national tour.

Secondly, the Initiative is developing a named Chair in Shakespeare/ACTER for performance and dramatic literature, who will function as ACTER's artistic director. The Chair will research, publish and teach in the field and participate in the direction of Notre Dame productions of the works of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

Third, the initiative provides for an endowed Summer Shakespeare Festival at Notre Dame, which is currently being developed by Rathburn. The summer festival intends to apprentice students from Notre Dame and other national universities to professional actors.

The endowed fund for guest lecturers and performers comprises the initiative's fourth leg, and would enable the University to attract prominent speakers from the theater community, such as Sir Derek Jacobi, the mentor and acting instructor of Kenneth Branagh, or the incomparable Dame Judi Dench to perform and interact with students.

The fund would also allow Notre Dame to host noted Shakespearean scholars to give lectures and seminars, and would provide an invaluable opportunity to hear the field's leading critics and experts. Finally, the \$1 million Library Endowment would be used to enhance the University's collection of Shakespeare-related documents and scholarship, and funds would permit Notre Dame faculty to take a more prominent role in the international world of Shakespearean scholarship.

One might assume this project could simply continue to elevate the level of the moat separating Notre Dame from South Bend, but don't dismiss it as another elitist academic event. Part of the program's mission is to make live Shakespearean performance accessible to as many people as possible throughout Michiana.

"We're building something at Notre Dame of lasting value, for the good of the entire community," Rathburn said.

Clearly, Notre Dame has discovered a project to break down the barriers between itself and the community at large. Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame will invite the surrounding community's involvement with the University as audience members, performers and students.

The project includes a three-week Shakespeare camp from July 17 through Aug. 6 for 48 to 64 local and national high school students. After auditioning in early June, students accepted to the program will begin an intensive two-week rehearsal period in July, spending the

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Student Government Elections

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From 'Darth' to devoted, candidates run the gamut

A number of fringe tickets hope to widen debate

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

From experience to enthusiasm to evil intentions, candidates for student body president and vice president prepare to use their best assets to win the election, or at least to have fun.

"We're evil and evil will always win because good is dumb," said presidential candidate Todd Warapius, who prefers to be called "Darth Todd." Warapius, along with his vice president running mate, "Darth" George Coppinger, have a Star Wars theme for their campaign.

"Yes, we are running for the fun of it, but we are trying to point out some of the problems on the campus," said Warapius.

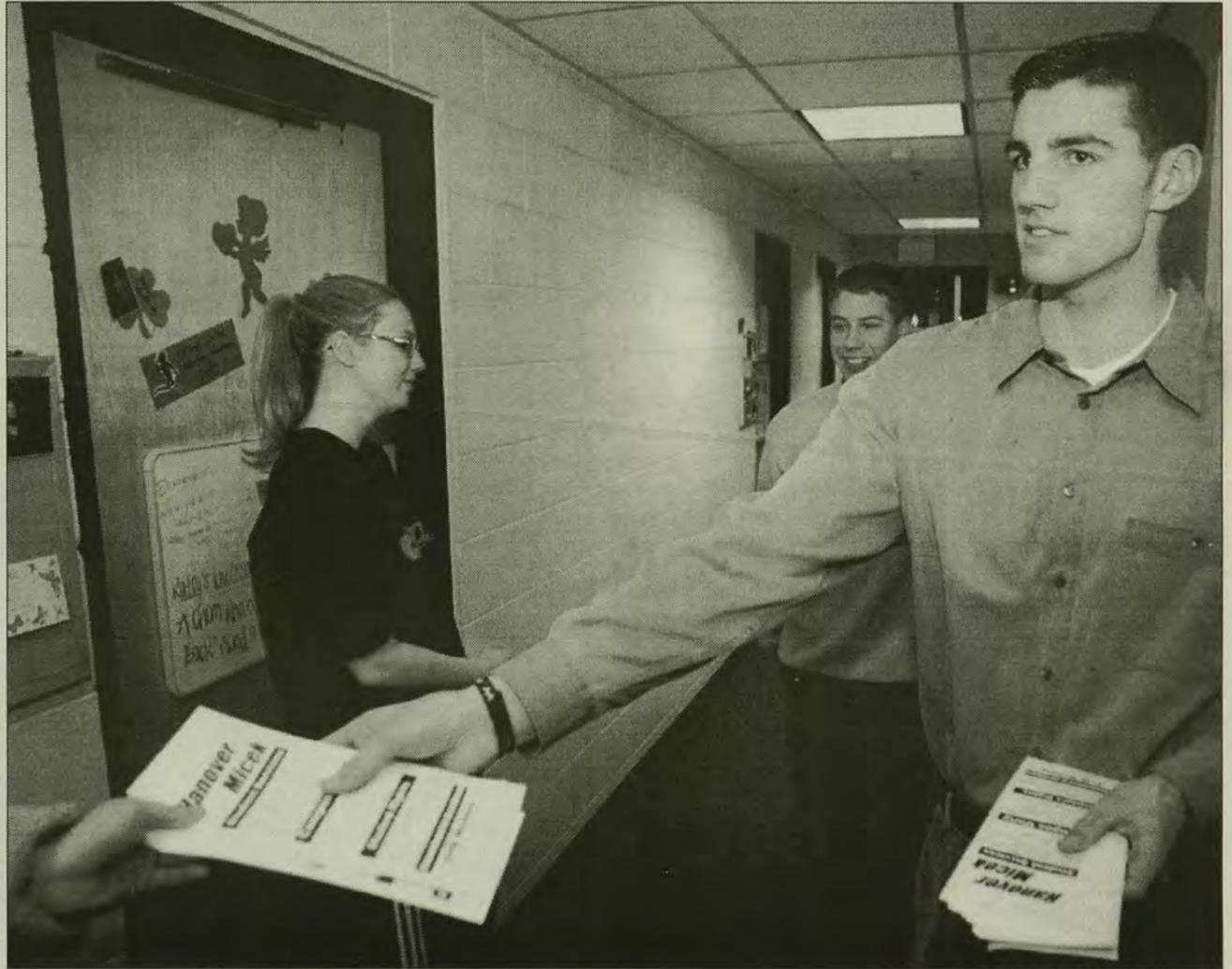
"We're fighting against J. Crew and Dave Matthews," said Coppinger.

Aside from battles with mainstream icons, the pair wants student government to be more active and for all student issues to receive "due coverage."

Ultimately, Coppinger said, "We're looking to represent the kind of people that will vote for us."

Presidential candidate Chris Costigan, running with Patrick McCormick, also want changes in student government.

"It really seems like the student government is this little clique [that passes] use-



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Presidential hopeful Hunt Hanover works to win over the voters in McGlinn Hall Wednesday. Hanover and his running mate John Micek have both served as presidents for the Class of 2001.

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Lack of female, minority participation marks race



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Joe Shepherd and Jim Focht are just two of the 19 males running for office in Monday's election.

◆ Only one woman runs in pack of 20 candidates

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Recently, Notre Dame students have expressed a need to promote diversity on campus.

But if the upcoming student body president elections are any indication, students themselves are not making minorities more visible.

Of 20 candidates currently running for student body president or vice president, only one — vice presidential candidate Brooke Norton — is female.

At a University that is almost 50 percent female, why aren't more women running?

"Notre Dame is a patriarchal campus," said Norton's running mate, Keough Hall senator Brian O'Donoghue.

He explained that the University's president must be a male because a priest must fill the position, and that constant presence of a man in power could contribute to a generally male-led campus.

"I think it's time more women take on a leadership role on this campus," said Norton, sophomore class vice president. She added that she had not expected to be the only female in the election.

"You have to take a look at the structure of the

University. The administration is primarily male, primarily white," said senior Michael Fierro, assistant chief of staff and executive coordinator of multicultural relations for the Office of the Student Body President.

He is also the Campus Life Council's chair for diversity.

"I'm waiting for the day that there's a female president of the student body," he said. "Notre Dame went co-ed about 25 years ago. I think it's about time."

While Notre Dame has had female vice presidents, including Andréa Selak last year, no

"I think it's time more women take on a leadership role on this campus."

Brooke Norton
vice presidential candidate

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Election Day Monday, Feb. 14

On-campus students: Vote in residence halls from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and from 5 - 7 p.m.

Off-campus students: Vote in the C1 parking lot from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The endorsement

In a field of 10 tickets, one stands out as the team that will best tackle undergraduate issues.

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The great debate

- ◆ **What:** Candidate debates
- ◆ **Where:** LaFortune Ballroom
- ◆ **When:** 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13

MEETING AND GREETING



Candidates hit the campaign trail

Wednesday to try to gain the support
of students campuswide.

Presidential candidate Joseph Shepherd and running mate

Jim Focht (above)

talk politics with two Lyons residents.

Presidential candidate Brian O'Donoghue (right)

ponders a difficult question from a Breen-Phillips

resident. Several candidates are going

door-to-door in hopes of adding

a personal touch to their appeal

during the campaigning period. Tickets could

begin campaign activities Tuesday morning and

continue through Sunday night.

The primary election will be held Monday.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Last year's leaders, this year's candidates lack vision

Ten tickets will compete for your vote Monday. Some are experienced, some are fresh, some are just plain wacky. But what none of them can do is combine student government know-how with a vision of what this great University should be.

Many of the lesser-known candidates want to voice student the potential to act as a voice for the students, but the election process and the complicated nature of Student Union leadership will make it nearly impossible for any of those tickets to emerge victorious. And, unfortunately, few of these candidates are running to win.

Several tickets have the typi-

cal student government experience on their résumé: Student Senate, class officer, section leader, etc. But unfortunately, these tickets come out of a system that, in recent years, has created followers instead of leaders. These juniors have too often spent the last two years looking up to presidencies that focused on minor initiatives, such as online book buying and planning pep rallies. These conveniences are nice, and they do make life at Notre Dame a little better, but they do not suffice when it comes to motivating students for important change.

It was telling in their interviews with *The Observer* all 10 tickets focused on the specific,

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and minor, platform planks that they hoped to systematically implement to entertain or pacify students. None put forth a philosophy of how to change Notre Dame. None discussed how to truly make this school a better place.

None had vision.

Too often, students are expected to choose from a roster of candidates who fall into

two categories: unqualified visionaries and qualified people who lack vision. Student alienation from the student government process only emphasizes the frustrations caused by this choice. Whether it is because our leaders do not listen, or because they do not act, the majority of the students tune out the student government.

No one in the undergraduate student body has been here long enough to remember a strong, effective leader working on the second floor of LaFortune. As a result, none of the candidates has a strong, effective example to follow. One of them must take the lead and set an example if stu-

dent government is ever going to rise above the petty policy squabbles and minor programming initiatives that have characterized the past several years.

The "accomplishments" of the last two administrations has been an uninspiring litany of basketball pep rallies, improved Student Union cooperation and a lot of barbecues. Their legacy is uninspiring presidential candidates who do not aspire to become more than that.

It has been too long since the students had a true leader in the student body president's office. We hope this year's winner, whoever it is, will prove, or learn, to be one.

Murphy, Palumbo reflect on year in office

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

After their running mates bowed out of the elections last February, current student body president Micah Murphy and vice president Michael Palumbo were thrown together almost by chance.



Murphy

The two student government veterans united and went on to win a landslide victory, sweeping into office with more than 54 percent of the vote in the eight-ticket primary field.

But then they had to work together.

The pair has spent much of the year in office focusing on specific interests. Palumbo has steered Student Senate through complex debates and complicated legislation, while Murphy has worked to improve student services and plan events for the general student population.

Murphy said differing backgrounds was one of the pair's strongest qualities.

"We're two totally different types of people," he said. "And that's probably one of our greatest strengths."

He noted their different personalities and interests as benefits to the office as a whole, but many students, and some student leaders saw the office lack strong leadership and a full understanding of students' needs.

"Micah and Mike have a different understanding of what role the Office of the President is supposed to fill," said one senator, who noted that Palumbo has been more aggressive in taking a stand on controversial issues such as The Observer's independence.

"Micah's more concerned with student services," the senator said. "He doesn't want to get his hands dirty."

Several presidential tickets have picked up on this, especially pointing to the small number of resolutions which

CLC and Senate have passed this year.

"Last year, [Murphy and Palumbo] did absolutely nothing," said presidential candidate Chris Costigan. His sentiments are echoed by a number of tickets, whose plans for the presidency are more ambitious, if perhaps less practical, than Murphy and Palumbo's.



Palumbo

Even Palumbo, however, said the office, at times, had "no direction."

To its credit, this administration's term saw few major campus issues like the Big Ten and non-discrimination clause decisions, which galvanized student opinion 1998-99. When issues did arise, however, statements from Murphy's office were few and far between.

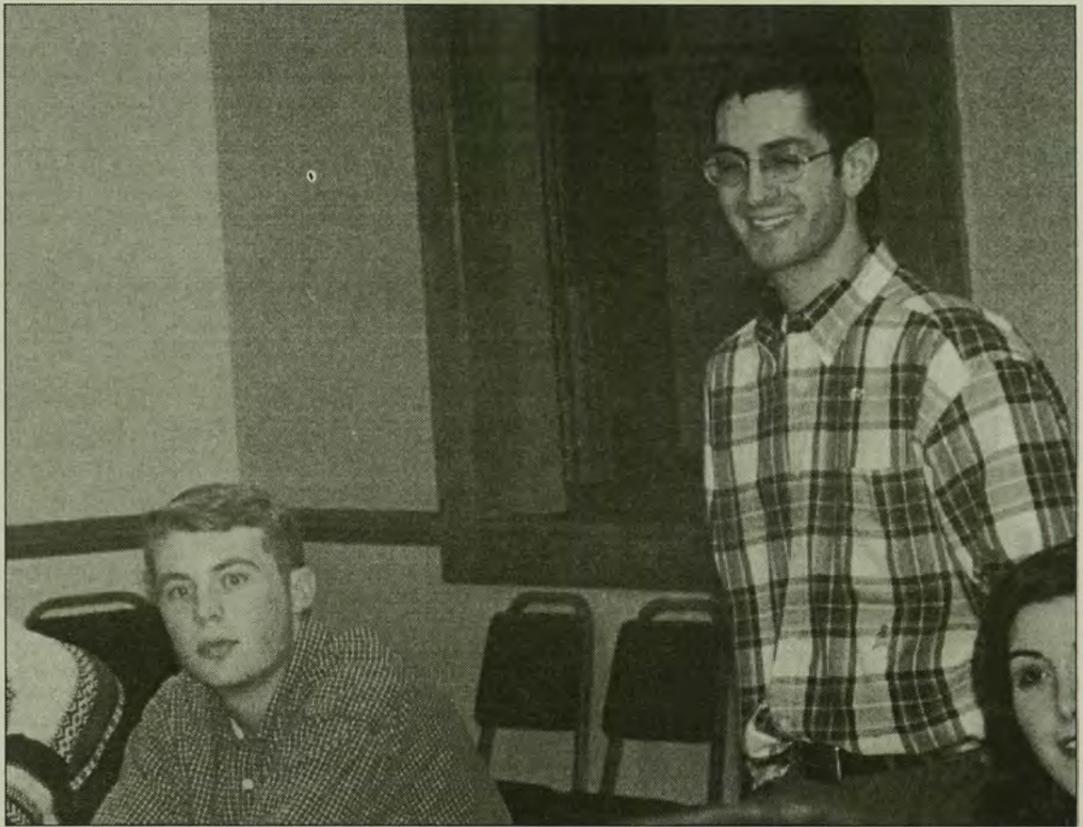
In November, when the Senate debated a resolution supporting The Observer's freedom from University regulations on advertising, the president's office hesitated to make a statement.

Murphy and Palumbo also have had difficulty implementing student services.

After SafeRide stopped operating last spring, the Office of the President formed a committee to study the free late-night transport service and find a way to restart it. More than a semester later, however, the service is still not up and running, and a new commissioner was hired only last Monday.

"We wanted it to come up in April," Palumbo said. "We were having a hard time getting volunteers. Maybe we didn't get the ball moving quick enough on the whole system. The proposal as it stands now is great."

Murphy added that the delay



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Under the leadership of student body president Micah Murphy (seated) and vice president Michael Palumbo (standing), student government has had an up and down year.

in hiring a commissioner did enable the Transportation Committee to develop a strong plan that will, he hopes, enable SafeRide to run more efficiently than it did in its previous two years.

The administration had its high points, however, and the pair pointed to the Fall Board of Trustees Report — on the Catholic character of Notre Dame — as one.

"I think the topic was pertinent," Palumbo said. "When I went into [the Trustees meeting], I haven't heard that many compliments in a long time ... [they] were like 'we're researching this too, we'd like your input.'"

The report was released in October, as the University was formulating its official

response to the proposed norms for Catholic Universities recommended by Ex Corde Ecclesiae. It addressed a number of issues regarding Catholicism at Notre Dame, including religion of faculty and Campus Ministry programs.

Trustees adopted a number of the report's recommendations, according to Murphy, and they still are considering others.

"They engaged in dialogue, and at times was heated, which is good because it shows they were interested in our report," he said.

They have also worked successfully in increasing communication among Student Union organizations and encouraging groups to work together through co-sponsorship of events.

Murphy and Palumbo also point to their efforts to lay the groundwork on several issues that should be continued by next year's president if they

are to be realized.

For instance, this semester's Board of Trustees report concerns student representation on University committees. It will take a long time for student leaders to make a concrete difference on that issue, but Murphy expressed optimism that his report was a good first step.

"I'm confident that a lot of the stuff we've done and will do will happen and will do some good for the University," he said.

There is still work to be done, however, the current office holders said, especially regarding diversity and gender relations. They both hope their successors will take up the mantle of improving race relations at Notre Dame and continue to work to improve eating disorders counseling.

"Being honest," Palumbo said, "you're never going to be absolutely finished."

"I'm confident that a lot of the stuff we've done and will do will happen and will do some good for the University."

Micah Murphy
student body president

THE STUDENT UNION

Student body president

Student Senate

♦ One representative from each hall sits on the Senate, along with one off-campus representative.

♦ The Senate, which is chaired by the student body vice president, is responsible for formulating and advancing the position of the undergraduate student body on campus issues.

♦ The Senate is also responsible for establishing Student Union fiscal policies and for overseeing the operations of the Union.

Judicial Council

♦ The Judicial Council is responsible for overseeing elections and peer-advocacy programs.

Treasurer's Office

♦ The Student Union treasurer is responsible for disbursing undergraduate student organization funds and ensuring that Student Union organizations adhere to fiscal policy.

♦ The treasurer chairs the Financial Management Board, which makes funding recommendations for clubs and organizations.

Executive Cabinet

♦ The chief of staff, HPC co-chairs, class presidents, off-campus co-presidents, SUB board manager, SUB programming director, club coordinator the Student Union Treasurer and five club council representatives sit on the Executive Cabinet.

♦ The president chairs this body, which is responsible for coordinating the daily operations, priorities and programming of the Student Union.

Chris Costigan

sophomore, government major
Zahm Hall

Experience

Costigan is Zahm's fundraising chairman and has served on that dorm's freshman orientation committee. Last summer, he worked as an independent consultant for IBM. McCormick is Zahm's secretary, captain of the dorm's interhall baseball team and coordinator of a dorm volunteer program.

Platform goals

- ◆ To oust the band from its seats at basketball games and to offer those seats to students
- ◆ To provide cable TV service in dorm rooms
- ◆ To allow all Notre Dame students to buy football tickets before Saint Mary's students purchase theirs

Best idea

To inform students of administrative plans and programs well before their implementation

Worst idea

Ridding dining halls of Yo-Cream machines because of their perception of false advertising: "We think it really has fat."

Patrick McCormick

junior, biology major
Zahm Hall

Most feasible idea

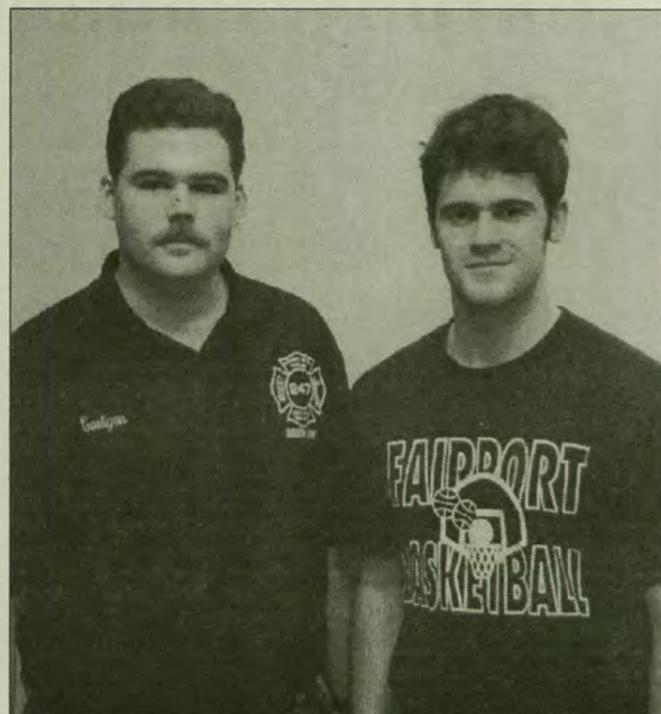
Official organization of Zahm vs. campus snowball fight on the night of the season's first snowfall

Least feasible idea

A du Lac-free day; students will make a charitable donation in return for freedom to disregard rules of the student handbook like the prohibition of kegs on campus.

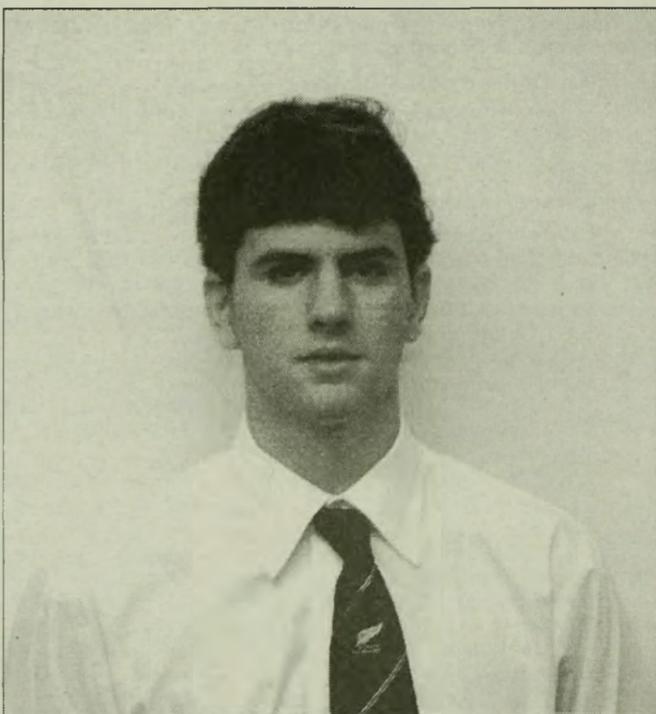
These candidates believe that while voters are apt to choose candidates with "nice" promises, like more 24-hour space and programs aimed at campus unity, constituents really want fun. Thus, they suggest construction of a freshman bar, a duLac-free day and an Otis Day and the Knights concert (those guys who jammed in Animal House).

This ticket's lighthearted focus is exciting, but its plans are impossible to implement. Candidates' lack of governing experience outside Zahm also shows limited knowledge of student life and lack of motivation to move beyond the walls of their home dorm to influence the Notre Dame community.



People want to be deceived

"You don't fight something one week before an important decision; you have to speak up now."



Going global

"I read the [Student Union] constitution the other day, and it's garbage."

Matthew Flatow

First Year, intended government major
Zahm Hall

Experience

Flatow is a section leader in Zahm; Dinnell is his assistant. In high school, Flatow was Spanish club president and golf team captain.

Platform goals

- ◆ To overhaul the student union constitution
- ◆ To create a campus shuttle system
- ◆ To force the global media to recognize Notre Dame students on a daily basis

Best idea

Flatow recognizes the need for integration between ethnic groups, however, he lacks concrete plans to improve diversity.

Worst idea

Implementing a three-year vision for the president — who would be titled the "benevolent despot" in Flatow's term — and creating a system of checks and balances between the vice president and Senate

Adam Dinnell

First Year, intended science major
Zahm Hall

Most feasible idea

Dorm competition at an annual snow olympics in a tournament similar to Bookstore Basketball

Least feasible ideas

Trained monkeys as banana-picking laborers on trees in the dining halls, despite expressed concern about sanitation problems; Pressuring Notre Dame to ensure the release of all American prisoners of the Vietnam War seems beyond the administration's imminent objectives as well.

Flatow and Dinnell's lack of experience and feasible plans could lead to a chaotic and messy term. Revamping student government without understanding of its current operations will surely lead to disorganization and a defunct system.

The ticket also underestimates the resistance it would face from current senators, administrators and other members of the student body. By focusing on the globalization of Notre Dame, the pair misses the issues that are important to students in their own neighborhood.

Hunt Hanover

junior, finance & government major
St. Edward's Hall

Experience

Hanover currently serves as assistant chief of staff for the Murphy/Palumbo administration, has worked on class and dorm councils and plays varsity basketball. Micek is junior class president, was Keough Hall co-president and volunteers in South Bend.

Platform goals

- ◆ To establish a Student Academic Bill of Rights, including free tutoring for all undergrads, clarification of the Honor Code and more office hours from professors
- ◆ To immediately increase 24-hour space on campus with a possible Reckers-type establishment on North Quad
- ◆ To improve campus access through short-term parking near Rolfs and Stepan for off-campus students and creating a campus shuttle
- ◆ To improve campus unity and diversity through initiatives including The Shirt for men's and women's basketball, celebrating Founder's Day and working with OMSA and other groups on diversity issues

Best idea

The Student Academic Bill of Rights would clarify

John Micek

junior, finance major
Keough Hall

ambiguous areas of the Honor Code, give students greater knowledge in selecting their classes, and make tutoring available for everyone.

Worst idea

A campus shuttle: Walking from Lyons to Loftus takes only 20 minutes, and students probably would have to wait that long for a shuttle.

Most feasible idea

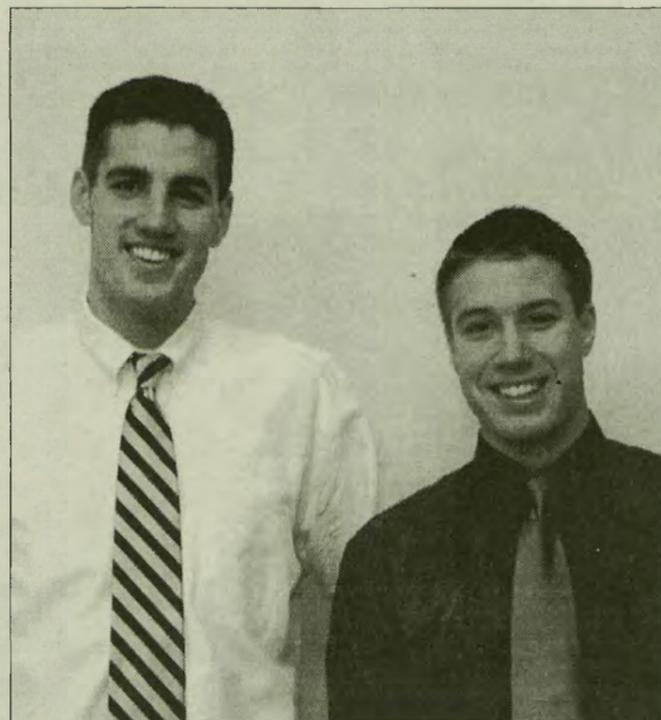
Instituting The Shirt for basketball

Least feasible idea

It is unlikely Hanover and Micek can convince professors to give up more of their free time to office hours that are often poorly attended.

Hanover and Micek have an impressive list of qualifications, especially in programming and diversity, and both have been involved in non-student government activities. Their approachability is refreshing, as is their ability to see current problems in student government.

The platform is well-researched, but perhaps too broad for the ticket to accomplish in one year.



Commitment to Excellence

"We want to be day-to-day leaders with tangible goals."



Brian O'Donoghue

junior, English major
Keough Hall

Brooke Norton

sophomore, government major
Walsh Hall

Believe.

*"We believe in leadership.
No one seems to believe in that anymore."*

Experience

O'Donoghue has served two terms as Keough Hall senator, two on the Campus Life Council and has sat on more than 15 committees dealing with student life issues. Norton is sophomore class vice president, was freshman class secretary and has participated in Walsh Hall government.

Platform goals

- ◆ To create and expand academic services like the Internet book-swap, an online course guide and course development grants for professors
- ◆ To improve student life through discounts at local businesses, a scholarship search service and a dorm endowment fund that would allow rectors to provide students with funds in emergency situations
- ◆ To open a satellite Grab 'n' Go site in DeBartolo and a Recker's-like café in North Dining Hall

Best idea

Uniting undergrads through campus-wide programs: supplying more student tickets for away football games and promoting Planet Irish, a Web site brimming with information for students

Worst idea

O'Donoghue and Norton said they would keep

silent about issues or information — like the proposed cancellation of Sophomore Sibs Weekend — if they believed it was in students' best interests or if administrators requested it.

Most feasible idea

Most ideas are practicable thanks to diligent and comprehensive research. Some concepts, however, mirror those attempted or planned by previous administrations.

Least feasible idea

O'Donoghue's conviction that administrators will consider him a colleague simply because he represents 8,000 students

Experienced and passionate, O'Donoghue and Norton have created an extensive, realistic plan. The candidates' dedication to campus unity through programming is admirable, but they generally lack innovative programs.

Their ideological ambition is refreshing, but as student government insiders, they don't seem to perceive undergraduates' growing discontent with representatives' inability to accomplish tasks or speak on students' behalf.

John Osborne

junior, government/public policy major
Zahm Hall

Mark Donahey

junior, philosophy/economics major
Sorin Hall

Experience

For two years, Osborne and Donahey have worked together to compile the student government's report to the Board of Trustees; this year, Osborne chairs the report committee and Donahey is the vice chair. Donahey also has coordinated SafeRide.

Platform goals

- ◆ Greater student involvement in University governance through increased communication between students and the administration, more students on University committees and student representatives on the Board of Trustees
- ◆ An updated curriculum with more introductory courses, second majors and minors and cultural studies programs
- ◆ Improved student relations; support of a more diverse community and inclusion of sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clause

Best idea

Instituting a Homecoming weekend; a block of football tickets would be set aside for recent graduate and dorm events would highlight the weekend.

Worst idea

While the ticket believes "you can't legislate tolerance," it is also unmotivated to program events that could increase diversity education.

Most feasible idea

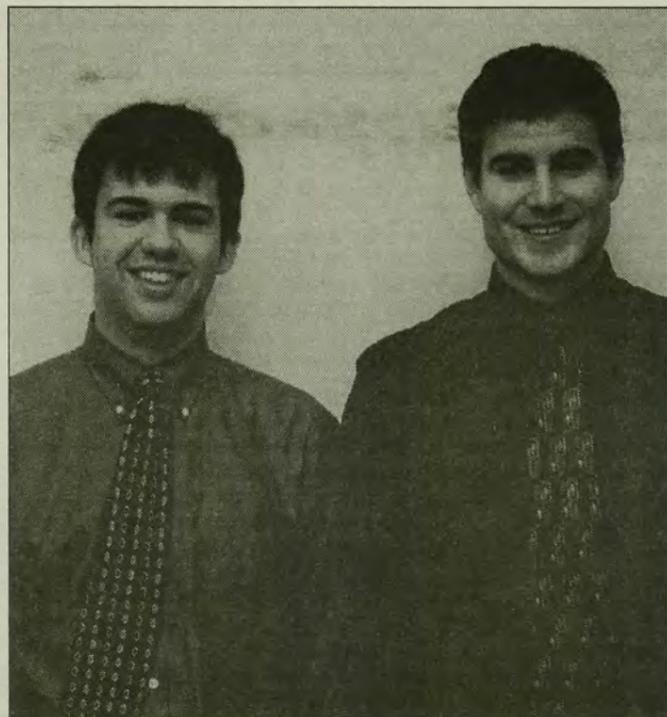
Inviting the "untapped resource" of students in clubs and organizations to engage in student government leadership and community events

Least feasible idea

Major curriculum changes, though creative and worthy of research, are unlikely to be implemented by student government and surely will not be accomplished in this pair's term.

Osborne and Donahey are articulate, driven and in-tune with specific needs. Their initiatives, which include an off-campus housing network and expanded tutoring services, show an understanding of how programs can ease students' daily concerns.

Their platform goals, however, are broad and long-term, and the candidates lack necessary research in many areas. With only one year in office, it seems this team could accomplish quick-hit plans but might leave major issues untackled.



"I feel like we can do this job well and make a little bit of difference around here."



Doug Pardon

junior, finance major
Castle Pointe apartments

Ted Higgins

junior, MIS major
St. Edward's Hall

Guys with common sense

"We're two guys who like to go out and drink and talk about issues."

Experience

Higgins' and Pardon's experience comes from their 2 1/2 years on campus as well-informed students. Pardon also is this year's Shirt coordinator and has worked on The Shirt project for two years.

Platform goals

- ◆ Frank discussion about sexuality, condom distribution and making available information about abortion
- ◆ Hold graduation ceremonies in Notre Dame Stadium
- ◆ Bring back Sophomore Sibs Weekend and SafeRide

Best idea

Cutting down on student fees (e.g. ticket costs, dining hall charge if you lose your ID)

Worst idea

Reversing the balance of faculty and administra-

tion on University committees

Most feasible idea

Bringing in more speakers to talk about a wider range of issues that concern students

Least feasible idea

Fostering frank discussion of sexuality, and condom distribution on this campus

Everybody knows guys like Pardon and Higgins. They live down the hall, they go to the dining hall, they like to sleep in. They say they're willing to take on the administration to get the things they want, and that they'll go around the Dome to ask alumni for help if necessary.

Their candidacy is refreshing, but their lack of experience and details about how to implement their platform goals show that, unfortunately, these normal guys lack the know-how to get the job done.

Andrew Scialliz

First Year, intended business major
Zahm Hall

Experience

Like most freshmen, these two have very little experience with Notre Dame student government. Scialliz served in his church group at home, and Saracino was the first ever write-in vote to be elected treasurer of his high school.

Platform goals

- ◆ To tear down Keenan-Stanford and replace it with an underage bar
- ◆ To build a 24-hour bowling alley underneath South Quad
- ◆ To change Notre Dame's moniker from the Fighting Irish to a great big smiley face, to be worn by whomever was most recently impeached from the student body presidency

Best idea

Placing greater emphasis on keeping up with student opinion

Worst idea

Demolishing Keenan-Stanford and giving its

Daniel Saracino

First Year, intended biochemistry major
Zahm Hall

residents only tents and table sugar in return

Most feasible idea

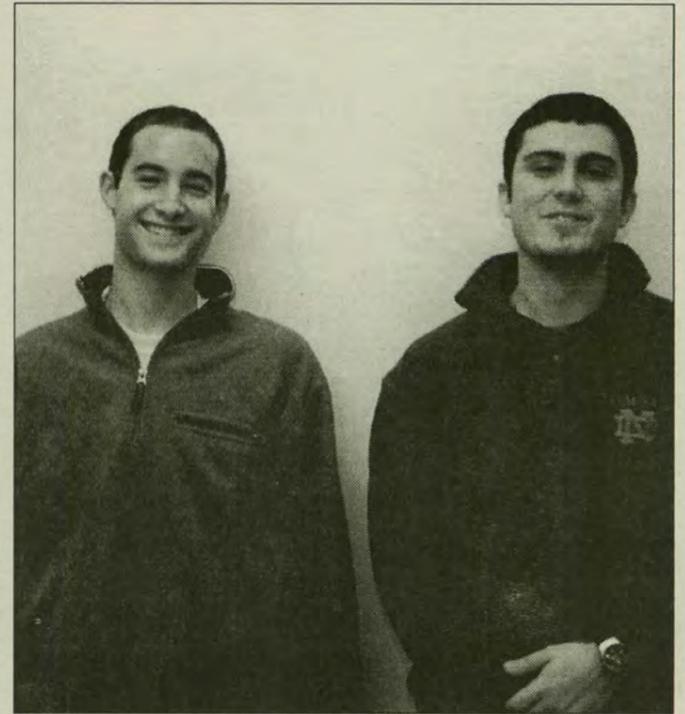
Bi-weekly student opinion polls in the dining halls

Least feasible ideas

Constructing an amusement park and bowling alley under South Quad, and impeaching the president as soon as possible — thus making it impossible for anyone to stay in office more than two or three weeks

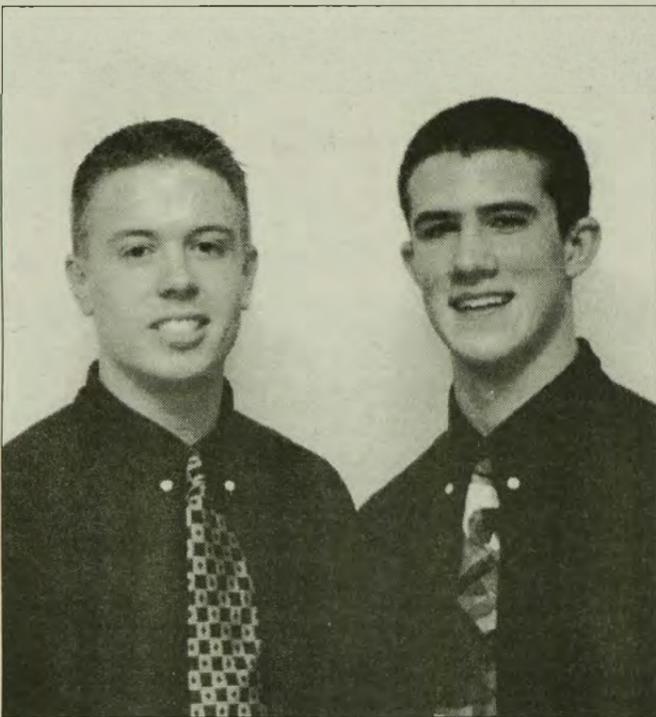
Scialliz and Saracino are a pair of likable freshmen with some interesting ideas. They make a good point that varying student interests and opinions are not given enough importance in student government at present, but their solutions to this problem are questionable.

While the idea of rotating 10-day presidencies is sure to maintain an influx of new ideas, it is unlikely to afford any one president the time to affect change. And blowing up Keenan and Stanford in the dark of night is just a bad idea.



Keep your fingers crossed

"If everything goes right, the president will have to wear a great big smiley face."



Who's school is it anyway?

"There's a backlog of things that should have been done. It's sad how far we are falling behind."

Joseph Shepherd

junior, management major
Dillon Hall

Experience

Shepherd has served two years as class president and as a member of the Cesaro/Selak student body administration. He also served a semester as an employee of the University Web administrator. Focht has collaborated with Shepherd and University offices on many platform issues.

Platform goals

- ◆ To review the allocation of funds within student government
- ◆ To increase campus communication through Plant Irish, a comprehensive student Web site, and by publishing Teacher Course Evaluations
- ◆ To ensure 24-hour social space in the new Student Center

Best idea

Educating students on how to vote by absentee ballot in their home state elections; the pair expressed concern for student indifference to their civic responsibilities and seek to raise greater political awareness on campus.

Jim Focht

First Year, intended English major
Dillon Hall

Worst idea

The dismissal of SafeRide as too large an undertaking for student government; while they acknowledge the need to address student drunk driving, their skepticism about this existing program, however struggling, is unfortunate.

Most feasible idea

Increasing awareness of and participate in student programs through the Internet, e-mail, WVFI and other campus media.

Least feasible idea

The publication of TCEs online for student review; the pair has the ambition and information to accomplish this aim, but the probability of it actually happening is low because its success would rely on the approval of the administration.

Well researched and committed to the academic mission of the University, Shepherd and Focht have strong ideas, but they lack the concrete plans necessary for implementation, particularly those concerning diversity. Their dedication to making student government more accessible is feasible, however, and their emphasis on academic life is refreshing.

Todd Warapius

junior, psychology major
Zahm Hall

Experience

Warapius currently is conducting mind control tests in the basement of Haggar Hall, while Coppinger is building a "doomsday machine" in Fitzpatrick. They also are fluent in Jedi languages.

Platform goals

- ◆ To dissolve Student Senate because, the candidates said, the democratically elected governing body is useless, weak and provides forum for dissent
- ◆ Ending destructive conflict
- ◆ Restoring order, but not necessarily peace, on campus

Best idea

Improving the campus music scene; inviting bands from across the galaxy might prove difficult, however

Worst idea

To institute new forms of punishment for students: women will be made slave dancers at Senior

George Coppinger

junior, mechanical engineering major
Knott Hall

Bar, while men will be subjected to carbon freezing

Most feasible idea

Changing the student government structure so leaders are no longer democratically elected but centrally appointed

Least feasible idea

If mature discussion with administrators fails to get this ticket's plans passed, Jedi mind tricks of persuasion will be implemented.

This pair is creative and willing to push the bounds of current institutions. If implemented, their system of government would likely be more efficient than the current one in LaFortune.

However, the candidates' emphasis on strict despotism and constituents' complete obedience with threat of physical damage for those who don't comply will certainly silence students excited to dedicate their personal talents and ideas to student leadership.



Why vote for the lesser of two evils?

"If we didn't have a hidden agenda, what would be the fun?"

Greg Smith

junior, ALPP major
Zahm Hall

Brian Clemency

sophomore, government major
Zahm Hall

Please endorse us!

"I want to get back to basics and give the school what they really want."

Experience

Smith and Clemency have served in leadership roles in Zahm Hall. They ran for student government president and vice president last year on separate tickets but have not become involved in campus-wide programs since then.

Platform goals

- ◆ Social plank: allow kegs on campus, construct freshman bar behind the stadium, form Dog Book rating committee
- ◆ Religious plank: build a temple and a mosque for non-Catholic students to alleviate religious discrimination
- ◆ Academic plank: amend Honor Code with "it's only cheating if you get caught" clause.

Best idea

◆ Construction of a skee-ball arcade somewhere on campus; COBA — the recommended venue — however, is not centrally located and will not equally serve students' needs.

Worst idea

◆ Painting the Dome pink to eliminate glare for toll road drivers

Most feasible idea

◆ Changing the common reference of "God Quad" to "Smitty Quad" to honor the presidential candidate's nickname

Least feasible idea

◆ Legalization of prostitution and gambling on campus would require zoning changes unlikely to be approved by local officials or the campus community

In refusing to meet with The Observer, this team displayed its disinterest in facing questions about issues not touched in its platform — diversity, gender relations, student-administration relations, 24-hour space, policy-making and programming experience and willingness to speak on behalf of the student body.

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resolutions that do nothing," said Costigan.

Costigan wants to work on student issues like getting football tickets for Notre Dame students before Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students purchase theirs and changing the one-food-or-pastry rule in the dining halls.

He said he wants to address the issues that students really care about.

"It's almost intimidating for people to walk in the student government office," said Costigan.

Presidential candidate Hunt Hanover made a similar statement about the intimidation factor.

"Right now student government is a kind of closed society," Hanover said.

Hanover and his vice presidential candidate John Micek both have student government experi-

ence, including being class presidents.

Hanover wants to make student government "totally casual" by moving some of the meetings into the dining halls for more student involvement.

"I want student government to be fun again," Hanover said.

"It's almost intimidating to walk into the student government office."

Chris Costigan
presidential candidate

Hanover and Micek both advocate a Campus Unity program, a Student Academic Bill of Rights and a free campus shuttle. Hanover said all his goals

are tangible.

"I like measurable things. I like a task like mowing a lawn because I can see what I've done and what I haven't done," he said.

Another pair said it noticed that some ideas haven't worked in student government. Those candidates want to put ideas into action.

"I think student government has the capability of being a very powerful organization," said presidential candidate Joe Shepherd.

He and his partner, Jim Focht, want to expand student govern-

ment and spread enthusiasm.

"We get really excited," Focht said. "This kind of enthusiasm motivates us to do more."

Shepherd and Focht, who are best friends, want to use this relationship to work together.

"We can speak honestly to each other," Focht said.

Their platform includes releasing TCE data and improving the information flow.

Shepherd said that they have "basically ideas that wouldn't be that tough to implement."

Candidates Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton, for president and vice president respectively, want use their experience to benefit the student body.

"It's an asset that Brooke and I both know how this University operates," O'Donoghue said.

"We both know what's successful and what has failed in the past," Norton said.

Both candidates currently hold offices in student government and hope to put to the forefront issues such as eating disorders, but also improve student access to information, such as with an online course guide.

Norton said that O'Donoghue and her work together well because they "complement each other."

Norton said that O'Donoghue is well informed, having read all of

du Lac and most of the archives, as well as researching about 30 other universities.

Presidential candidate Greg Smith is no stranger to the election scene.

This is his third election and he is running with sophomore Brian Clemency to get more issues into the public forum.

"I think I've made a difference an helped student government to realize some of their inadequacies," Smith said. "I want to see a more productive student government. I want to get back to basics and give the school what they really want."

Clemency wants to "bring some fresh blood" into student government.

For this reason, he and Smith have supported several Zahm residents, but they don't want to be singled out totally as a dorm.

Referring to the number of Zahm tickets, Smith commented, "The more, the merrier. Rather than shining one candle on the bureaucracy of student government, we shine eight or nine to

illuminate the inadequacies."

Like other candidates, Smith and Clemency want more student involvement, such as an External Review Board of non-student government members to monitor student government.

"They take themselves too seriously. We know that we're only president and vice president for one year and we want to do something."

Ted Higgins
vice president candidate

Presidential candidate Doug Pardon wants to "lead by example."

However, he and Ted Higgins, his vice presidential candidate,

do want some changes in student government.

"They take themselves too seriously," said Higgins. "We know that we're only president and vice president for one year and we want to do something."

Pardon and Higgins plan to be more proactive by having a weekly column in The Observer and pushing for an outdoor graduation in Notre Dame stadium.

"We're not pushing anything unreasonable, unenthusiastic or unCatholic," Higgins said. "We're trying to bring a voice back to the students."

Women

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woman has ever served as president.

"I was definitely one of the minorities as a woman," Selak said of the time she spent in student government. "But once you're in office, you're there to serve the student body, and with that goal in mind, it isn't really an issue."



Selak

"I don't think it's the intimidation factor of the men on this campus. It wasn't a factor in me not running. I was going to run with a male," said Jennifer McEntee, a junior who considered running.

The history and this year's ticket composition point to a glass ceiling in Notre Dame's student government. So is a female student body president an impossibility?

"[There is an] unwritten perception that women can only run for vice president," said Iris Outlaw, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

In recent years, freshmen class presidents have been men. However, Outlaw said that the current class does have a few African-American women in important positions.

Although there was an African-American president in the 1970s, current candidates are also almost entirely white. One presidential candidate, Zahm Hall freshman Matthew Flatow, has a Cuban-born mother.

Why aren't more minorities running?

"From what I've seen, students of certain ethnic groups tend to stay together, so that probably prevents tickets of

mixed races or ethnicity from running," McEntee said. But even her insight doesn't account for a lack of president/vice president combinations where both candidates are minorities.

"I think a lot of times minorities tend to build up leadership within ethnic organizations on campus and don't tend to move outside," Fierro said.

The lack of diversity among the candidates hurts the University because men and women, minorities and non-minorities, think differently on different issues, according to Fierro.

"I think organizations like student government need to open up to minorities," he said, adding that minorities also need to be more willing to take leadership roles in student government.

"I was definitely one of the minorities as a woman. But once you're in the office, you're there to serve the student body, and with that goal in mind, it wasn't really an issue."

Andrea Selak
former student body vice president

Nevertheless, there are women and minorities in some important positions within student government.

"Not everybody wants to be a leader," Outlaw said.

"If you look at the student government and how it's branched off, there are people in the judicial part, for example, who represent women and minorities," McEntee said. "I think a woman or a minority could bring more diverse ideas to the position [of president]."

Selak agreed. "Student body president and vice president, they're the two main elected positions, but they're not the only positions," she said. "There are a lot of opportunities for women and minorities to be represented."

Despite the lack of diversity among the candidates, neither Norton nor Flatow want to make this issue central to their campaigns.

"I'd like to see more diversity," Flatow said, but he attributes the responsibility for increasing the number of minorities on campus to the University's Office of Admissions.

Norton said she O'Donoghue

assured her that gender was not the reason he chose her as a running mate. She wouldn't be comfortable running with him if that were the case.

"I think the campaign should be more about leadership," Norton said, adding that her gender becomes an issue only because there are no other females running.

O'Donoghue said he talked to some of his friends when he was considering Norton as a running mate.

"They said, 'She's amazing,'" O'Donoghue said. "It wasn't necessarily a gender issue."

At the same time, O'Donoghue said that certain input Norton has had to their platform could not have been matched by a male running-mate.

One such aspect is the implementation of a Women's Awareness Week. Norton added that men's issues would also be included in the week's activities.

"I feel I would be a voice for all students at Notre Dame," Norton said.

Kate Steer contributed to this report.

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Shakespeare? Oh, at Notre Dame

ana and Notre Dame culture with the Summer Shakespeare Festival 2000.

final week in performance.

Local directors will direct the shows, which will include a one-hour version of "The Taming of the Shrew." Seeking to make this a family affair, the festival has even planned various activities to involve children and parents of all ages, such as puppet shows, costume contests and game booths.

So exactly where do the University students fit into this grand project? Entertainment is only half of the Summer Shakespeare Festival's crusade; its other mission is to educate.

"Aspiring university-level student performers and technicians will be given the opportunity to gain practical theatrical experience by working and performing alongside established professional actors, directors and a professional production staff," Rathburn said.

Students will only be accepted by audition to participate in the unique course, a comprehensive six-credit hour class titled — you guessed it — "Shakespeare in Performance."

Those selected for the class will receive a full tuition scholarship, and

will have access to an on-campus living plan.

"The class will be team-taught by experts in Shakespeare Studies and in Performance Approaches to the plays," Rathburn added, and accordingly "will be cross-listed in [the] Theatre and in [the] English [departments]."

This summer's professors will be Rathburn and the play's director, Katherine Pogue, who has directed several Shakespearean productions for the acclaimed University of Houston Shakespeare Festival. Open auditions

will be held Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns auditorium. Auditions will be held on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students

will be allotted a four-minute time slot, and are asked to prepare a two-minute tragic and a two-minute comic selection.

Although the festival's premiere season will produce just one mainstage play, the program's coordinators are hopeful that it will expand enough to accommodate the production of as

many as three different Shakespearean works over the summer.

Summer Shakespeare's founding board is committed to expanding and improving the program every year. Numerous coordinators and volunteers have devoted countless hours to making the program a permanent part of the university. The Summer Shakespeare Festival's legacy is the gift of all those who have so generously contributed to the project to enrich Notre Dame.

"It means so much to so many people," said Rathburn. So why are so many people still afraid to ignore the TV and dust off their copy of "Hamlet"? You can always tape "Ally McBeal," but you won't be able to catch the Shakespeare Festival as a summer repeat.

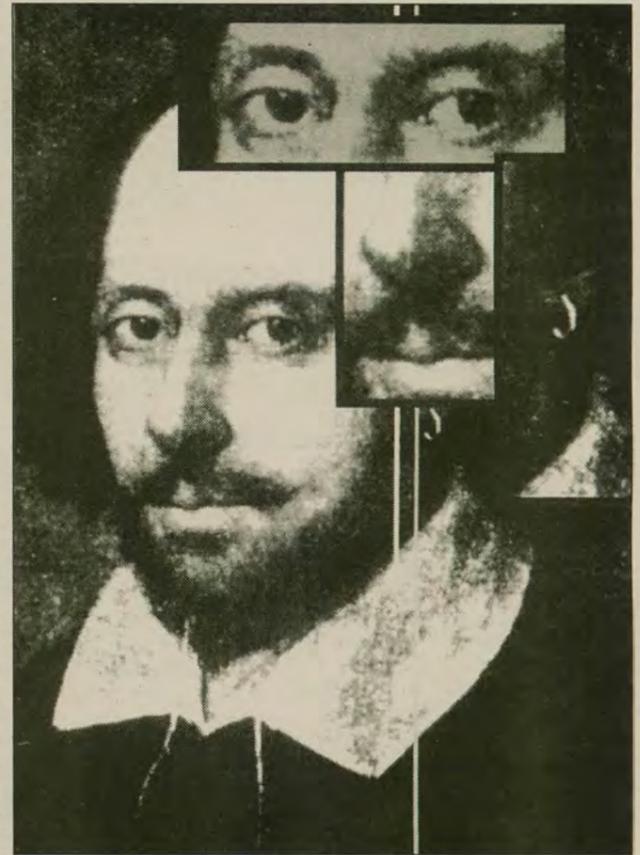


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The brochure for the Summer Shakespeare Festival clearly makes Shakespeare the man a prominent item.

He said ... She said ...

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

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THE GUY



SCOTT LITTLE

THE GAL



ERICKA RAVETTINE

Can girls and guys be friends? This question has plagued the world since the beginning of time.

Were Adam and Eve friends? No, they just had lots and lots of sex. And why is that? Because sex is much more fun than talking.

It is possible for a guy to be friends with an ugly girl though. That's easy if she's funny, or if she won't get off your back.

But a guy will never be friends with a hot girl, ever. There will always be those thoughts in the back of his mind of what she would look like naked, and what she would look like on top of him, etc. It is OK to be friends with a hot girl for a short period of time. This is just a step in the

generally accepted rules of getting hot girls, but if a guy remains to be friends with a hot girl for a long time he is just accepting that that is all he will ever get, and thus be miserable. Or he is hanging onto the thread of hope that just maybe the two of them will get really drunk together once and ride the snake.

I would like to sum this up with an example using Mike Sekula's dogs. One is a guy and one is a girl and they are good friends and hang out and jump around their yard together. But every once in a while when Willie doesn't think anyone is watching he will mount Moanie and humpa wumpa. Humans aren't dogs, but I think we can all understand what Willie is going through.



The age-old question that resonates through the romantic comedy "When Harry met Sally" is can men and women be friends? In the movie, Billy Crystal states that the problem with male and female relationships is the sexual tension which lies between them and makes it impossible to maintain a friendship. The movie also states that once a man and woman succumb to their desire for one another, the friendship is lost. So is that true here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

On the surface — no way. Both myself and Scott quoted "the friend" as a category of the opposite sex — a great person to hang out with, the one you call with problems, complimenting your personality — but of no sexual interest. All of the men and women here have many friends of the opposite sex — the friends in class, the drinking buddies, the advice givers and so on. The question still

remains: Are we on some level sexually attracted to our friends?

It stands to reason that certain relationships begin on the basis of physical attraction. However, many of these evolve into friendships that are unconnected to that original attraction.

There are some friendships, though, that begin for more ambiguous reasons but lead to a more intimate relationship. This does not necessarily disrupt the original friendship.

To complicate the situation even further, some individuals are "hook-up buddies." These friendships are composed of people who have a physical relationship but are able to maintain a separate, unaffected friendship.

So my final answer: YES, men and women can be friends without sex or desire getting in the way. However, isn't a good friendship with a little lovin' on the side the perfect relationship?

MOVIE REVIEW

What's there to 'Scream' about?

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

"So what's your favorite scary movie?" For many college students this question is an easy one. Everyone grew up watching the "Friday the 13th" and "Halloween" series and had a favorite. In the "Scream" series, this is the question that can save or doom the next victim.

"Scream 3" is the final film of the trilogy that brought back to life the genre of horror films. The first "Scream" was surprisingly intelligent because it took into account the fact that its audience grew up watching horror movies and were familiar with how the game was played.

Kevin Williamson, the man who came up with the "Scream" trilogy and wrote the first two, knew his films would have to pay homage to all the films that came before it, all while remaining fresh for an audience that has seen Jason and Freddy die 100 times over.

This time the film is set in Hollywood. All the remaining members of the first two "Screams" (and there are not many left) have settled down in their lives. Cotton Weary is a famous talk show host, Gale Weathers is a national celebrity, Sydney Prescott is living by herself and working for a crisis hotline out of her home and Dewey Riley is the technical director on a new film — "Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro."

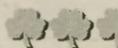
Yes, Hollywood is making "Stab 3" to tie up all of the loose ends of the Woodsboro movies. Convenient? Yes. Clever? Almost.

The concept is there, but what is painfully missing is the writing of the man who brought the first two installments to

audiences — Williamson. Ehren Kruger took over the screenwriting job for the third film, but does not live up to the task. He lacks the comic wit and clever twists that keep the film one step ahead of the audience.

The film also does not have the same grasp of the horror genre — and all of the clichés that come along with it — and therefore does not have the same ironic discourse of self-reflexivity that made the first two so successful.

"Scream 3"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Wes Craven
Starring: Neve Campbell, Courtney Cox-Arquette, David Arquette, Parker Posey, Patrick Dempsey and Scott Foley

There are some very funny moments in the film, most of which occur when the cast of "Stab 3," people they are playing. As Jennifer Jolie, the actress who plays Gale Weathers in "Stab 3," Parker Posey commands the screen. She is hysterical as Courtney Cox-Arquette's counterpart and the two are hilarious when they are together on the screen.

Another notable appearance is made by Patrick Dempsey ("Can't Buy Me Love"), who plays Mark Kincaid, the detective in charge of the new spree of killings. Is he a man to trust?

Scott Foley, known for his role as Noel on the TV show "Felicity," plays Roman Bridger, a director who is dying to get this film made — or is he killing to get it made?

Deon Richmond, known for playing Kenny, or Bud, on the "Cosby Show,"



Neve Campbell and David Arquette defend their lives against a serial killer in "Scream3."

plays Aaron Banks, the resident videophile and horror expert in "Stab 3." Doesn't his character sound a bit like Randy Meeks (Jamie Kennedy) from the first two "Screams"? Is he fed up with living in Randy's shadow and can't take it anymore?

Who is the killer this time? From the beginning, this series was meant to be a

trilogy. This is the last of the "Screams" and therefore all of the loose ends should be tied up. All the secrets are revealed and everything is brought to a close, so this is a must see for all those who enjoyed the first two installments.

In "Scream 3," all bets are off and the rules don't apply any more. Anyone can die and anyone can be the killer.

MOVIE COLUMN

Moral lessons abound in Stone's 'Wall Street'

I can remember being very young and hearing that "Wall Street" was going to premiere on network television. Being in a family that did not have cable until 1996, any major motion picture debut on the "basic channels" was always a big deal in our household. I watched for a while, but without bloodshed, or any serious explosions, I soon tuned out and resorted to the immediate enjoyment of my Nintendo gaming system.

V. Van Buren
Giles

Scene Movie
Critic

It was only a few years ago, after working at a corporate job in mid-town Manhattan, that I watched the film in its entirety. I was in awe of the powerful acting and the intense moral questions the movie raises.

Growing up a "city kid," I was always curious about the day-to-day habits of those men and women from my neighborhood who braved the downtown I.R.T. to the mecca of the business world that was Wall Street.

Oliver Stone's remarkable film transport us to 1986, where we meet Bud Fox (Charlie Sheen), a young executive bored with his tedious job as a trader. He dreams of becoming a heavy hitter in his corporate profession and sets his sights on a famous Wall Street wizard named Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas).

Bud sees his future and dream of fortune in Gordon, the epitome of the '80s stock and real-estate speculator. Always the studious and honest hard worker, Bud soon realizes that in order to make it to the top of the corporate ladder and become a power player among the business world elite, he must lie, cheat and steal.

Bud stops listening to his conscience and soon becomes lured into the illegal but lucrative world of corporate espionage by his former mentor and hero, Gordon. In no time at all, Bud assumes the "yuppy" (young urban professional) status he has always dreamed of.

With his posh Upper East Side apartment, equipped with state of the art electronics and gourmet food appliances, Bud has established himself in the image of the Reagan era, a time which characterized the celebration of greed.

With the seven-digit bank account and the tall blonde (Daryl Hannah) on his arm, Bud has everything he could possibly want — except the ability to look at himself in the mirror or have a good night's rest.

Bud's moral and ethical choices begin to haunt him, as he is alienated from his coworkers and blue collar father, who already sees the corruption and greed which is common in his son's work.

"Stockwatch," the organization that investigates insider trading, is soon hot on Bud's trail as his monetary empire begins to crumble around him. He has one last chance to save his father's pride and regain his moral character before all his corporate wheeling and dealing land him in the slammer.

The film features a superb cast that consists of strong supporting performances from Sean Young, James Spader, John C. McGinley and Terence Stamp.

But the most enthralling and captivating figure is by far the seductive and satanic Gordon Gekko, a role for which Michael Douglas won the Academy Award for best actor.



Charlie Sheen (left) plays Bud Fox, a naive and ambitious stock trader who is lured by the power of Gordon Gekko, played by Michael Douglas in "Wall Street."

The story is based on the real life business tycoon Ivan F. Boesky who told a graduating class at Berkeley in 1986 that, "Greed is healthy." Later that Fall, Boesky would plead guilty to charges from the Justice Department concerning massive violations of security laws. Douglas, as Gekko, utters these same words at a stock-holders meeting in the film.

If any pre-professional has not yet seen this film, he or she ought to for a truly sinister and enthralling vision of the American dream gone wrong.

Churney

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four years in the Big East, but then took the blame for trying to join the Big Ten. He helped successfully transition the women's soccer program from the Mike Petrucelli to the Randy Waldrum era but botched the transition from MacLeod to Doherty with a Rick Majerus in between.

He ensured the Irish would be seen on television by helping to extend NBC's contract then ensured they'd be seen on Court TV by allowing the Joe Moore fiasco to occur.

Then there's the probation.

But what's done is done. Whether Wadsworth was the executive responsible for a pro-

gram-gone-out-of-control or a scapegoat, a victim of a game he played all too well, is irrelevant at this point.

His departure leaves open one of the most important collegiate administrative positions in the country. It's unknown as to who the powers that be have their collective eye on or even for what qualities they're looking.

They've made one thing abundantly clear, however.

Experience as an athletic director is an important asset to have if not a must.

While it's tempting to then rule out anyone from within the bubble of the Dome and look to other schools to help fill the position, doing so would mean overlooking a perfectly capable replacement.

Melissa Conboy, a 1982 gradu-

ate of Notre Dame has worked in the Notre Dame athletic department since 1987, serving first as an assistant athletic director until 1992 when she was promoted to the role of associate athletic director.

She has experience within the athletic department and the NCAA itself.

This experience gives Conboy much knowledge of the intricacies specific to the Notre Dame athletic department and the complexities of the NCAA. These attributes should far outweigh her lack of experience as the head executive.

Plus, she's a Domer.

As arguably the first great female athlete from Notre Dame, playing basketball from 1979-1982, Conboy understands the different standards to which

Notre Dame attempts to hold its athletes and coaches. She understands the difficulties Notre Dame faces in recruiting due to these standards, and the difficulties athletes encounter in making sure that both sides of the hyphen in the word student-athlete are equally attended to.

She's proven herself worthy. Conboy currently administers the Irish ice hockey, volleyball and women's basketball teams and oversees both tennis and soccer programs. In her tenure, both women's basketball and women's soccer, debatably the two most successful programs next to fencing at Notre Dame, became national powerhouses. Volleyball and men's and women's tennis made their respective post-season tournaments last year.

Conboy has been in charge of nearly every team that wins consistently.

She conducts herself with class and an amiability that's contagious. She's an eloquent speaker and handles the press well.

She has the experience, the personality, the ability and the knowledge to fill the position. And while the male-centered culture of Notre Dame's student body and administration might find problem in promoting a woman to be in charge of its precious athletic program, leaving Conboy's name off a list of potential candidates would be a grievous omission.

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

NFL

Browns aggressively seek free agents during off-season

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

No longer an expansion team, the Cleveland Browns are ready to begin their second season — in free agency.

Cleveland's first venture into free agency had the Browns looking for players, period. They needed everything in 1999 and had just a few months to assemble a team.

Now, with a 2-14 season behind them, the Browns have a better idea of what holes need to be filled. The Browns are believed to have nearly \$20 million to spend, a figure which grew by nearly \$3.25 million

after veteran offensive tackle Lomas Brown was released on Wednesday.

"We'll be very aggressive," Browns president Carmen Policy said last week. "If it's the right player, don't be surprised if we overpay."

Among the players thought to be on the Browns' wish list are: Arizona defensive end Simeon Rice, Jacksonville defensive end Tony Brackens and running back James Stewart. New England wide receiver Shawn Jefferson, Detroit defensive end Robert Porcher and Cincinnati running back Corey Dillon.

But Brackens and Rice are expected to be made franchise

players and Dillon is a restricted free agent and the Bengals would have to receive draft picks as compensation.

Stewart, a productive backup in Jacksonville, appears to be the Browns' prime target.

Stewart has some knowledge of the Browns' offensive system. He played in Cleveland coach Chris Palmer's system in

"Free agency can get you in trouble when you start paying the type of dollars for a player that are demanded by the best at the position, when that player that you're dealing with is not one of the best."

**Carmen Policy
Cleveland Browns president**

Jacksonville when Palmer was the Jaguars' offensive coordinator.

They also are reportedly eager to land Stewart. If they do, the Browns could get involved in a bidding war

for a running back who may not be worth fighting over. "Free agency can get you in

trouble when you start paying the type of dollars for a player that are demanded by the best at the position, when that player that you're dealing with is not one of the best," Policy said. "He may just be the best available at that moment."

Whatever the Browns do during the free-agent signing period will undoubtedly shape their plans for April's college draft.

Cleveland owns the No. 1 overall pick for the second straight year and will likely use it to take either Florida State wide receiver Peter Warrick or one of Penn State's impact defenders, end Courtney Brown or linebacker LaVar Arrington.

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Sports dinner next Thursday. Meet in the office at 6:30 p.m. We're going to CJ's.

way overdue.

it hit 40 today.

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did you watch star wars last night, tigger?

enough with the penis game already!!!

kd, it's time to buy some hookup drawers.

what happened on 90210?

Is ND going to pull off the upset over UConn on Saturday?

Not if they play like they did on the road.

Only if Troy Murphy has a big game.

NCAA tournament?

On the bubble.

Andrea Louise, have you watched the dating network lately?

Maybe I can catch it i time for Valentine's Day.

You can hook up with someone who doesn't speak your language. not a problem.

congratulations, nicole and mike, on your wedding.

Good luck Chris and Kelly on your history test.

All you people writing papers and studying tests, it's time to get out of the O.

Good luck with the BS, NG.

MC, how about that Core paper? what's with all the election insanity?

MBC - now you get to be in the classifieds. Don't you feel special?

Ah, I love going to Senior "Club" and being degenerate. Especially when I see Heather Volk 'cause she rules.

Kevin, I DEFINITELY think the English language is a "standard." One that some people in "photo" wouldn't meet.

Who messed on the chair? Not me!

MC - Shut up.
-LP

M'Shan is not into body parts inthe inside column.

It's not that big a column.

That's what she said.

Here's a shout out to TEAM 395 and the team captain, J.W. Fluffy misses all of you. I miss all of you too, and I sorta wish I were in Trads II. Except, of course, that would involve being in Trads II. Oh well.

FLUFFY FOREVER!

reality only exists for people who don't drink enough.

Love the llama, Mike. Good times now that you're 21.

class in 7 hours? I don't think I'll be there.

weekend starts in 10. I'll definitely be there for that.

And I'll definitely be at Krupa's this weekend.

Time to shake up the seedings.

Night night.

Why am I still here?

Is this a Nick's night?

I have to go home.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Przybilla shocks Hoosiers with 33

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Joel Przybilla scored a career-high 33 points, including the game-winning basket with 3.9 seconds left, and Minnesota stunned No. 10 Indiana 77-75 Wednesday night.

A.J. Guyton, who scored 27 points despite a 17 1/2-minute drought, was several feet short on a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer, sending the Golden Gophers and the standing room-only crowd at Williams Arena into a frenzy.

The Gophers (12-9, 4-7 Big Ten) gave first-year coach Dan Monson his biggest victory yet at Minnesota.

Kirk Haston scored 24 points for the Hoosiers (17-4, 7-3), who haven't won at Williams Arena in five years. His two free throws with 1:08 left gave Indiana a seemingly safe 75-70 lead.

But Kevin Burleson, who had to guard Guyton when John-Blair Bickerstaff left with a knee injury in the first half, hit a 3-pointer with a minute left and Przybilla made it 75-73 with 39 seconds remaining.

Przybilla blocked a shot by Haston with 10 seconds left, sped upcourt and took a dish from Terrance Simmons for the winning basket.

Przybilla, the Big Ten's best shooter, was 16-for-19 from the field and hit all 11 of his shots in

the second half.

The Gophers lost Bickerstaff, a junior forward and the son of former NBA coach Bernie Bickerstaff, with a broken right kneecap six minutes before half-time when he was fouled by Guyton going up for a basket.

After the game, Monson told his players Bickerstaff needs an operation and is out for the season.

Minnesota has beaten Indiana the last four times the Hoosiers came into town ranked in the Top 25. Of course, the first three were the Gophers teams led by the likes of Quincy Lewis, Kevin Clark, John Thomas and Bobby Jackson, not Monson's first-year ragtag group that had lost six of seven.

The Gophers started off shaky and fell behind by 13 before storming back to trail just 35-34 at halftime.

Guyton started the game by hitting 3s from all over, but after his fastbreak layup with 10:04 left in the first half gave the Hoosiers their biggest lead at 27-14, he was quiet. Bickerstaff switched with Simmons and shut down the Big Ten's leading scorer until he got hurt. Then Burleson came in and did the same.

Guyton snapped out of his funk when he intercepted a pass from Przybilla with the Hoosiers trailing 47-41, made the basket, drew the foul and converted the bonus.

NBA

Rodman thrills crowd in return

Associated Press

DALLAS

It didn't take long for Dennis Rodman to make his presence felt in Dallas, on and off the court.

Playing before a boisterous sellout crowd that featured Deion Sanders and Emmitt Smith sitting courtside, Rodman



Rodman

grabbed nine rebounds and took a hard foul that briefly knocked out Seattle's Ruben Patterson in just his first half as a Maverick.

Rodman, who wore No. 70, didn't look like a 38-year-old guy who has been out of the NBA for 10 months. In 16 minutes, he also had three fouls and a length-of-the-court assist following one rebound. There was one sign of rust: he got caught playing illegal defense twice, the second giving Seattle a technical free throw.

Rodman was aggressive from the get-go, snatching the game's first miss and being fouled by Vin Baker. Then Patterson made the mistake of trying to drive to the hoop through Rodman. Both went down, but only Rodman got up. Patterson, who was called for a charge, remained flat on

his face for several minutes.

Rodman sat out the first few minutes of the second quarter, but he grabbed the first available rebound when he returned. There was a near blowup soon after, though, as he was called for two quick fouls — both of which he disagreed with.

Rodman, obviously peeved, ran upcourt cupping the ball as if he were going to heave it, but instead marched to the far sideline and placed it down softly.

He spent the last 2:42 of the quarter on the bench, then walked silently to the locker room at halftime with a towel over his blonde head. Seattle led 59-51 and won 117-106. Rodman finished with 13 rebounds in 32 minutes.

The fans who made this just the second sellout of the season made it obvious who they were here to see as they howled for everything Rodman did.

Some had homemade signs, such as "Oh my God, it's Rodzilla" and "Welcome back Worm. We missed you. Go Mavs." Six shirtless teenagers wore goofy hats and wigs and had R-O-D-M-A-N spelled on their chests. Others painted their hair blue and green and a few had very fake-looking earrings and nose rings.

This was easily the Mavs' most-anticipated home game since the Western Conference finals in 1988. The team issued more than 100 extra media credentials, forcing

some of the overflow to be stashed in the hockey press box. Such attention is unheard of for a team that's last playoff win came before Rodman had his first tattoo.

Rodman, though, was unfazed by it all.

He shook hands with singer Montell Jordan during pregame warmups, then rocked nervously from side to side as Jordan sang the national anthem. When Rodman was the first starter announced, he danced in place under a spotlight without even cracking a smile.

Rodman got the evening off to a good note by showing up five minutes earlier than he had to, getting into the locker room at 6:10 p.m. even though his teammates had been at Reunion Arena for well over an hour.

Rodman was all business as he collected several pairs of shoes and went straight to an off-limits workout room. That's when he found out he was in the starting lineup.

"He's going to start eventually anyway, so we might as well throw him right in there," coach-general manager Don Nelson said.

Nelson laid out his first game plan of the Rodman Era to the other 11 players during a 5 p.m. shootaround and walkthrough. Shawn Bradley was the demoted starter and he didn't take it well, hurling a ball towards a rack then sulking against the hoop standard while the rest of the team simulated plays.

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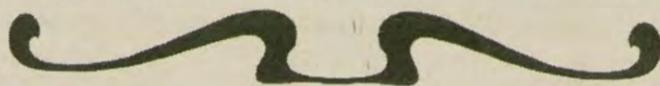
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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Calendar of Events

NDE #60 (Mar. 31-Apr. 2) Sign-Up

Monday, February 7 through Friday, February 11
103 Hesburgh Library

Learning to Talk About Race Retreat

Friday-Saturday, February 11-12
Lindenwood Retreat Center

Freshman Retreat #27

Friday-Saturday, February 11-12, St. Joe Hall

Senior Retreat #1

Friday-Saturday, February 11-12,
Oakwood Park, Syracuse, IN

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Monday, February 14 through Monday, February 28,
103 Hesburgh Library
Targeted Dorms: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Howard, Keough,
Knott, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, and Sorin

Senior Retreat #2 (Mar. 31-Apr. 1) Sign-Up

Monday, February 14 through Friday, March 24
103 Hesburgh Library

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, February 16, 8:00 pm, Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, February 16, 10:00-10:30 p.m.,
Walsh Hall Chapel

Overview of Natural Family Planning

Thursday, February 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Montgomery Theatre, LaFortune
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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, February 12 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 13 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Most Rev. Dale J. Melczek, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Lev. 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

What Am I Going to Do with My Life? Jim Lies, C.S.C.

"I'm not sure."

There is only one other phrase, probably, that I've spoken more often than "I'm not sure," and it's, "I don't know."

When I was younger I thought that as I grew older, with more education and experience, I would have fewer and fewer occasions to use these phrases. And yet, as I have gained so much in the way of education and experience, I find myself using just such phrases all the more.

Some years ago, a senior here at Notre Dame told the story that when she was a first year student she was pretty sure she wanted to be an attorney. She studied like a future Supreme Court justice, giving herself entirely to that future goal. She even began to pick out law schools. As time passed, and with more education and experience, she became less certain. For various reasons, some which she didn't understand herself, she grew less sure about being an attorney by the time her second semester senior year rolled around. When asked about what she was going to do after graduation some four short months away, she would say, "I don't know." This was difficult not only because she felt the need to be certain, but because she felt like she owed it to others, especially to her parents, to be certain, and to be successful.

Although the story of Jesus tells us that what we do is important, it also tells us that how we do what we do is often more important. Jesus was somewhat of a wandering preacher and teacher who told people who seemed sure of what God wanted of them, and sure of an exact way to be saved, that perhaps they ought to think again. Jesus welcomed with love all people, especially those most brutally excluded by society. It was not just what Jesus did that revealed him as God, but how he did it. Christianity is first and foremost a way of living in the world.

We are well into the second semester. At times it may seem like the pressure is on. There is that popular question, "What are you going to do?" Anxiety seems to go hand-in-hand with unsurety; and at this point in our lives we expect to grow in certainty, not uncertainty. Perhaps many of us, especially seniors in their final semester, are realizing that when it comes to discerning a job choice or a career, 100% certainty is at least unlikely and probably impossible.

Maybe one of the most important benefits of education and experience is a dispelling of the ways in which we are tempted to oversimplify the complexities of life. There is something about dying and rising in all of this, a dying and rising which takes place during this life, and which we celebrate during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Hopefully, we die to old ways of seeing ourselves that were narrow and exact in order to continually rise to new ways of seeing ourselves and others; a dying and rising that allows us the freedom to change and appreciate the ability of others to change; a dying and rising that heightens our appreciation of the Paschal Mystery. Maybe we have to let go of that image of ourselves that is so sure of ourselves, and that seems not to need God. Perhaps this dying and rising calls us to be a little more comfortable with not being so sure all of the time, and not knowing everything there is to know, exactly. What else is faith for but to give us the surety to rest comfortably in the unsurety. I'd encourage you to take some time, perhaps on a retreat, to rest in the unknowing. Campus Ministry is sponsoring three Senior Retreats this semester; and the Center for Social Concerns and Campus Ministry are co-sponsoring a Senior Service Retreat. Call Campus Ministry or the CSC for more information. But hurry! They number of folks who are living the question are many!

I don't need to say that what we do with our lives is important. Our choices can have a great impact on ourselves and on our world. However, maybe the question which should precede "What do I want to do?" is "How do I want to be?" And maybe then our uncertainty can move us ever closer to the truth of our lives, and of our faith; and ever closer to our God. Maybe the most important thing is not always what we do with our lives, but how we do it. Maybe it's time to rest, even revel, in the uncertainty, as a means by which we surrender our own wills to the will of our God. It's time to consider not so much what we do as the measure of our success, or how much money we make, or the status of our particular job or occupation; but rather, to consider how we choose to live our lives in whatever we choose to do; and whether we have welcomed the surety of God into the unsurety of our lives.



PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Seles addresses women's glass ceiling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Speaking before congressional leaders and other dignitaries to accept an award, Monica Seles was so nervous her voice cracked.

A few minutes later, in casual conversation, she settled down enough to talk about her 1993 stabbing.

Seles' ability to overcome adversity and return to the elite of her sport earned her the annual Flo Hyman Award, presented Wednesday on National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

"In a single moment, the script changed forever," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said in presenting the award. "She rewrote her own script."

Seles is the 15th recipient of the honor, named after the Olympic volleyball player who died suddenly from a ruptured aorta in 1986. Seles joins Chris Evert, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova as the fourth tennis player honored.

"It's very special," Seles said. "I'm very fortunate to be playing a sport I love and to make a fantastic living at it."

Rep. Ted Stevens, R-Ala., referred to as the "Father of Title IX," received a special award for his contribution to women's sports. Title IX is a 1972 federal law designed to equalize money spent on men's and women's sports.

Stevens used the opportunity Wednesday to make a case for a bill he's sponsoring that would require schools to provide each student at least one hour of physical education class per day.

Seles, one of four women tennis players to earn more than \$10 million in prize money, was fortunate to play in one of the few women's sports that received widespread attention over the past few decades. However, she said she still plays under a glass ceiling.

"Definitely," she said. "There's still quite a difference in terms of our regular tour prize money and at the Grand Slams, too. The only Grand Slam that provides equal prize money is the U.S. Open. You train the same amount of hours, there's no difference."

Seles was the No. 1 player in the world when she was stabbed during a changeover at a tournament in Hamburg, Germany. She stayed away from the WTA Tour for more than two years, but returned to become the tour's comeback player of the year in 1995. She's currently ranked 13th in the world.

"I think I've put it behind me, but it's always going to be brought up," Seles said. "And I think in life there are going to be more times that I'm going to have to go through adversity. You have to move on. It's such a gift to be here every single day."

Seles, 26, acknowledged she is a more content person now than when she was a giggling teenager ruling her sport.

"I was 16, 17, 18 at that time, and I was 19 when I got stabbed," Seles said. "So a lot of life experiences change and a lot of your outlook on life. I still want to strive to be the best that I can be. As long I love to play, I think I will."

Seles is recovering from a stress fracture of her right foot, but will return to the circuit in the State Farm Championships at Scottsdale, Ariz., later this month. It's unlikely she will ever be the dominant No. 1 again, especially with the wave of new, younger and stronger players such as Venus Williams, Serena Williams and Amelie Mauresmo on the rise.

"All the women are getting stronger, and that's the future of women's tennis," Seles said. "I think as a player, you have to make those adjustments. All of us can be to a certain point strong. There's so much genetics and just nature that come into force."

NFL

49ers release Woodall, Washington

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif.

Two-time Pro Bowl linebacker Lee Woodall and defensive end Marvin Washington were released Wednesday and the San Francisco 49ers are close to cutting Pro Bowl safety Tim McDonald.

The moves are all part of San Francisco's plan to reduce its bloated payroll. By letting Woodall and Washington go, the 49ers saved about \$1 million against the salary cap. The 49ers remain about \$13.5 million over the projected \$62.5 million salary cap.

The team must be under the cap by midnight EST Thursday. Failure to do so could result in a \$1 million-per-day fine from the NFL.

Linebacker Ken Norton, Jr. is close to agreeing to a cap-saving restructured deal and the 49ers also are talking with the agent for Steve Young to rework his contract.

McDonald has balked at a San Francisco proposal that would cut his pay, and he, too, may become a cap casualty. McDonald said Wednesday he did not expect to return to the 49ers.

"I've had a great time. There comes a time when things happen and it happened," McDonald said.

"The only thing that stays the same is change and obviously they've chosen to go in a different direction."

The impending departure of McDonald follows last season's release of Merton Hanks, part of a Pro Bowl tandem at safety for the 49ers.

But the 49ers found a younger replacement for Hanks in Lance Schulters, who earned a Pro Bowl berth in his first season as starter. And San Francisco has two candidates to replace McDonald — Zack Bronson and Pierson Prioleau — at a fraction of McDonald's cost.

Woodall, regarded as one of the top pass-covering linebackers in the league, was a six-year starter for the 49ers.

earning Pro Bowl berths in 1995 and 1997.

Washington has played for the New York Jets, Denver Broncos and 49ers during an 11-year career.

General manager Bill Walsh has spoken to Young's agent, Leigh Steinberg, about restructuring the quarterback's contract as well as Young's football future. Young missed the last 13 games of the season after a hard hit at Arizona left him with his fourth concussion in three years.

Steinberg said he and the 49ers are working toward a restructured deal, however Young has delayed a decision on whether to resume his career until after his scheduled marriage in mid-March.

"To help them make some progress this week, we would accommodate them with a restructuring," Steinberg said. "And Steve would postpone the decision as to his future for a while. He's focusing on other fronts now anyway."

"The only thing that stays the same is change and obviously they've chosen to go in a different direction."

**Tim McDonald
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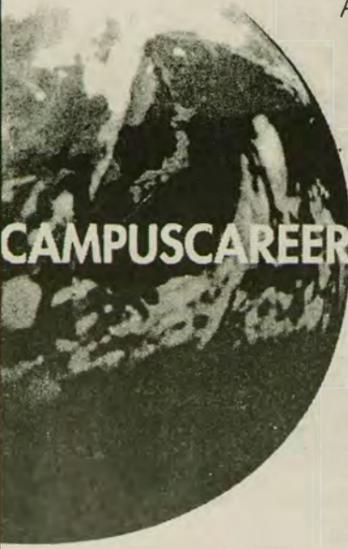
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PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

Agassi bows out of Sybase Open due to back strain

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.
A year after being defaulted

in the second round for repeatedly cursing at a linesman. Andre Agassi never even made it that far this time at the

Sybase Open. Agassi, scheduled to play his first match in the United States in nearly five months on

Wednesday night, pulled out of the tournament late Tuesday night with a lower back strain.

"I wish I was feeling a lot better. I wish I could play here," Agassi said at a news conference Wednesday night. "I can't afford to get held back by doing something stupid out there."

Agassi has a chronic condition in his back known as spondylolisthesis, which is when one of the lower vertebrae is slightly forward of its normal position. About 2 percent of all people have such a condition, though it's most common in pre-teens.

Lenny Stein, the San Francisco chiropractor who treated Agassi, said it's unlikely the world's No. 1 player will miss any action other than the Sybase Open. Agassi is not scheduled to play again until an event in Scottsdale, Ariz., beginning March 6.

Stein said there were signs of inflammation in Agassi's lower back, but X-rays did not show any problem other than the spondylolisthesis.

Agassi flew to California from Zimbabwe, where altitude sickness and dehydration caused him to vomit into a court-side trash can while leading the United States to a Davis Cup victory. The previous weekend, he won the Australian Open.

Since leaving his home in Las Vegas on Dec. 28, he has flown 25,780 miles. Now he's heading back to Las Vegas for rest.

Agassi said he first strained his back in his Australian Open semifinal against Pete Sampras, and then aggravated it because he had to use more spin than normal on his shots in the altitude of Harare, Zimbabwe. It got worse on the 26-hour flight to San Francisco.

"Playing here would have been by far a greater concern for me. Not only would I have not been at my best, but I would have subjected myself to real risk," Agassi said. "It's not easy to stay healthy 52 weeks of the year in tennis."

The withdrawal of the top-seeded Agassi left defending champion Mark Philippoussis as the top remaining seeded player at No. 2. Philippoussis, ranked 17th in the world, was the only top 40 player left in the \$350,000 tournament.

Agassi had arrived in San Jose after a tough nine days of world travel. He won the Australian Open title on Jan. 30 in Melbourne, then flew to southern Africa to win two singles matches for the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first-round victory over Zimbabwe.

He assured Sybase Open and ATP Tour officials Monday that he would be playing in the tournament, which was to have been his first in the United States since winning the U.S. Open title last September.

But Agassi called tournament director Barry MacKay after a practice session in San Francisco on Tuesday to say he was pulling out of the Sybase event.

"He said he started getting cramps on the flight from Zimbabwe to London," MacKay said. "Then on the flight to San Francisco, it started to get worse. He tried to work out, but could barely move."

It was at the 1998 Sybase Open that Agassi defeated No. 1 Sampras in the final, an early step in his comeback from being ranked as low as 141st in the world. Agassi has been No. 1 since winning the U.S. Open last September.

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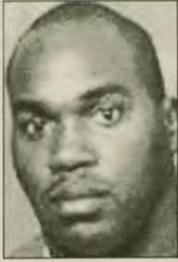
NFL

Massive blood clot triggered Thomas' heart attack

Associated Press

Derrick Thomas' legs weren't red or swollen and his body temperature was normal.

There were no visible signs of a blood clot, doctors said Wednesday. But when Thomas was being moved from his hospital bed to a wheelchair on his way to therapy Tuesday morning, something triggered a massive blood clot in his pulmonary artery that provides blood and oxygen from the heart to the lungs.



Thomas

Thomas, 33, told his mother he wasn't feeling well just before his eyes rolled back, said Dr. Frank Eismont, an orthopedic surgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The Chiefs star, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a game, went into cardio-respiratory arrest. Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down in a car crash two weeks earlier, died minutes later.

The cause of death, confirmed Wednesday by an autopsy, is common for paralysis victims.

"A certain percentage of people with paralysis suffer from blood clots," said Dr. Barth Green, a neurosurgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital. "Sometimes you can see them and sometimes they're hidden in the deeper veins of the body, and that's what happened with Derrick."

Between 3 percent and 15 percent of spinal cord injury patients suffer from blood clots, Green said.

Thomas was driving a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two

friends headed to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis for the NFC championship game. He lost control of the car, and it overturned several times.

Police said Thomas was speeding and weaving in traffic, but no charges were filed.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car. Tellis was killed and Thomas' spine and neck were broken. The third person in the car was wearing a seat belt and received minor injuries.

Thomas was brought to the hospital in Miami, his hometown, where he had surgery to repair his spinal column.

The nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker had been on blood thinners since the accident, doctors said. Therapists also used mechanical devices on Thomas daily that intermittently contracted his legs to help circulate blood.

"We took all the aggressive precautions that are available to people today," Green said. "It just wasn't enough."

Added Eismont: "If I were to have it all to do over again, I wouldn't do anything different."

Thomas had been progressing quickly in rehabilitation. He was allowed out of the hospital last weekend — although a nurse and a physician stayed with him — and he had been talking about returning to Kansas City within the next few months, said Dr. Jon Browne, Chiefs team physician.

A news conference had been discussed that would have

informed the public of Thomas' upcoming moves.

Thomas left behind thousands of grieving fans and nearly as many friends and relatives trying to cope with his sudden death. He will be remembered in both Kansas City, Mo., and Miami within the next 10 days.

Memorial services are set to begin in Kansas City and then move to Miami, Thomas' hometown and the place

where he will be buried.

There will be a viewing Monday at Thomas' church in Kansas City, then a memorial service at Kemper Arena the following day, Chiefs president Carl Peterson said.

"I'm not sure it can hold all the people who want to attend," Peterson said. "It will be a public opportunity for Derrick's fans and friends to honor him."

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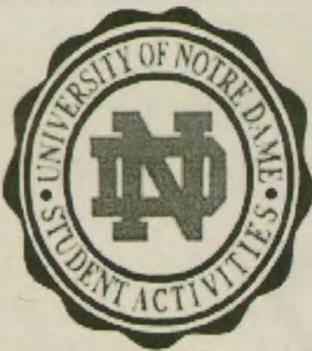
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Belles

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from the field while the Belles only shot .318 from the field, and Albion out-rebounded Saint Mary's 51-38.

"When you give them second chances at shots and you don't have those yourself, it really hurts your game," Roberts said. "They out-rebounded and out-shot us in the first half, and that was what cost us the game."

Albion jumped out to an early lead in the first half, leaving the half with a seven-point lead. Saint Mary's scored 18 points during the first half, making only six of 29 shots. During the last 10 minutes of the game, however, the Belles battled back to within three following two three pointers by Stefanie Pfannensteil and one 3-point shot by Julie Norman.

"The team went on an awesome run during the second half," Matha said. "They really stepped up the defense and the press, but fell short in the end."

In a game ridden with fouls, both the Belles and the Britons gave up numerous points on free throw attempts. Albion fouled 20 times during the game, giving up 16 points in free throws. Saint Mary's gave up 17 points of 21 fouls, including a controversial technical foul by Norman.

During the second half, Norman went after a loose ball and was fouled by a member of the Albion team. Energized by the call, Norman threw the ball on the ground, not realizing the Briton guard had not gotten up off the floor and the ball struck the Albion player in the face. A technical foul was called.

"It was in the excitement of the moment and Julie didn't know she was there," Matha said. "I don't think it was deserved."

"We can't blame the loss of the referees,



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Sophomore guard Kelly Jones goes up for a shot in Saint Mary's Wednesday's 71-63 loss to Albion.

but poor reffing was a factor to both teams throughout the entire game," Matha added. "There were a lot of missed calls."

Norman, Jones and Anne Blaire each had four fouls during the game and Stouffer came close behind with three. Albion players Treasa Gourlay and Becky

Cambell also joined with four fouls a piece.

In 40 minutes of play, there were 54 foul shot attempts resulting in 33 points, almost 25 percent of the total score.

"It was a very aggressive game," Matha said. "Both teams were playing very hard because it was such a close game near the end and that led to a more physical contest."

Saint Mary's earned the rest of its points on five three-point shots and 17 field goals. Norman led the team with 15 points. Joining Norman on offense were Jones and Pfannensteil with 11 points a piece. Jones, Roberts, and Blair each had six rebounds and Norman came close behind with five.

Irish

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All-American scored 12 of the team's first 19 points of the half, as the Irish led 54-43 at the 12:30 mark.

"I thought midway through the second half we started playing our game," McGraw said. "We went into Ruth and I thought she responded well and came up big."

At the 8:39 mark of the half, Danielle Green stepped to the line and calmly sank one of her free throws, for her 1,000th career point. She became the 16th player in Irish history to achieve the feat.

"That was a great thing for Danielle," McGraw said. "She's had a tremendous year and especially lately. She's played so well in the last three or four weeks. She's showing a lot of leadership and doing a great job for us."

After Kelley Siemon scored nine points in less than four minutes, the Irish led 73-51 with 4:18 remaining.

Then came a four-minute stretch that McGraw would like to forget.

Pittsburgh's pressure defense, their hot shooting and Notre Dame's poor bench play all added up to a wild finish.

It started with a Wittenmyer shot from the post, as the Panthers scored eight straight. Notre Dame was still up by 15 with two minutes left, but Michelle Katkowski, Laine Selwyn and Brooke Stewart scored eleven points in less than a minute.

A Stewart three-pointer from the left corner with 18 seconds left narrowed the lead to 80-74. After a turnover, Selwyn had an open three from the top of the key. She missed. Green hit one of two free throws to seal the victory.

"We were very tentative at that point," McGraw said of the final four minutes. "I think that's why teams think they can press us because they watch the ends of our game. From now on we're just not going to sub at that point which is unfortunate."

After giving her players a couple days off to rest prior to last night's game, McGraw has reassessed her thinking.

"That's the last time we'll take any extra days off," McGraw said.

"I can't wait to get to practice [today]. I think we've got a lot of great ideas about how we can fix what happened tonight," she said. "I think we'll bring our track shoes tomorrow and get the kinks out that way."



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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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High jumper Jen Engelhardt sprang to success at Notre Dame, making history with her lofty leaps.

Engelhardt aims to win her third honor as an All-American.

"All-American status is great," Engelhardt said. "And I'd love to be blessed with that again. Becoming All-American, and then continuing to do it junior year [is my greatest success]. That was really rewarding and something I never expected."

This season, the senior biology and education major wants to win the third and fourth Big East titles of her career.

"I want to lead the team in the Big East and have a strong finish, hopefully a championship," Engelhardt said.

Engelhardt won the Big East Outdoors Championships each of the past two years. She has never finished lower than second in the Big East, indoors or outdoors.

Engelhardt achieved success through both talent and hard work.

"She'll do anything you ask her," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "She's very con-

scientious. She works hard, and I think she puts in as much time as she's physically capable of. She's a pleasure to work with."

Leading the Irish

This year, Engelhardt serves as one of two captains for the Irish, a position that adds leadership responsibility to her role as a high scorer.

"Just today, she said that she didn't think that some of the younger athletes on the team really understood how important the Big East is," Winsor said. "And she was going to try to get that across to them."

Engelhardt takes pride in being a team captain.

"I think it was a great honor to lead the team and represent Notre Dame,"

Engelhardt said. "It's something that I really treasure."

Irish coaches selected Engelhardt as captain for reasons beyond just athletics. Engelhardt has excelled in the classroom despite the rigor of being a varsity athlete with a double major in biology and education.

"Obviously we take accomplishments outside of track and field into consideration

when we pick our captains," Winsor said. "Typically we try to pick someone who's very accomplished both athletically and academically."

Going for gold

The 2000 track season will not be the end of Engelhardt's career, not if she has anything to say about it. Instead of hanging up her track shoes following graduation, Engelhardt plans to throw her efforts behind a possible run at the Olympics.

"The Olympic Trials are right over the horizon," Engelhardt said. "That would be my ultimate goal. It's like the next step up. I think it [jumping] is something I'm not going to be able to put down. The coaches are pretty responsive to letting me train after school lets out. The door's open, so I'm going to follow through on that."

Qualifying for the Olympic Trials will require the best jumping of her career. Engelhardt will need to improve on her career best high jump of 6-0 3/4 by two to three inches to have a shot at Olympic glory.

"For her to qualify for the Olympic Trials, she's definitely

capable of it," Winsor said. "It's going to be difficult for her because she's so busy this semester with her education major. She needs to work on her strength, but she's definitely capable of qualifying."

If sheer will power can get her there, Engelhardt will be a shoo-in.

"She's extremely dedicated," head track and field coach Joe Piane said. "She's very talented and a great competitor."

Every competition this year has been chalked up as a victory for Engelhardt, a trend she aims to continue this weekend at the Butler Invitational.

"I've got three more chances to improve my standings for the NCAA meet," Engelhardt said. "I'm just going to take this as another chance to improve in the rankings."

Starting off stellar

Engelhardt was ranked as the No. 4 high school high jumper in the nation as a senior at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Mich. But she wasn't even sure whether she wanted to concentrate on diving or high jumping.

"Actually I was a diver, and that was my first option," Engelhardt said. "But I always had a love for high jumping, so I went that route."

A lifelong fan of the Michigan Wolverines, her college choice came down to Michigan and Notre Dame. Once she zeroed in on Notre Dame, she quickly

had a deep impact on the Irish.

As a freshman, Engelhardt became the first Notre Dame woman ever to earn All-American status in a field event, placing ninth at the NCAA indoor championships.

"That really came as a shock for me," Engelhardt said. "I really went after it, and I really worked hard. Plus I have a great coach."

She's been winning praise ever since.

Engelhardt smashed Notre Dame's indoors school record her freshman year with a winning jump of 5-foot-10 3/4 at the Alex Wilson Invitational. That same season, she began her run of top finishes at the Big East Championships by taking second both indoors and outdoors.

Despite the early accomplishments, Engelhardt kept jumping higher and higher, setting a Notre Dame outdoors record with a leap of 6-0 3/4.

Her junior season, Engelhardt made her way to two NCAA championships. She took 12th at the indoors championships to be designated as an All-American for the second time in her career. At the NCAA outdoors championships, Engelhardt turned around to place 19th.

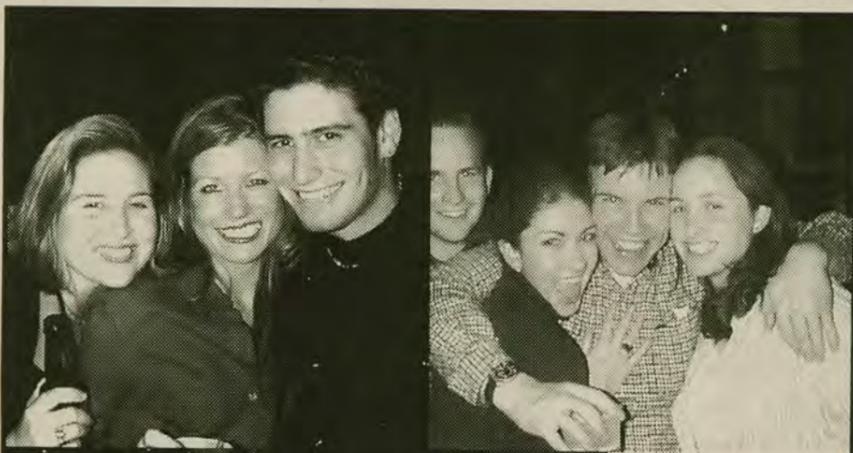
"She's improved a lot," Winsor said. "She jumped 5-10 in high school, and she's jumped 6-0 3/4. When you're at that level, three inches is quite a bit. You can work years for a one-inch improvement."



Engelhardt

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IRISH INSIGHT

Irish are lucky to escape with victory

Call it the luck of the Irish. When the Irish stepped on the court Wednesday night against conference rival Pittsburgh, they didn't look like the No. 5 team in the nation.

Suffering through their worst display of basketball all season, the Irish just edged out the 13-8 Panthers with a 81-74 finish.

The Irish were lucky they weren't playing Connecticut, Rutgers or Boston College.

They were lucky no NCAA scouts were at the Joyce Center trying to decide what teams should host the opening rounds come tournament time.

And they were lucky that the eighth-ranked team in the conference wasn't on top of its game enough to pull a major upset.

"I'd like to apologize to our fans and anyone who had to sit through that game because we didn't play to our abilities," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "For that I apologize and our team apologizes. It was the most embarrassing performance of the season."

When a team breaks a school record for most consecutive wins with its 16th straight victory and one of its senior starters etches her name into the record books with her 1,000th point, it should be a time for celebration.

But for senior guard Danielle Green and the Irish, broken records were met with broken spirits as the Irish realized the road to the NCAA tour-

namment is going to be an uphill battle. "We had a lot of problems," said McGraw. "Definitely the mental part, the lack of focus, the lack of intensity, the lack of pride and the lack of any basketball knowledge whatsoever were all key factors."

The Irish showed Wednesday that they are not as infallible as they have appeared since their winning streak began in December. They hit a low point by letting a team that lost to Connecticut by 52 points come within seven points of an upset.

The Irish were plagued by turnovers and a non-existent inside game in the first half. Handing the ball over to the Panthers 12 times, the Irish were unable to stick to their usual game plan and high standards.

Despite their height advantage under the net, the Irish couldn't convert in the lane. After five missed shots in the first two minutes, McGraw had to go to the to replace center Ruth Riley and forward Julie Henderson.

"I felt our post didn't come to play mentally," said McGraw. "When you're looking inside and you can't convert, then you have to make a change."

Riley finished out the half with one field goal and five points. Henderson added only two.

"Missing shots like that makes you frustrated," said Riley. "We should have been making those shots. I think a lot of people stopped looking for their shots after they missed a few — that hurt us."

Luckily for the Irish, Big East co-rookie of the week Alicia Ratay was on fire from behind the arc. Ratay hit four 3-pointers in a row to make up for the poor play under the basket,

scoring 14 points in the first half, propelling her squad to a six-point 33-27 halftime lead.

"That was the only reason we were winning at halftime," said McGraw of Ratay's sharp shooting.

That lead was cut to just three in the opening second of the second half before the Irish picked up the tempo a notch.

Realizing that their undefeated conference record was being seriously tested for the first time all season, Riley and forward Kelley Siemon turned up the intensity. They combined for 25 second-half points, leading the Irish to a 73-51 lead with 4:18 remaining on the clock.

But the win was anything but safe, as McGraw gave her starters a rest and the Irish bench squandered a 22-point lead in less than four minutes. When the Panthers began to use the press to gain possession of the ball, they whittled the Irish lead to just six with 20 seconds left in regulation.

"I'm not pleased at all with the bench. And that's an understatement," said McGraw. "We're just not going to sub at that point which is unfortunate."

The Irish have enough talent to propel them to the Final Four in March, but only if they play with that talent for the full 40 minutes.

With the toughest stretch of their schedule on the horizon with road trips to Rutgers and Connecticut in the coming weeks, the Irish can't afford to falter again.

And McGraw knows just how to ensure that.

"I'm not sure if [the Irish performance] opened their eyes or not but I have a feeling that tomorrow's practice will be more eye opening than today's game," said the head coach. "I think we'll bring our track shoes tomorrow and get the kinks out that way."

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

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Maryland upsets Duke in Cameron

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

The streaks for No. 3 Duke are over, and at the hands of an unlikely opponent.

The 23rd-ranked Maryland Terrapins had lost 28 of their last 33 against the Blue Devils, but got 31 points from Juan Dixon and two key 3-pointers late by Terence Morris in a 98-87 victory Wednesday night, snapping Duke's record 31-game Atlantic Coast Conference winning streak.

Duke (18-3, 9-1) also had the nation's longest winning streak snapped at 18 and lost in Cameron Indoor Stadium for the first time since Jan. 11, 1997, against Wake Forest — a span of 46 games.

Dixon's point total matched a career high, while Lonny Baxter added 22 points and Morris had 20 as the Terrapins (17-6, 6-4) tied North Carolina for second place in the ACC.

The game was tied 83-83 when Morris, who had struggled all night and allowed 28 points to Shane Battier on defense, hit a baseline 3-pointer with 3:27 left to give Maryland the lead or good. A minute later, he made another shot from beyond the arc and the upset was brewing.

Dixon helped close it out with three fouls shots over the final 31 seconds as the Terrapins outscored Duke 15-4 down the stretch.

Morris finished 7-of-22 from the field.

Neither team led by more than seven points until the final two minutes in arguably the best ACC game of the year.

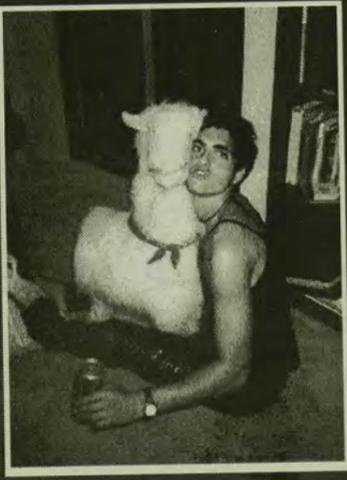
Duke made 13 of its first 17 shots, but unlike most of its wins during the Cameron streak, the Blue Devils couldn't knock out their opponent, turning the ball over 12 times in the opening 20 minutes.

The Terrapins trailed 33-26 before going on an 11-0 run behind six points from Baxter, who had 14 in a fast-paced first half in which both teams shot at least 50 percent.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles host conference championships in peak form

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

After two years of provisional membership in the MIAA, the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team opened their season ready to make a statement.

Pressing Alma and Calvin College to harder victories than expected during the regular season, defeating a surprised University of Chicago at its season opener and busting three school records, it's safe to say their voice has been heard.

And the screaming is just about to begin.

Closing their season this weekend with a home court advantage at the first ever championship event to be hosted by Saint Mary's, there is no question in any team member's mind that this will be yet another statement made by the team.

"This makes a huge statement about how serious we are in athletics," first-year head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt said. "We want the MIAA to see we're moving forward, and this can really bring a name to Saint Mary's."

Outside of the championship hype, the women are focused and ready to swim.

"These women are ready," Hildebrandt said. "We've talked a lot in practice about this being a no-pressure situation. When these women get behind the blocks, behind their lane, they will own that race. They're not going to have to worry about anything else."

While the team will certainly face close encounters with Alma and Calvin College this weekend, Hildebrandt has focused her swimmers on personal performance, not in team standings, she said.

"I'm not pitting my swimmers against the other teams, calculating points here and there," Hildebrandt said. "We're not ready for that as a team. What I want them to feel is confident, and like they're enjoying themselves in the water."

The focus, Hildebrandt emphasized, is on swimmers' personal performances.

"I want them to be concerned with their own race," she said. "We're not ready to start dealing with points here."

However, losing two meets by less than 15 points is a factor weighing on the women's minds, as the opportunity to

come out on top surfaces again, said co-captain Michelle Samreta.

"I'd say that our primary goal is for personal best times and staying unified," Samreta said, "but the team can definitely chase the competition. It's definitely a thought in our minds. We aren't just out for personal bests here. We do know that we have a chance of beating out these other teams."

For a team that started its season under more than its share of turmoil, surmounting heavy roster changes and transitioning to a new coach, the mental toughness developed throughout the season will play a critical role in the weekend's championship. Throughout the season, the team's mental capacity has been a consistent strength, Hildebrandt said.

"When I tell them to go a time in practice, they'll go that time in practice," she said. "They have an excellent balance of mental toughness and physical fitness. These are mentally tough swimmers."

Samreta agreed.

"Mentally, we're very on top of our game," she said. "We've been training physically and mentally, and we're ready to go."

Evidence of that mental preparation has been exhibited throughout the past several dual meets, with the women posting season and career bests during the peak of their training, virtually unheard of in the late months of the season.

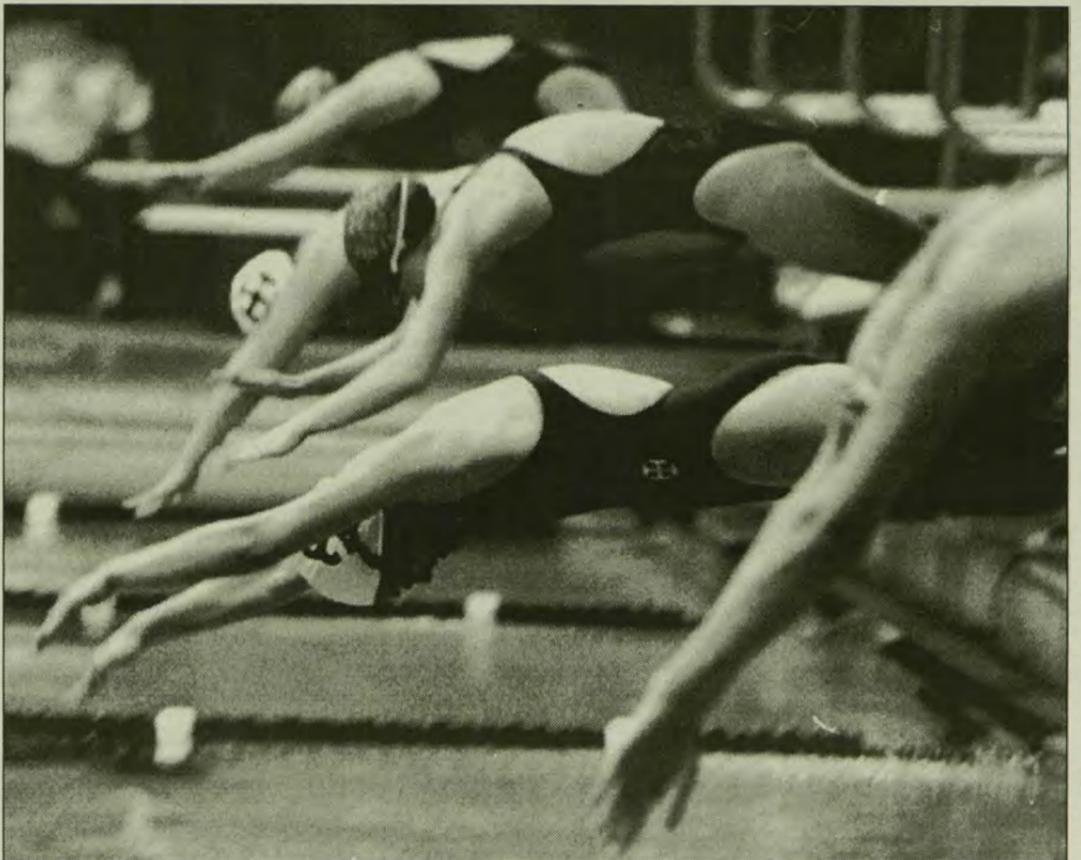
Coming into the final stretch, that is not expected to change.

"They're still going to swim fast," Hildebrandt said. "They don't have anything to worry about."

Having erased three records to date this season, several records are also going to come under fire this weekend, possibly giving the 1999-2000 team some historical fame in the books.

Junior sprinter Colleen Sullivan and sophomore sprinter Danielle Clayton will go head to head against the 1999 50 freestyle record, which Clayton broke in the 1999 championships. The pair could also knock on the door of the 100 freestyle record, uncontested since 1994.

Samreta, who has re-set her 100 breaststroke record twice in her collegiate career, is also expected to put her record on the line in her final collegiate meet.



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The Belles dive into conference competition this weekend with the MIAA Championships. Saint Mary's will host the meet for the first time ever.

Freshman standout Lauren Smith will also try her 200 breaststroke record, which she has broken twice throughout the season. Bouncing back from illness, Smith will have to be "mentally focused," Hildebrandt said.

Finally, the 1999 200 medley relay record could fall, with pressure from freshman Lane Herrington, sophomore Alicia Lesneskie, Samreta, and

Sullivan.

"They've been knocking on the door all season," Hildebrandt said. "We're tired of looking at that record!"

Other key performances are expected from co-captain Olivia Smith in the distance events, Sarah Sandahl in the 100 freestyle, and Erin McCarthy in the 200 individual medley.

"I could go through everyone," Hildebrandt said. "There

really are no standouts. Every single swim is going to be phenomenal."

And that, Hildebrandt emphasized, is the statement to be made.

"My major goal for them is to finish, look back and say, 'I loved swimming this year,'" Hildebrandt said. "I want to be able to look at the overall turnout and see them reach their personal goals."

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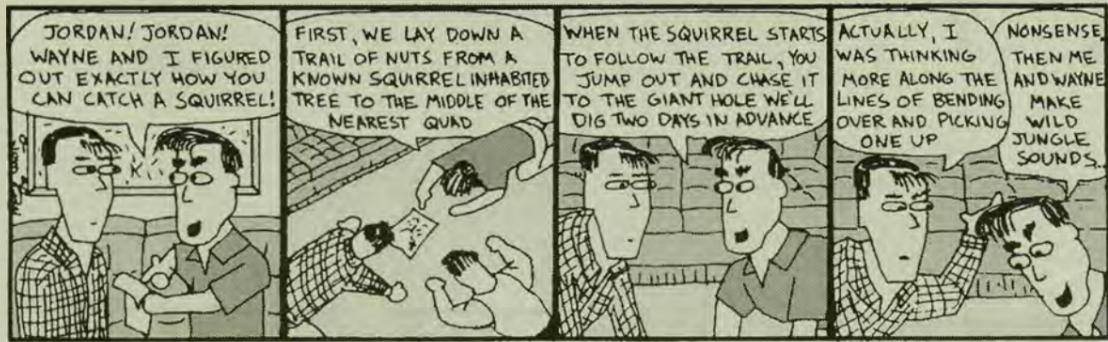
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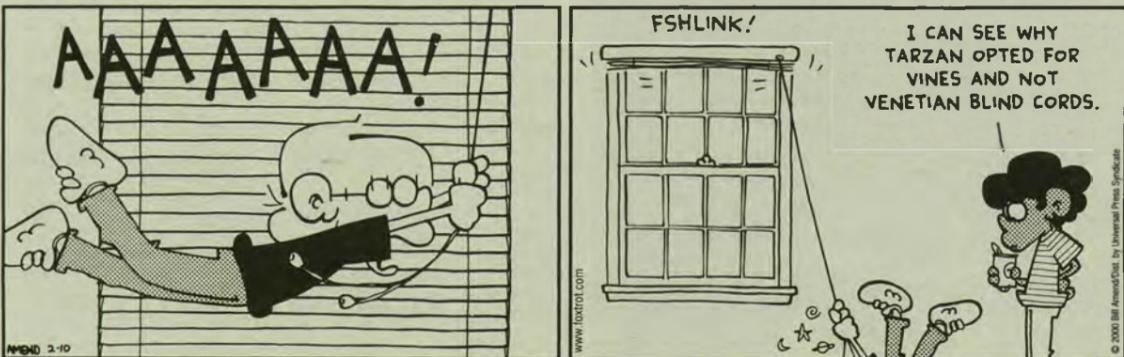
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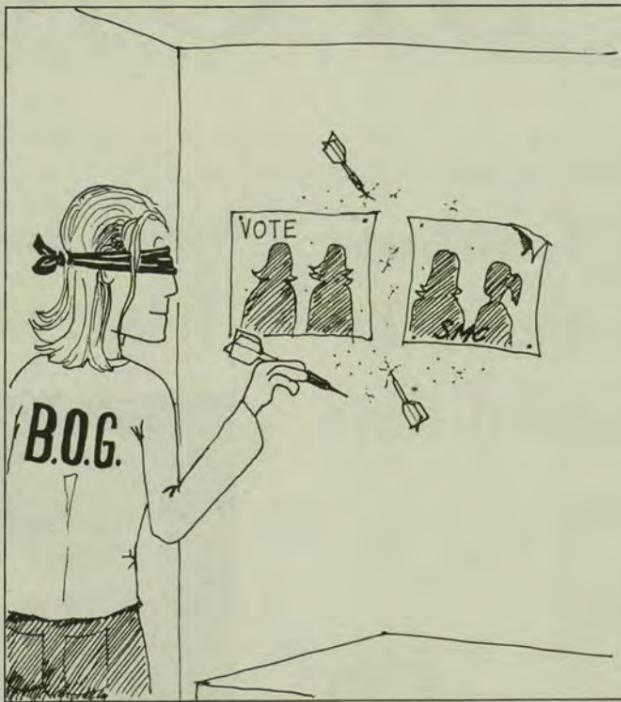
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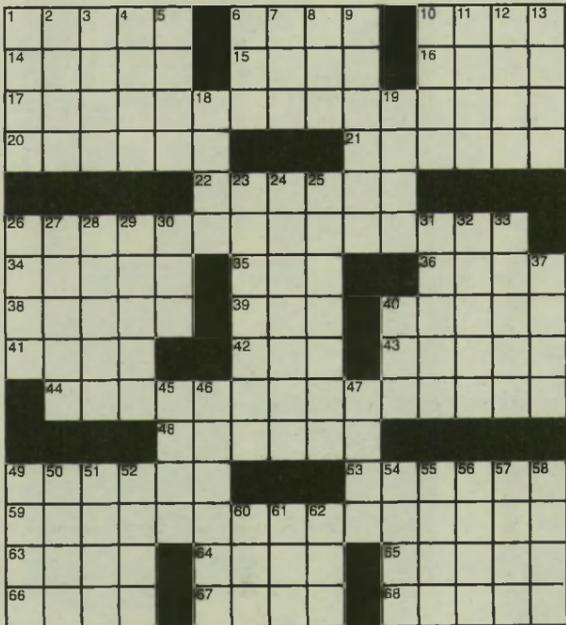
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SPORTS

Leapin' Lizards
Senior high jumper Jen Engelhardt is a track and field All-American. She also holds the Notre Dame high jump record.
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Engelhardt

Conboy best AD candidate

Ding-dong the witch is dead. Enthusiasm swept campus late Monday night as Domers heard of the impending resignation of reviled athletic director Mike Wadsworth.



Brian Churney

The often-elusive truth is, however, that Mike Wadsworth wasn't a bad athletic director.

He was the victim of bad timing, a few very visible, bad decisions and an industry that thrives on results. Would he have taken the fall had the football team gone 10-2 instead of 5-7? Would relatively minor infractions (oh wait, they called them major) and a modest probation hit the Domers as hard if we were winning?

This was the business in which Wadsworth works and was the story of his tenure under the Dome. He was plagued by failures in Notre Dame's two most visible sports — football and men's basketball. And he's judged by these failures.

Never mind that Wadsworth helped to establish Notre Dame as a school of all-around athletic excellence rather than just football achievement. Under Wadsworth, non-revenue sports became respected nation wide.

Notre Dame won a national championship in women's soccer; the women's basketball team became the force it is today. The men's and women's fencing teams finished four straight years as NCAA runner-ups, and Notre Dame has enjoyed success in a multitude of other sports.

But unfortunately for Wadsworth, fencing isn't on television every week and women's soccer doesn't have a contract with NBC. Volleyball doesn't pay the bills.

For each fencing success there was a football failure. For every Matt Doherty he hired, there was a Bob Davie. For every John MacLeod, he persuaded to resign, there was a Lou Holtz he was perceived to have persuaded.

He successfully guided Notre Dame to four consecutive commissioner trophies in its first

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On the Hot Corner

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish survive home scare from Panthers



Danielle Green (12) goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's Wednesday game against Pittsburgh. The Irish won 81-74 to improve their record to 20-2.

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

They filed out of the Joyce Center court with a collective look of disgust on their faces. If you just arrived, you would have thought the women's basketball team had lost to Pittsburgh.

**Irish 81
Panthers 74**

There was no indication, other than on the scoreboard, that Notre Dame (20-2, 11-0 Big East) had won its 16th straight game — a school record.

"It was the most embarrassing performance of the season," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said after her team's 81-74 victory. "I was really glad no one from the NCAA selection committee was here tonight."

What the representatives would have seen was a team struggling to make short jump shots, — even layups — in the first half. A team that turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 27 times. A team that saw a 22-point lead with 4:18 left in the game dwindle to six in less than four minutes.

"I'd like to apologize to our fans and anyone who had to sit through that game," McGraw said, "because we didn't play to our abilities."

The Irish started the game with an 11-2 advantage in the first five minutes behind Alicia Ratay's two 3-pointers. Notre Dame cooled off quickly though, as they managed to hit only 41 percent of their first half attempts.

"Missing shots like that makes you frustrated," center Ruth Riley said. "We should have been making those shots. I think a lot of people stopped looking for their shots after they missed a few—that hurt us."

Notre Dame expanded the lead to 13 but Pittsburgh's Amanda Wittenmyer scored nine points in the last two minutes of the half to cut the Irish margin to 33-27.

About the only positive for the Irish in the first half was Ratay. The 5-foot-11 forward, the Big East's co-Rookie of the Week, connected on 5 of 9 field goals, including four from 3-point range to lead the Irish with 14 points at intermission.

"That was the only reason we were winning at halftime," McGraw said, referring to Ratay's shooting.

At halftime, McGraw made some adjustments, including implementing a full-court press and emphasizing getting the ball to her post players.

Riley was the main recipient of the new strategy. The 6-foot-5

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Britons without Matha's aid

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The Saint Mary's basketball team looked to overcome the odds and defeat Albion College, despite the injuries and illnesses that plagued the Belles during this week's practices.

**Britons 71
Belles 63**

Unfortunately, the odds did not prove wrong. The Belles lost to the Britons 71-63.

Before the game, Saint Mary's was concerned that the illnesses and injuries it suffered this week during practice would negatively affect its performance against Albion. Saint Mary's came into the game without starting forward Kristen Matha who has been out with a leg injury since last Saturday's contest against Calvin College.

Earlier this week, Matha had been given the go-ahead to play in the game by the team doctor.

Due to fear of a blood clot, however, Matha was unable to

play after all. Coach Dave Roeder used a different starting line-up without Matha.

Junior Julie Norman and sophomore Kelly Jones started at the forward positions, sophomore Kelly Roberts started at the center position, and Mary Campione and Jamie Stouffer took their places as guards.

"It always hurts the team when you're down a player," Roberts said. "But other team members really stepped up tonight and played hard."

During last Tuesday's game,

Roberts was hit in the head with a ball, resulting in a concussion. She had also been given the go-ahead to play. She played the first half of the game before she was forced to sit out again due to another shot to the head. It is likely that she suffered another concussion.

Rebounding and consistent shooting have been key to the Belles strategy during the last four games. Wednesday Albion bested Saint Mary's in both categories. The Britons shot .426

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at Butler Invitational
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vs. Nebraska-Omaha
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at Defiance College
Saturday, 3 p.m.



vs. St. John's
Saturday, 7 p.m.