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O'Donoghue wins; Hanover disqualified, will appeal

♦ Election Committee forfeits Hanover/Micek for e-mail campaign violations

By TIM LOGAN
 News Editor

Outside the student government office Thursday night, a crowd gathered, peering through the window at the candidates and election officials inside.

"This is going to be one of the goofiest elections of all time," predicted Student Union treasurer James Jesse. "Just watch, something is going to happen."

About 25 minutes later, something indeed did happen when Judicial Council president Kelly Folks opened the door and announced the results.

"Because of a forfeit by the Hanover/Micek ticket," Folks said, "The O'Donoghue/Norton ticket has won, pending an appeal."

The Election Committee forfeited Hunt Hanover and John Micek from the run-off election because of three violations of campaign bylaws, thus giving victory to Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton.

One of the violations involved Michael Fairchild, a Hanover/Micek supporter and senior from Alumni Hall, e-mailing on behalf of the campaign on election day. Campaigning on election days is prohibited. Fairchild declined to comment.

The other two violations occurred when Hanover e-mailed students in Alumni and Breen-Phillips Halls on behalf of his campaign. The Student Senate prohibited the use of e-mail in campaigns at its Jan. 26 meeting.

Hanover and Micek will appeal the decision of the Election Committee, according to Dan Peate, their campaign manager.

After the results were announced, neither ticket would comment, but no one seemed to believe this was the end of the race.

"The election is in limbo," said student body vice president Michael Palumbo.

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Hanover, Micek, Norton and O'Donoghue study the violations before the decision is announced. The Hanover/Micek ticket was accused of soliciting votes through e-mail during the campaign. Such an action violates election bylaws.



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Judicial Council president Kelly Folks (above) announces the Election Committee's vote to forfeit Hanover/Micek's candidacy. O'Donoghue (right) reacts to the decision.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Trustees to vote on construction of new Dalloway's

By MOLLY McVOY
 News Writer

The fate of the new Saint Mary's clubhouse, better known as the new home of Dalloway's Coffeehouse, is in the hands of the Board of Trustees this weekend.

At this point, the decision facing the Board may have much to do with the lack of funds available for the building.

The Board will have on its agenda the proposal of the floor plans for the new clubhouse. If approved, it will be built on the far south part of campus near the proposed Welcome Center, with ground breaking aimed at March 15 and completion by the start of fall semester.

The proposed clubhouse will cost an estimated \$650,000, according to Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration, and Richard Russell,

vice president for College relations. Currently, only \$270,000 has been raised for the project.

"We're hoping to get approval from [the Board] to proceed even without funds," Russell said. "We have a solid plan."

Members of the parents' council, who began fundraising for renovation of the existing clubhouse, will head the effort. Jim and Colleen Ryan are the current chairs of the council, but Bobby and John Riconosciuto will soon

take over. In the interim, Russell has stepped in to organize the effort. The parents' council is still in the process of deciding how the money will be raised, but it anticipates success.

"Jim and I have fundraised before, and are confident [the funds] will be raised in a timely manner," said Colleen Ryan. Russell explained that if the Board determines construction cannot start until all funds have been secured, the March 15

deadline will be a challenge.

"That's going to be a tall order," Russell said. "\$350,000 is a lot of money, but its not a daunting figure. Its an achievable goal in a relatively short time." Dennis expressed his confidence that the new facility will greatly benefit the students, but sees funding as a hurdle still to overcome.

"It will be a bigger, and better building [than the current club-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Falling, slipping and sliding

As a sheltered Southern Californian, I have had little contact with a certain aspect of South Bend winters: snow. Until attending Notre Dame, I had little experience dealing with it on a daily basis. Not surprisingly, my arrival to the Midwest evoked many snow-related questions. Will I be warm enough in regular jeans, sweaters and a coat? Do I have the right shoes, or will I need shoes with spikes in the soles to walk on ice and those snowshoes that they wear on cartoons that look like tennis rackets?

Lila Haughey
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Besides these questions and an adventurous disposition, my uneasiness was compounded when I developed a deep-rooted fear of falling, slipping and sliding. Originating in a recent slip in a bathtub that tore a ligament in my knee and thereafter to several trips, falls and slips thereafter that dislocated the same knee, these accidents allowed me to conclude that I could not rely on my legs under normal conditions. Winter was more than a force out to destroy me; it was a nightmare.

The first big snowstorm at Notre Dame was an exciting experience; it was beautiful and magical, but not so wonderful to walk in. I hobbled carefully across campus delicately placing my feet on the ground and consulting my roommates every step of the way for advice on how to remain standing.

Fortunately, that winter was mild. During my freshman year, I could get to class on time without looking like an 80-year-old. Soon, I had become comfortable enough with the snow to slide across it on my stomach (it's not as soft as it looks) and I frequently tried to construct and throw snowballs.

My initial introduction to snow was kind; however, my sophomore year I received a blow to my newfound snow-confidence. Feeling secure in the cold element, I exited Zahm Hall one evening and slipped on an icy stone stair. My feet flew up into the air and my life flashed before my eyes. I cringed at the pain that was soon to come as my bohonkus landed on the hard stone. Amid my friend's laughter and a floor full of Zahmbies' laughter from above, I too laughed at my pain and the comical slip. (After a week of bruises and a trip to the infirmary I was okay.)

I survived the worst snowfall, with little grace, but a lot of humor. This year I decided to conquer one of the last hurdles with snow. I put aside my fear of falling, resurrected my adventurous and daring inclinations and I went skiing! I learned to ski with several other ND students.

We struggled but we managed to stand and slide down a hill on two skis. Although skiing was relatively painless, I did fall. I did get stuck on standing with my legs spread into the splits. I did worry about getting safely off the chair lift. I did consider just staying on it and going back around to build up courage. I did advance (briefly) past the bunny hill.

Most of all, I had fun - lots of it! It may have taken 3 years, but it was worth it. I figure while I am here (where winter is 5 months long), I should confront my fears, especially that of snow falling. Maybe, just maybe, next year, I will conquer driving in the snow!

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 IN ND/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Debate focus on contraception

Feb. 18, 1994

Debate was held between Stanford and Sorin Halls. One side argued that contraceptives should not be distributed within the University because it would threaten the school's Catholic Traditions. The anti-contraception side won unanimously by the panel of judges. "The availability of condoms may promote promiscuity on campus," said one Stanford speaker.

Students build shack in S. African protest

Feb. 20, 1986

Seven Howard residents built a shack on their front lawn and hung banners that said "Constructive Engagement Continues Enslavement" because they wanted Notre Dame to divest from South Africa. Similar to their Ivy League peers, students protested Hesburgh's talk against African divestment. After hearing the students, Hesburgh was still unsure that divestment was the right thing to do.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

First woman takes presidency at Brown U.

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Sheila Blumstein made University history last week when she was named interim president, marking the first time that Brown has had a woman as its president. As Blumstein takes her place at the top of Brown's administration, she is surrounded by many other senior administrators who are women — a phenomenon not yet commonplace in today's male-dominated society.

Although Blumstein is a trailblazer for Brown, she is by no means the first woman university president. Women took college presidencies as early as the 1930s, when Ada Louise Comstock was president of Radcliffe College.

Only in recent years have women taken the presidencies of major research institutions. Nan Keohane

"Women make up a small percentage of total university presidents."

Jacqueline King
director of federal policy analysis,
American Council on Education

was one of the first female presidencies of a major research institution, appointed to the Duke University presidency in 1993.

"At the time, there was some discussion on Duke having the courage to make this appointment," said Duke Senior Vice President John Burness.

Judith Rodin became the first female president of an Ivy League institution when she became presi-

dent of the University of Pennsylvania in 1994. Immediately preceding Rodin was interim president Claire Fagin, who served in 1993.

The only other woman who has held the title of interim president of an Ivy League institution is Hannah Grey, who served as interim president of Yale University from 1977 until 1978. She later went on to serve as the first woman president of a major research institution, at the University of Chicago, retiring in 1998.

"Women make up a small percentage of total university presidents, and an even smaller percentage of presidents of major research institutions," according to Jacqueline King, director of federal policy analysis for the American Council on Education.

U. Penn sit-in officially ends

PHILADELPHIA

The student anti-sweatshop protesters ended their nine-day sit-in Tuesday as University President Judith Rodin officially withdrew from the Fair Labor Association and promised to re-evaluate factory monitoring options. Tuesday afternoon, Rodin faxed a letter of withdrawal to the FLA, which had been monitoring the manufacture of Penn logo apparel. The agreement also specifies that the Ad Hoc Committee on Sweatshop Labor comprised of students and administrators will evaluate the different monitoring organizations and make a recommendation to Rodin by February 29. Rodin said she was pleased with the outcome, calling it a "strategy with no strings attached." She added that this decision "will wipe the slate clean and have the committee continue to do its work." Members of Penn Students Against Sweatshops expressed high spirits at the conclusion of their protest. The agreement made Penn the first school to withdraw from the FLA, which activists maintain is biased and ineffective. "We feel as a result of our actions President Rodin has made a good decision," PSAS member and College sophomore Harrison Blum said.

Activists take over dean's office

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

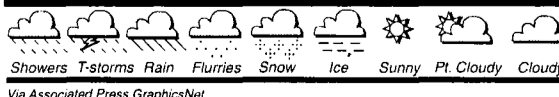
The battles between anti-sweatshop activists and university administrators centered on Big Ten campuses Wednesday as members of Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality seized the office of University of Michigan LSA Dean Shirley Neuman and students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison took over the office of Chancellor David Ward. It was business as usual in the office of the LSA dean until two students from SOLE entered the office asking to see her about a pilot sign language program, an office secretary said. Minutes later, about 20 members of SOLE took control of the office demanding that University president Lee Bollinger demand the University to the Worker Rights Consortium, a student-developed policy to enforce collegiate labor codes. After SOLE members had established their position in the office, LSA senior Andrew Cornell read a statement that committed the group's policy of nonviolence and its commitment to workers' rights. SOLE members constructed in the dean's office a "symbolic sweatshop to bring the issue of workers' rights closer to home," Cornell said.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

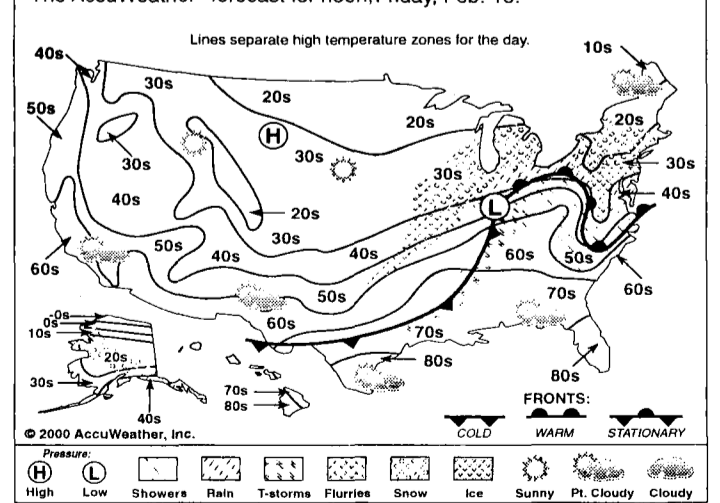
AccuWeather™ forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Friday	36	28
Saturday	35	18
Sunday	35	25
Monday	44	30
Tuesday	46	34



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 18.



Anchorage	35	33	Chicago	39	29	New Orleans	79	60
Atlanta	69	55	Honolulu	81	66	New York	79	60
Berkeley	59	44	Los Angeles	63	53	Rapid City	31	15
Boston	30	26	Louisville	61	41	Savannah	70	57
Boulder	33	19	Miami	81	72	Wash DC	45	39

Festival celebrates African films

By MIKE VANEGAS
News Writer

This Sunday, the African and African-American Studies Program presents the "Festival of Films on Africa and the African Diaspora," which will last until the end of the month. The festival celebrates cinematic endeavors by members of the African and African-American community, as well as films that illuminate the cultural presence of the same community. Its goals also include expanding cultural awareness at Notre Dame, according to Hugh Page, director of the African and African-American Studies Program.

"[It is] an expression of our commitment to provide the University and greater Michiana communities with educational and cultural events that increase public awareness about the peoples of Africa and the many Afrodiaspora communities throughout the world," he said.

The festival begins with a screening of "Sankofa," preceded by an African drum and dance recital. Each subsequent day will include similar activities — a film screening and a panel discussion or moderated forum.

The festival grew out of the African Students' Association African film series of past years, and comes during Black History Month.

Featured Films

- ♦ "Sankofa"
- ♦ "Warrior Marks"
- ♦ "Pieces d'Identite"
- ♦ "Women with Open Eyes"
- ♦ "La Genese"
- ♦ "Frosh"
- ♦ "Shattering the Silences"
- ♦ "La Tete Dans Les Nuages"
- ♦ "Cry the Beloved Country"
- ♦ "Behind These Walls: Mumia Abu-Jamal and the Long Struggle for Freedom"
- ♦ "Black Athena"
- ♦ "A Son of Africa"

Films shown at Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Feb. 20-29.

"It is our contribution to the campus-wide celebration of Black History Month and our gift to the many publics served by the University," said Page.

The festival will take place at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Senate considers student center

♦ Committee surveys students, will recommend LaFortune renovations or new center

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Glancing around the main floor of the LaFortune Student Center, one might see students studying, eating or watching television, but one Student Senate committee is looking to change that.

The senate's Committee on Social Space is currently surveying students before creating a plan to either remodel LaFortune or build a new student center.

"We're trying to get ideas," said student body secretary Luciana Reali, who is chairing the social space committee, which consists of student senators, Student Union Board representatives and hall presidents.

The University requested the survey after looking at the results of a study it conducted.

"The University does a self-study every 10 years prior to reaccreditation," said Joe Cassidy, director of student activities. "The last study was called the Colloquy for the Year 2000. One of the recommendations [from that study] was the need for additional campus social space. The recommendation was not specific on what it

meant by social space or the specific social space needed."

As a result, the University requested that a committee be formed, Reali said.

"It's the first time the administration has consulted students about a building," she said.

The committee's report will be based on an online survey, which anyone may take through the Notre Dame Web site. The committee is also relying on surveys handed out randomly in LaFortune as well as information from club members and leaders about what kind of space could help them in planning special events.

"We're going to be going solely on [students'] opinions. We don't have any plans yet," Reali said, encouraging students to fill out the survey.

Some committee members have even traveled to other universities to look at social space at those schools. One aspect these members have been considering is the amount of space per student at the school.

"Compared with other schools, our student center is very small," Reali said.

At the end of March, the committee will submit its plan to the Student Senate and then onto Student Activities, she said.

Notre Dame students, however, should not be looking for

construction to begin any time soon.

"As part of a broader look at social space needs on campus, the University is evaluating the LaFortune Student Center and how well it meets the needs of our students. There is no plan at the present time to build a new student center," said Cassidy.

In fact, Cassidy and Reali said the University is unsure as to when a new student center will be built, but Reali said she believes it will be at least four to five years in the future.

Nevertheless, many students are interested in a new student center, Reali said. A new student center will possibly offer a restaurant with table service, department stores, a bowling alley and a bar or lounge.

Reali said she would like to decrease the need for students to go off campus for entertainment.

A fifth-year architecture student will draw the committee's design for the new building or the remodeled version of LaFortune, she said.

"I certainly appreciate Student Senate taking the initiative to survey student views on the different social spaces at Notre Dame. The feedback from this survey should prove useful in the planning process, especially because it represents direct feedback from the students," Cassidy said.

"It's the first time the administration has consulted students about a building."

Luciana Reali
committee chair

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The winning entry will receive a \$250 prize. The contest is open to all students, faculty, and staff of the Notre Dame community.

Entries should be submitted to Judy Bartlett at the Kellogg Institute, 216 Hesburgh Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5677. With your artwork, please include your name, campus address and telephone number, as well as your email address. The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 24, 2000.

A Kellogg committee will review all entries. Upon selection of the winning entry, the artist will be notified and presented with the prize.

JUNIOR PARENTS' WEEKEND

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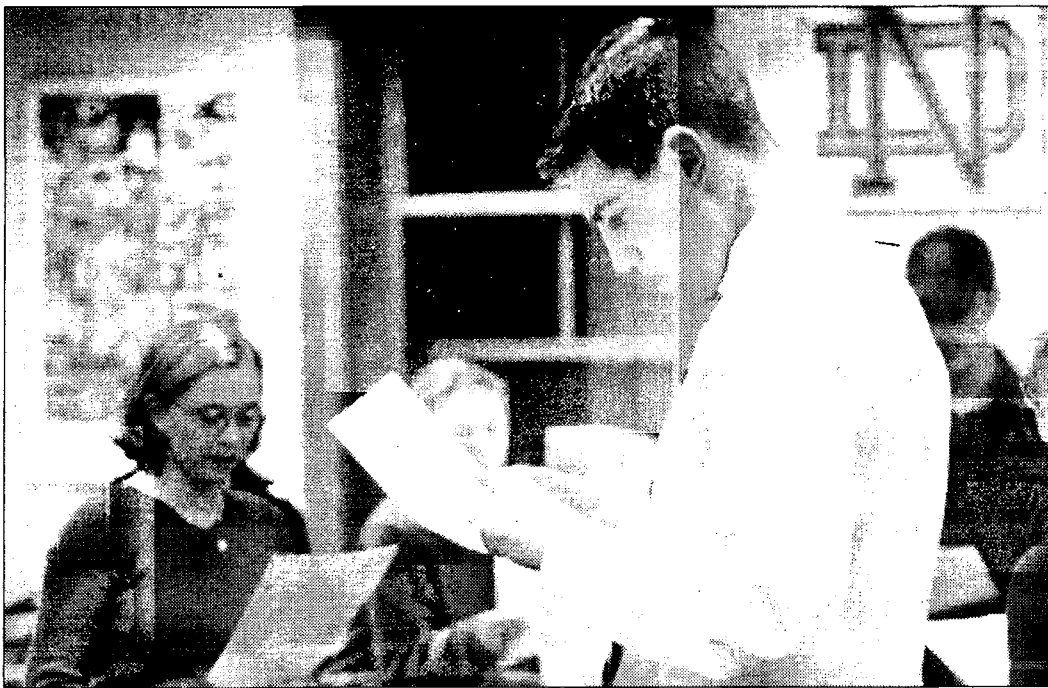
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KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Hunt Hanover reads the charges against his campaign Thursday night as the Election committee announces its decision to forfeit the Hanover/Micek ticket.

Election

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Hanover and Micek will file their appeal, in writing, to Folks and Palumbo, the Senate Student Senate. The Senate will then hold an emergency meeting to consider the appeal.

There is no time limit for Hanover and Micek to file, and Peate did not say when they would. But, given that Junior Parents Weekend begins today, student government leaders doubted the appeal would be immediate.

"To be honest, I'd be surprised if they file before Monday," Folks said, "but I don't know for sure."

The actual results of the election were not released to anyone, including the candidates. Only Folks and Becky Demko, Judicial Council vice president for elections, know who won the vote.

The Election Committee, comprised of one representative from each dorm, did not learn the final tally, but did vote on the violations.

The Committee voted unanimously that Fairchild's election day campaigning was a violation. The charge stated that Hanover or Micek through

"prior contact" with him, were responsible for his actions. The Campaign dates will be held responsible for the behavior of their supporters and anyone in their campaign organization."

The Committee voted 16-2 that each of the two charges concerning e-mails from Hanover constituted a violation.

They voted 17-0 that a charge of posting campaign material after the established deadline in Alumni Hall was not "of merit" and was not a violation.

Members of the Election Committee confirmed that several students brought the e-mails to their attention today. The four who were reached by The Observer declined comment.

This event capped an election which has seen a number of ethical debates. The Election Committee suspended the O'Donoghue/Norton committee from one day of campaigning for their appearance on WVFI Feb. 5. Several tickets were not allowed to enter the race because they submitted petitions signed by the same student more than once.

O'Donoghue/Norton and Hanover/Micek reached Thursday's run-off by fin-

ishing a commanding first and second in the primary election Monday.

O'Donoghue/Norton received 43 percent of the vote Monday. Hanover/Micek gained 34 percent. In order to win, a ticket must get more than 50 percent.

Notre Dame's campaign comes on the heels of Saint Mary's controversial student body presidential election. The College's Board of Governance Election Committee gave Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle the election victory on Feb. 6 after the first run-off ended in a tie and the second run-off was declared unconstitutional.

"Elections this year have taken an unprecedented turn in terms of the dramatic," Demko said. And it's not over yet.

Trustees

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house)," Dennis said. "We still have that \$400,000 problem."

Neither Russell nor the parents' council has begun contacting possible donors, but are expecting to start next week. They are hoping to focus their efforts on a small core of current parent's council members along with past members who have shown interest in the clubhouse.

"I am extremely confident that we can raise the funds because the people we are going to will recognize the value of this clubhouse to the students," Russell said.

The first donation the council received was a \$250,000 donation towards the renovation of the current clubhouse.

When it became clear that that would not be feasible, it was agreed that the money would be used for the new building.

When discussion of renovation ceased, fundraising by the parents' council stopped as well.

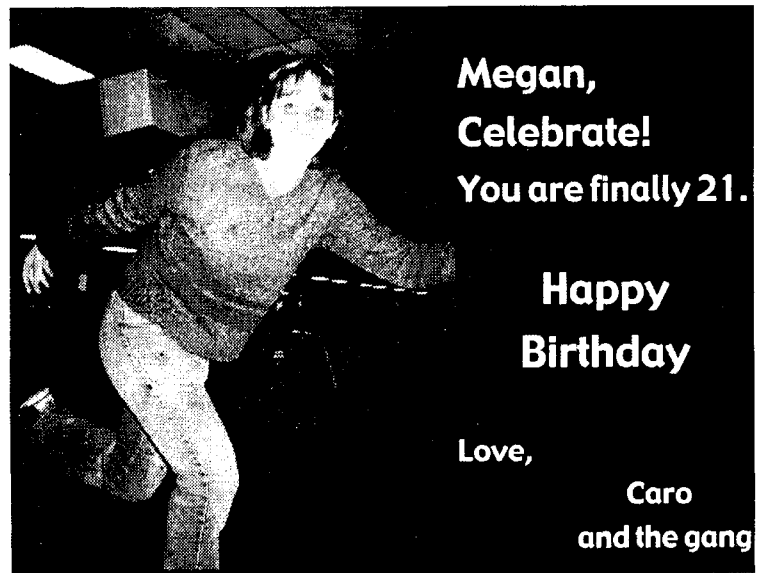
This recent decision to try to raise funds for the new clubhouse is the first concerted effort to secure funds.

"What we're looking to do now is pick [the original fundraising] up again and get those funds raised as quickly as possible," Russell said. Russell explained that many people associated with the College are interested to see the clubhouse functional soon.

"The individuals that made the lead donation have expressed a concern that the building be constructed soon," he said. "The goal is to have the building up and open by the time school starts."

The plans will go to facilities committee and the finance committee of the Board of Trustees on Friday. The committees will then report to the entire board on Saturday, with a vote following.

This new clubhouse is one part of the five year Master Plan the College hopes to implement. Master Plan funding has been unclear from its birth. The Board's decision this weekend may indicate how serious the College is about the Master Plan and its accompanying cost.



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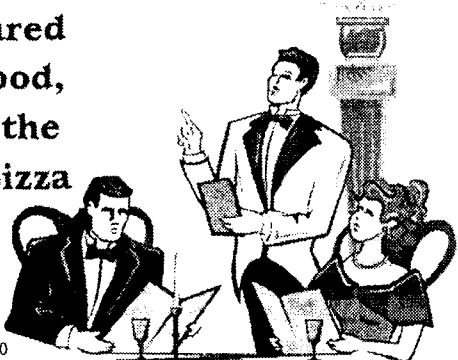
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Abuse alleged in Mexico health care system

MEXICO CITY

A U.S.-based rights group issued a report Thursday slamming Mexico's mental health care system, and describing situations in which young patients were sometimes ignored or abused. The independent Washington-based organization Mental Disability Rights International said it found "a number of serious human rights violations" against people with mental disabilities during three trips to Mexico. In a statement released with the report, Dr. Robert Okin, chief of psychiatry at San Francisco General Hospital in California and co-author of the report, said investigators "urge the Mexican government to immediately end its abuses of human rights of mentally disabled persons." The report also said that conditions had improved recently at some centers.

Venezuela not worried by oil prices

CARACAS

Venezuela's foreign minister on Thursday said the government is not worried about possible moves by President Clinton to lower oil prices. Clinton said this week he is concerned about soaring prices for oil — especially for home heating oil — and did not rule out releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help reduce prices. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Rangel said Clinton's proposal was not a source of concern for the oil-producing South American nation, where people don't use home heating oil. "We're in a greenhouse. We're not hot or cold," Rangel told reporters. Oil prices have soared since Venezuela and other Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reduced their production, cutting supply to the world market.

Police battle students in Lebanon

BEIRUT

Police fired tear gas and sprayed a water cannon Thursday at about 2,000 students protesting outside the U.S. Embassy against perceived American support for Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon. At least two students were hurt by police batons and rifle butts, and three others fainted from the tear gas, witnesses said. Students burned an Israeli flag, chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel," and trashed a drawing of what looked like the U.S. flag bearing skulls instead of stars. The protesters, students from the American University of Beirut and other universities, hurled rocks and tomatoes at the Lebanese troops and policemen.

ROMANIA



AFP Photo

Romanian child Gruia Bartoceca shows his deformed chest to reporters as his father protests against the lead pollution in the Fernezeu district of Baia Mare. Gruia's parents claim that their son's deformed chest is a result of the ongoing pollution by lead factory ROMPLUMB, which pollutes the area with lead dust emissions.

Romania acknowledges spill severity

Associated Press

BAIA MARE

The European Union's top environmental official demanded to know Thursday how tons of cyanide contaminated two major rivers, killing masses of plant and fish life in its path.

The cyanide poured into streams from a containment dam at the gold mine in Baia Mare, passing through Hungary and Yugoslavia in the Szamos

and Tisza rivers before returning to Romania on the Danube.

EU Environment Commissioner Margot Wallstrom called the spill a "major environmental accident, and to the people living by the rivers, this is a catastrophe."

Speaking in Szolnok, Hungary, where she inspected the Tisza, Wallstrom said she wanted answers as to "what happened, how bad is the damage, and what can be

done to rehabilitate the environment."

Wallstrom also called for a task force to be set up to assess and control the damage and prevent future accidents.

Romania is a formal candidate for membership in the 15-nation EU and Wallstrom's visit was a sign that the EU will help in times of crisis if Romania continues to reform its economy.

However, Romanian Environment Minister

Romica Tomescu said Thursday that the disaster came at a particularly bad time because Romania had just opened official negotiations with the EU last week. "We must show we are worthy of the trust invested in us" by the EU, he said.

Also Thursday, Tomescu acknowledged for the first time the magnitude of the pollution.

"Romania did not ever want to hide or play down the magnitude of the accident," Tomescu said.

Summit aims to promote Africa in U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

African drums sounded through Washington's convention center and Kente cloth decorated the walls Thursday as thousands of advocates for the continent gathered to debate what President Clinton called "its triumphs and trials."

"Africa does matter to the United States," Clinton said to the applause of some 2,000 businessmen, academics, local and African government officials and others at the National Summit on Africa.

Under the motto "Africa

matters," summit organizers have been working since 1966 to unify and strengthen the lobby for Africa in America and improve Africa's image in the states. They have been drafting, and are expected to approve Sunday, a new policy they would like the U.S. government to implement toward the continent they say has long been underestimated and ignored.

It's a contention Clinton agrees with.

"For too long, the African people have lacked for friends and allies," Clinton said.

He said globalization, among other things, demands more attention to the 54 nations.

Some of the countries' economies are growing and some are making advances towards democracy. Meanwhile, others mired in strife, and the majority of the continent's 700 million people are trapped in poverty.

"It is no longer an option for us not to know about the triumphs and trials of the people with whom we share this planet," said Clinton.

"We can be indifferent, or we can make a difference," he said, adding that the

United States has worked on peacekeeping, conflict resolution, education and economic revitalization since his historic 1998 visit to Africa.

But, he said, progress on the poor and war-wracked continent depends "fundamentally and first" on whether African leaders put the best interests of their people ahead of political concerns.

"No one in our government is under any illusions. There is still a lot of work to be done," Clinton said. "These things cannot be imported, and they cannot be imposed from outside."

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Law scholarship will honor Nevada justice

Special to The Observer

A gift from University of Notre Dame graduate Jerry Mowbray of Reno, Nev., has established a new fellowship at the Notre Dame Law School in the name of his parents, the late Justice John Mowbray and Kathlyn Hammes Mowbray of Las Vegas.

The John and Kathlyn Mowbray Law Dean's Scholars Fellowship is the first of 10 new full-tuition fellowships planned to assist law school students at Notre Dame.

Justice Mowbray was a 1949 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School who served for 25 years on the Nevada Supreme Court and eight years as a Clark County (Nev.) District Court Judge. Kathlyn Hammes Mowbray is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Romy Hammes, whose 1955 gift underwrote the University's bookstore.

Jerry Mowbray graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in government in 1975 and earned a law degree three years later. He is an attorney in Reno.

"The Mowbray family has a long and distinguished history at Notre Dame that dates back to the 1860s," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "We are grateful to Jerry Mowbray for creating a fellowship that both honors the past by paying tribute to his parents and supports the future by addressing the ongoing scholarship needs of our students."

After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Justice Mowbray attended the Notre Dame Law School from 1946-49, during which time he met and married Kathlyn. Upon his graduation, the couple moved to Las Vegas, where he served for

four years in the Clark County district attorney's office. He was a private practitioner from 1953-55, then served as a bankruptcy referee for the next four years.

Justice Mowbray was appointed in 1959 by then-Gov. Grant Sawyer to the Clark County District Court, where he is credited with founding the public defender system in Nevada. He also played a prominent role early in his career in pushing for the state's first child abuse laws.

Then-Gov. Paul Laxalt, a Republican, surprised his party in 1967 by appointing Justice Mowbray, a Democrat, to the state's Supreme Court. The justice won four elections during the next 25 years and served as chief justice during three of his terms on the bench. Suffering from glaucoma, Justice Mowbray retired in 1992. He once wrote in a ruling that to be a judge "one needs compassion, humility, grace and, at times, mercy and the ability to forgive. In short, the judicial craft, as well as the law itself, demands a heart."

At the time of Justice Mowbray's death in 1997, a colleague, Washoe County District Court Judge Brent Adams, said, "He was a shining star of integrity in the Nevada legal system for over 30 years. He lost his eyesight, but he never lost his insight. He had impeccable judgment, and he could pierce through the lawyer double-talk and get to the heart of his case."

Former Nevada Gov. Bob Miller said in tribute: "If you drew a mental image of what a judge should look like, you'd see John Mowbray. He was a role-model figure. He just had an aura and a sense of propriety..."

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**Judge Brent Adams
Washoe Cty. (Nev.) District Court**

University names two as Trustees

Special to The Observer

Ted McCourtney, managing general partner of Venrock Associates, and Shirley Welsh Ryan, a national leader on disability issues, have been elected to the Board of Trustees of the University.

A 1960 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, McCourtney previously served on the University's Advisory Council for the College of Engineering. He earned a master's of business administration degree from the Harvard Business School in 1966.

As the managing general partner of Venrock Associates, McCourtney manages venture capital investments for the Rockefeller family and other limited partners. With offices in New York City, Boston and Menlo Park, Calif., the firm identifies and supports emerging companies in the information technology and health care and life sciences sectors.

McCourtney, who now resides in Katonah, N.Y., served as a lieutenant in the

U.S. Navy and with McKinsey and Company before joining Venrock in 1970. He is on the board of directors of four public companies and is a past president and chair of the National Venture Capital Association.

A Chicago resident, Ryan is one of the country's leading advocates for children with disabilities and has been appointed by two U.S. presidents to the National Council on Disability. She is cofounder and chair of the Pathways Awareness Foundation, which promotes early detection and inclusion for infants and children with physical differences or disabilities, and is cofounder and president of Pathways Center, an outpatient pediatric therapy clinic where hundreds of Chicago-area children receive weekly physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Ryan's many civic contributions include service to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Lyric Opera, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Chicago Community Trust. She has been the director of

the Lincoln Park Zoological Society since 1971, is a general trustee of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, and is a director of the American Ireland Fund, Old St. Patrick Church, WTTW public television, the 21st Century Urban Schools, and the Inner City Teaching Corps. She is the founder and director of the Northwestern University Graduate School Lifetime Learners Course and the Chicago Foundation on Education.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Ryan also has studied at the University of Paris, Sorbonne, and the Ecole du Louvre. She received the Distinguished Service Award from Northwestern in 1986 and the 1999 Kid's Count Award from the Voices of Illinois Children.

Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, established in 1967, currently is chaired by Andrew McKenna, chairman and chief executive officer of Schwarz of Morton Grove, Ill. The elections of McCourtney and Ryan raise the board's membership to 57.

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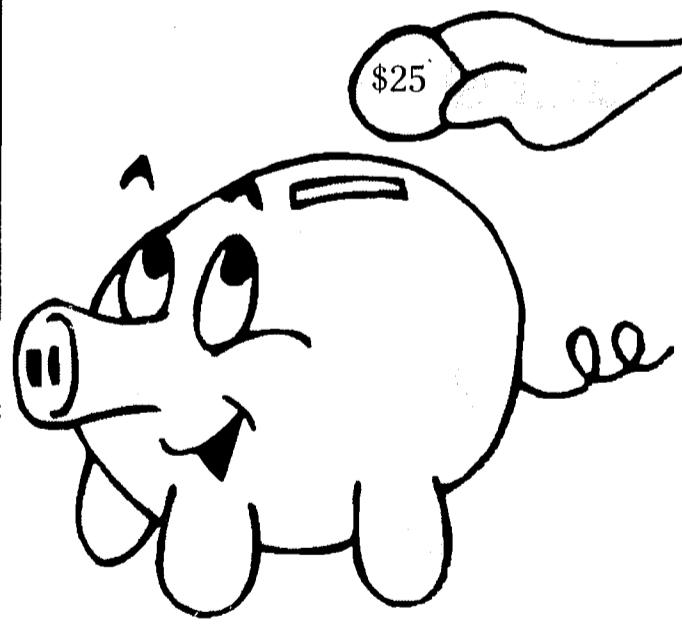
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Forum addresses social space, faculty-student interaction

By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

Focusing on conflicts that arise between academic and residential life at Notre Dame and possible solutions, faculty members and a lone student met Thursday night at the second open forum sponsored by the ad hoc committee on Academic and Student Life.

Sophomore Tim Dysart, an engineering major, mentioned the struggles he has encountered attempting to reconcile academics and social life.

"The workload is so demanding that it's difficult to form social relationships," he said. "My roommate is a math major, and if we talk half an hour a day, that's a lot. It's difficult to form bonds that more time would foster."

Social space in Cushing and Fitzpatrick offer a possible solu-

tion, but according to Dysart, few students utilize the social space currently available in Cushing.

"A few kids are there, usually trying to nap between classes or finish homework, but there's not a lot of interaction," he said.

At the suggestion of increased social space for science and engineering students, Dysart claimed that it would not provide much of an immediate improvement, because students already have ingrained study habits and probably would not use new facilities. In the future, however, he said he could see more students taking advantage of additional social space.

Social space proved to be a main issue of the forum, as participants noted varying experiences.

Psychology professor Naomi Meara pointed to lack of space in Haggar as a problem.

"The lounge is so small that it makes student gatherings difficult," she said. "I think if we had space, we'd have a lot of students, both graduate and undergraduate, mingling."

Associate provost Carol Mooney, serving as chairperson of the committee, commented on the situation in the law school.

"My experience as a law school professor has been quite different [from the engineering circumstances] with regards to social space," she said. "There's a very nice snack bar in the basement, and lunch is in a big open room with faculty and students alike. I sit down to eat and people inevitably join me, often students."

This case was the exception rather than the rule, as many faculty present mentioned lack of student-professor interaction outside of class and office hours.

A scarcity of casual space where faculty and students can meet outside of the academic setting form the basis of the problem.

"It seems like such a simple problem," said John Cavadini, theology department chairman. "Every school seems to manage to have informal space where students and faculty can mix. But it really is an issue."

Students and faculty operate in different spheres, and the

two groups rarely meet socially.

"Students are reluctant to ask faculty to come eat in the dining hall with them," said Sister Mary Louise Gude, assistant vice president of Student Affairs. "Professors will entertain students at their home, but students won't take them to the dining hall."

According to Gude, faculty tends to eat at places such as Greenfield's, where students rarely go, although Flex points are accepted.

Mooney brought up the idea of offering reduced prices for faculty families in the dining halls as a way of both fostering unity and providing practical help to busy professors.

"As a mother of four and a professor, I remember not wanting to come up with meals every night," she said. "A faculty member in the dining hall alone is not that attractive [to students], but a faculty member with little kids would be very appealing."

Michael Palumbo, student body vice president, mentioned the possibility of bringing professors into dorms to deliver presentations, along with prospect of faculty members living in dorms.

Dysart responded positively to the latter suggestion, claiming that such a living arrangement would encourage student-faculty relationships.

"I think there'd be more interaction if there was someone I could talk to on a daily basis who had interesting perspectives or common interests," he said.

In addition to improving student-professor relationships, the discussion addressed the issue raised at the first forum that the university exerts too much control over students.

As a student, Dysart said that because Notre Dame makes the transition to college a gentle one with the highly structured First Year of Studies, students lose out on learning experiences.

"In a way, we don't have the opportunity that our peers at other schools, especially big state schools, have," he said. "Sometimes they start out first semester way over their heads, but they eventually figure things out. Here, students don't have a chance to fail and find themselves. A big part of life is how you deal with adversity, and a lot of people here haven't experienced that."

Additionally, the issue of social life in terms of dorm life and university-sponsored events received

attention. Dysart, a Morissey resident, mentioned both the positives and negatives of living in a large dorm.

"The possibility of getting to know so many people is the best part, but on the other hand, I live on the fourth floor, where no one goes without a reason," he said. "You don't really get to know everyone."

Furthermore, he commented that free time and fun activities are hard to come by Monday through Thursday.

"I could work 24 hours a day and still not finish all my work," Dysart said. "I guess I just wish it was a little more balanced."

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Tim Dysart
sophomore

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FBI arrests Cuban spy

Associated Press

MIAMI — A U.S. immigration official with "secret" security clearance was arrested Thursday and charged with spying for the Cuban government, the FBI said.

Mariano Faget, 54, was being held at the Federal Detention Center in Miami and was to appear in court Friday, the FBI said in a statement.

Faget, a native of Havana, is employed at the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a supervisory district adjudication officer. He held a "secret" security clearance and was responsible for supervising

decisions that affected immigrants and people seeking political asylum, the FBI said.

"Faget has access to classified and sensitive INS files relating to confidential law enforcement sources and Cuban defectors," the FBI said.

The agency said he had made unauthorized contacts with Cuban intelligence officers in Miami and in other U.S. cities. A spokesman for the Cuban Interests Section, which represents the nation in Washington, declined comment. The White House also had no comment, spokesman Mike Hammer said.

The FBI said it wouldn't release any further details on the case until a news conference set for Friday morning. Russ Bergeron, director of media relations at INS headquarters in Washington, said he could not comment on Faget's arrest. He said it is INS policy to cooperate with such investigations.

Jose Basulto, president of the Cuban exile group Brothers to the Rescue, said he believed there were many Cuban spies working in the United States. "The U.S. should be very embarrassed by this finding," he said. "Until the cancer is removed, which is Castro, this will continue."

In October 1998, 14 people were charged in Florida in what authorities called the largest Cuban espionage ring uncovered in decades. Authorities said the group tried to penetrate U.S. military bases, infiltrate anti-Castro exile groups and manipulate U.S. media and political organizations.

FBI spokesman Terry Nelson told The Orlando Sentinel that Faget's arrest was unrelated to this spy ring.

The United States severed diplomatic relations with

Cuba in January 1961, two years after Fidel Castro's rise to power, and initiated a trade embargo

in 1962.

Travel to and from the country is restricted by the U.S. government, but athletic, cultural and academic exchanges have been allowed.

Relations between the United States and Cuba recently have been strained by the case of Elian Gonzalez. The INS has said the 6-year-old boy should be returned to his father in Cuba while his relatives in Miami have been fighting to keep the boy in the United States.

Elian survived a crossing from Cuba last November but his mother drowned when their boat capsized.

"Faget has access to classified and sensitive INS files relating to confidential law enforcement."

FBI spokesperson

Flight data recovered from crash

Associated Press

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif.

Flight data and cockpit voice recorders were retrieved Thursday from the wreckage of a DC-8 cargo plane that crashed into a salvage yard, killing its three crew members.

Investigators hope the recorders will provide more clues about the pilot's report of a "center of gravity" problem shortly after the plane's takeoff from Mather Field in suburban Sacramento.

The recorders, which were damaged by fire but in fairly good shape, were sent to Washington for analysis, said George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Emery Worldwide Flight 17 plunged into the Insurance Auto Auctions yard just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, killing its three crew members and setting dozens of cars ablaze. The plane was bound for Dayton, Ohio.

The victims' bodies were recovered Thursday afternoon, Black said.

The center of gravity problem could have several causes, including a shifting load, incorrect cargo weight and mechanical problems, said Preston Hicks, also of the NTSB.

Black said the flight recorder data could indicate weight and balance problems from the performance of the plane. However, the report of an unsettled load is

not the sole focus of the investigation, Black said.

"Everything is a focus," he said. "We never begin with a prejudged position."

The plane, carrying a load of transmission fluid, clothing and a small packet of detonators,

was at 800 feet when it tried to return to Mather for an emergency landing and crashed in a fireball about a mile east of the field.

Tens of thousands of small pieces from the plane are scattered among the burned-out cars over five to six acres, Black said.

"About the only thing you can recognize as part of an airplane is one section of fuselage, about 6 to 7 feet high, maybe 15 feet long, with several windows," Black said.

One witness said the plane hit the ground belly first and was immediately engulfed in flames.

Those aboard were dead by the time fire crews arrived at the site, said Capt. Dan Haverty of the American River Fire Department. Firefighters were hampered by intense flames, which burned for several hours after the crash. Smoke was visible in the moonlit night several

miles away.

"There was no chance of rescue," Haverty said.

The victims were identified as Capt. Kevin Stables, 43, of Berlin, N.Y., who had been with Emery for five years; First Officer George Land, 35, of

Placerville, Calif., 3 years; and Second Officer Russell Hicks, 38, Sparks, Nev., 11/2

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Dan Haverty
captain,
American River Fire Department

years. Company spokesman James Allen said the crash was the first fatal accident in the company's 50-year history. Nobody on the ground was injured.

The crash set as many as 200 cars on fire, many with gas in their tanks, causing several explosions.

Motorist Scott Colyn saw the plane as it approached the salvage yard "at eye level."

"It looked like it was skipped like a stone," said Colyn, who saw the crash while he was driving home. "I looked in my rear view mirror and there were flames everywhere, sparks and a big old mushroom cloud."

The plane, carrying 62,000 pounds, was a DC-8 71, a four-engine plane manufactured by McDonnell Douglas, Allen said. It has a capacity of 90,000 pounds, he said.

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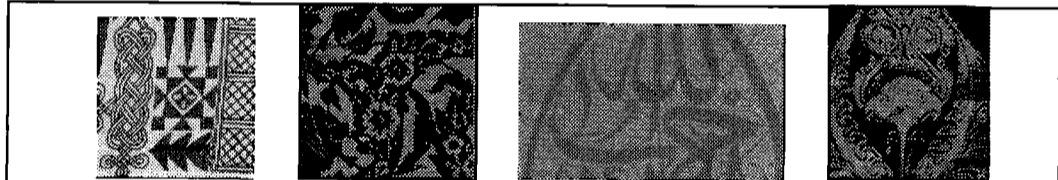


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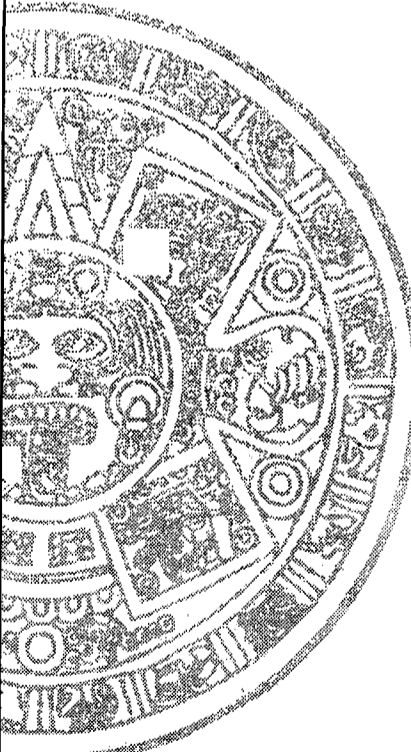
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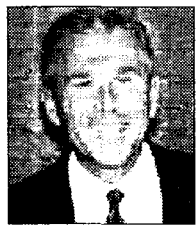
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Bishops ask Bush to halt executions

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Catholic bishops of Texas have asked Gov. George W. Bush to suspend the death penalty and review capital punishment in the state, which leads the nation in executions.



G. W. Bush

"It is essential that if the state is going to impose the ultimate punishment that there be no margin of error," the bishops said in a letter to Bush made public Thursday.

Bush, a death penalty supporter who has presided over 119 executions since taking office in January 1995, has no plans to halt executions, spokeswoman Linda Edwards said Thursday.

Two Texas convicts are scheduled to die by lethal injection next week, including Betty Lou Beets, who was convicted of killing her fifth husband in 1983. She was indicted, but never tried, on a charge of killing her fourth husband.

Edwards said Bush "is sworn to uphold the laws of Texas, including the death penalty, and he believes we have a fair process in Texas with many checks — including a thorough and exhaustive review by the

courts — to prevent an innocent person from being put to death."

Texas has conducted 206 executions under four governors since capital punishment resumed in the 1980s.

Thursday's letter, written on behalf of all the Catholic bishops and signed by Richard Daly, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, said seven of the 85 individuals released from U.S. death rows were in Texas.

The bishops urged Bush and the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to suspend future executions on a case-by-case basis and "conduct a thorough examination of the system by which condemned persons in Texas are executed."

The bishops also said they would join other death penalty opponents in trying to convince the Legislature next year to impose a moratorium on executions while a review is conducted.

The death penalty issue has received renewed attention since Illinois Gov. George Ryan — a Bush supporter — halted executions this month due to the exoneration of 13 death row inmates in his state over two decades.

Bush defended the Texas death penalty system Tuesday when asked about the issue during a Republican presidential debate in South Carolina, where he has been campaigning.

Florida bans affirmative action

♦ Public universities cannot use race and gender in admissions decisions

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla.

The State University System's Board of Regents on Thursday approved rules eliminating race and gender as considerations for college admissions at Florida's 10 public universities.



J. Bush

The 14-member panel voted 12-0 in favor of Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan, which ends racial and gender preferences in admissions to state universities and in granting state contracts. Two members were not present for the vote.

Bush contends the plan will enhance diversity by increasing outreach efforts and by admitting the top 20 percent of each high school senior class into state universities.

Hundreds of college students, elected officials and others came from around the state to the Regents' meeting at the University of Central Florida. Most said the One Florida plan would result in fewer minorities attending state universities.

"This plan looks very good on

paper," said Telisha Terry, 21, a UCF student. "But if you really think about it, the top 20 percent of students go to college anyway."

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown said the governor and state officials could not be trusted to oversee a system admitting enough minority students.

"We do not live in a color-blind society. Race is still a factor," said Brown, a Democrat from Jacksonville. "I'm very disappointed with what's going on in Florida, and it's an example of the ugly side of politics."

In addition, the regents approved a system to admit students who do not meet minimum admission criteria by using a "student profile assessment", which considers factors like socioeconomic status, whether a student's parents went to college, and whether a high school is low performing.

The board also approved a change to the rules eliminating the use of race, national origin and gender as consideration as admissions decisions.

The rule changes must still go before the governor and independently elected Cabinet, which is to consider the matter Tuesday.

Thursday's session grew heated with the comments of Frank Williams, a Tampa minister.

"You say Bush, I say 'Heil

Hitler'," Williams shouted. "He is nothing but a dictator, and I guarantee we as a people in America will not stand for a dictator in Florida."

That raised the ire of Regent Steven Uhlfelder.

"For you to compare this governor to Hitler it totally irresponsible, and I'm not going to sit here and listen to that," Uhlfelder replied.

A few people spoke in favor of the rule changes.

"We should not cling to policies that are not based on merit," said Dennis Freytes, a trustee of Orlando's Valencia Community College. "I hope you don't let demagoguery and group politics affect your vote."

And Lew Oliver, chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, said there were more practical considerations for approving the changes — a proposed ballot measure by California businessman Ward Connerly to do away with all preference programs in Florida, going much further than Bush's plan.

"Sometimes you don't have a choice," Oliver said of Bush's proposal. "Sometimes you don't have a perfect option."

Florida is not the first state to take on affirmative action programs. The University of California system did away with affirmative action beginning with the undergraduate class that entered in 1998.

"We do not live in a color blind society. Race is still a factor."

Corrine Brown
U.S. Representative

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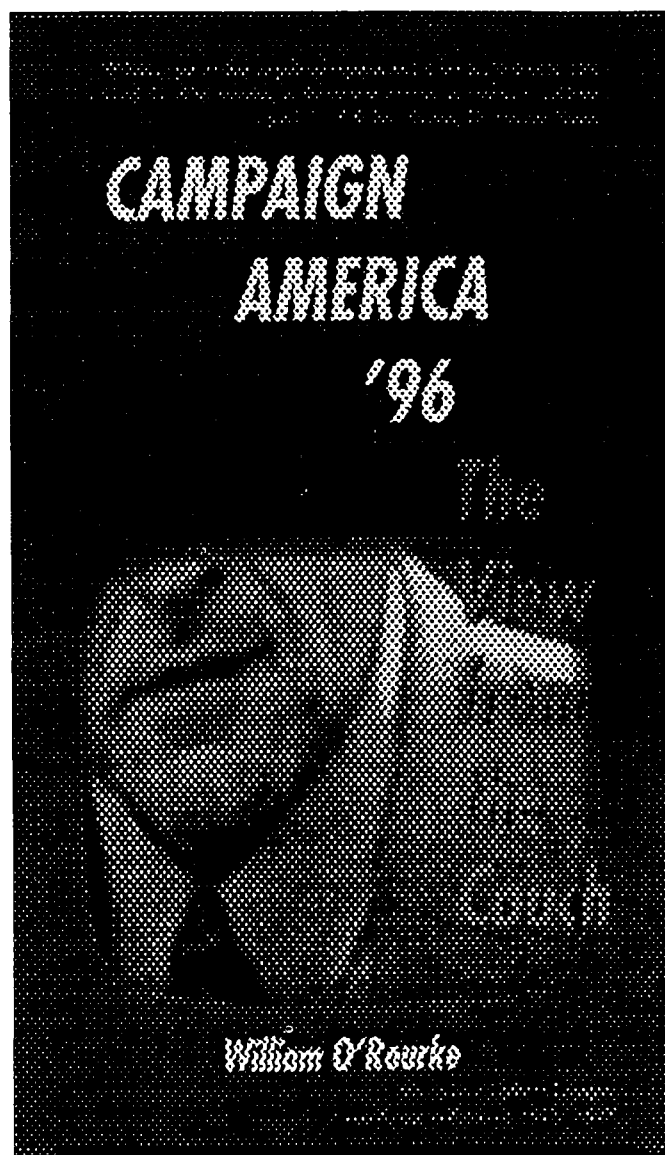
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Self-Help Gurus? Help Yourself

"Starting today, you can have the life you've always desired. You can have closer relationships. Greater success in business. More Money. Real happiness and fulfillment.

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In high school, I survived my first ill-advised brush with the world of the self-help guru. Inspired by career day, the earnest but otherwise inactive counseling center cancelled the annual visits by area businessmen and women and replaced their advice and counsel with an early morning assembly featuring the most unscrupulous of entrepreneurs: the inspirational speaker.

Overjoyed at the cancellation of first period calculus, the bane of my existence, I filed into the gym along with my fellow blazer-bedecked, loafer-shoed classmates. He arrived with a fervor evidently induced by 10 to 12 cups of coffee. Jumping to the center of the stage, he spouted definitive, specific rules to obtain unlimited success in all areas. "Aim for the sky. Don't stop if you fall. Be confident. Listen to your mother. Eat green beans. I mean lima beans. They are good for you."

He covered all areas of life: weight loss, health, religion, family, business. The list goes on.

He continued unabated for over an hour and a half, increasing the speed and volume of each of his phrases with each passing moment. "Reach for the stars." I stared dumbfounded and unconscious. My mouth sagged. I started to drool. He rambled undaunted by the lack of interest exhibited by my

schoolmates, unenthusiastic and yawning, frequently and loudly. I wondered where this man came from, who inspired him to become successful by inspiring other people to become successful and, most importantly, I wondered who was listening.

Apparently, the majority of America. Anthony Robbins, arguably the most famous and notorious of self-help gurus, has tutored the likes of President Clinton, Madonna, Andre Agassi and Nelson Mandela. He has also allied with Lou Holtz to provide stadium-sized seminars on success. Granted, the first three personalities possess arguably questionable judgment. Mandela and Holtz, however, command my undying respect.

Inspired by my admiration for Mandela and Holtz, overwhelming guilt surrounding my possibly premature dismissal of "inspirational speaker," and the nagging thoughts that if I had listened I might have earned a "A" in calculus, I decided to investigate the world of the self-help-inspirational-motivational-weight-loss guru via the Internet. (The Internet, of course, stakes claim to the most exciting and inspirational of founders: Al Gore.)

The wonders of Yahoo directed me first to the afore-quoted advertisement for Anthony Robbins' "Personal Power II" on to "King's Gifts: Home of Your Favorite As Seen On TV Products."

I stood amazed at the claims. Mr. Robbins, who first gained notoriety during the fire-walking craze of the '80s, apparently has insightful knowledge on an endless list of topics. He claims to facilitate physical, mental, emotional and financial success through advice provided by numerous books, tapes and lectures. He has compiled an impressive list of titles: "Awaken the Giant Within," "Unlimited Power," "Unlimited Power: The Videotape" and "Giant Steps." Only one question arose in my mind: What happened to Personal Power I?

I wandered from the world of

Anthony Robbins to the web site for Deepak Chopra's Center for Well-Being. His work varied noticeably from the "driving force" of Anthony Robbins, but, similar to Robbins, Chopra promises the keys to "healthier, happier and more fulfilled lives" and "optimal mental, physical and emotional health." At his center, he offers two-day seminars on such topics as "The Gift of Love" and "Optional Primordial Sound Meditation" for the small fee of \$495.00. (Lunch breaks, but not lunches, included.)

I left his site extremely disappointed. I have lived my life in anticipation of the opportunity to learn about optional primordial sound meditation, but my limited college-student funds prevented me from taking the chance.

My disappointment led to an inevitable conclusion on the state of the self-help-inspirational-motivational-success guru. They can only have successful followers. Their followers, who possess the means to spend \$495 for a seminar or upwards of \$100 for a Robbins one-day event, have already helped themselves. More despicably, the success of the self-help guru depends on the failure of his product. Anthony Robbins could never have written and certainly not sold Personal Power II, if Personal Power I provided the ideal life it promised.

And so, my electronic journey ended with my reconciliation with my "B" in calculus and the knowledge that in the future, I'll take the free and unsolicited advice that I receive from my parents, friends and professors everyday. But then, I have stumbled across this incredibly useful piece of knowledge. The world needs to know. A lecture tour, perhaps? On succeeding without the advice of the self-help guru?

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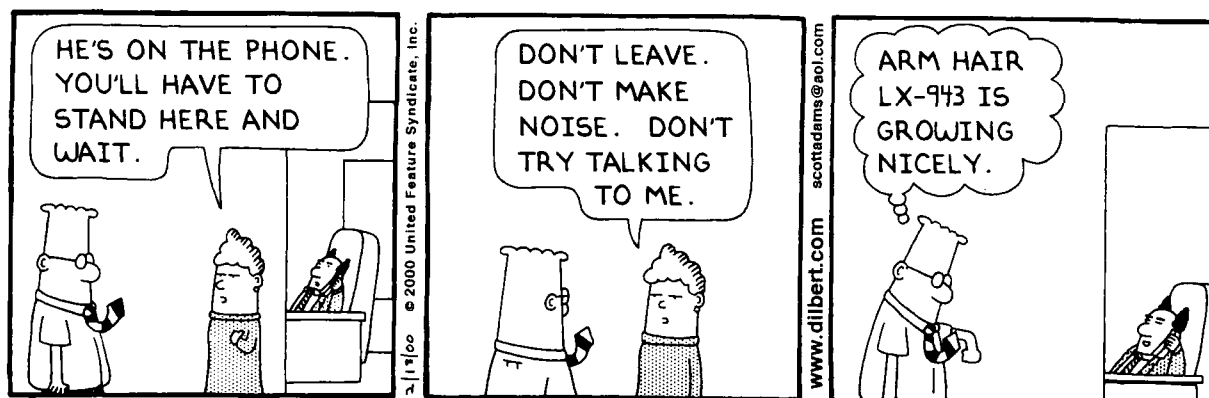
Joanna Mikulski

Tuesday Voice on Friday

DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"As long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you otherwise might."

Marian Anderson
American contralto

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Animals are not sacred

This is a response to a particular reason that Aaron Kreider gave for his choice to be a vegan. He held that animals should not be eaten by men because it causes the animals to "lead lives of pain." We must begin, therefore, by looking at the idea of animal suffering.

We as humans cannot form any accurate notion of what animal suffering is. We can be certain though, that the degree of their suffering is much different from our own. Cardinal Newman accurately states, "Brutes feel far less than man, because they cannot reflect on what they feel; they have no advertence or direct consciousness of their sufferings." Animals must suffer to some extent though, and it is wrong to add unnecessarily to these sufferings. The sentimentalism that treats animal pain as an evil as great as human pain, however, is unreasonable and ridiculous. Killing innocent human lives in the womb, for example, offers no comparison to butchering "helpless" cattle.

Whether as companions, means of work, for the benefit of medical advancement, as clothing or as food, animals were placed in the stewardship of men. "Let man have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

There is nothing wrong with being a vegetarian, or even a vegan. However, if someone is trying to lead another to believe that eating meat is cruel because it causes an animal to suffer, that person is wrong. Animals were entrusted to the stewardship of man for his use.

Julie Shields
Santa Barbara, Calif.
February 14, 2000

Wrong is wrong

If we are to believe Bill Fenton ("UConn chants were not that bad, 2/16") then we can toss rules of etiquette altogether and simply rate our behavior against something worse. That should be easy. Never mind etiquette! Following his logic (and I am talking reasoning here, not basketball) everything from human rights violations (well, the Germans killed 6 million Jews!) to speeding through a red light and causing a traffic accident in which one maims only one of five children (well, there was this guy who killed an entire family in a car accident!) can be made somehow less unacceptable, and we can let ourselves off the hook for what is in and of itself wrong. Worse yet is the notion that if we have been the recipient of some action that was wrong, we have the right to do some action that is wrong — as long as it is in our eyes less wrong — and we should not be criticized for it.

Back to sports. Class isn't just peeing on your opponent or not vandalizing his car. Class, if you'll pardon the expression, is in a class by itself. We can't excuse our behavior by comparing it to something worse. It's like what Coach D said: "Anything that is vulgar or is a personal slur has no place in the Joyce Center." Quite simple, if you think about it.

We'll leave out, for the moment, the discussion about living in glass houses and throwing stones.

Ursula Williams
Director, Language Resource Center
February 15, 2000

Kessler out of line

Brian Kessler was out of line in his Irish Insight column concerning Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun. It is embarrassing that opponents can walk away from Notre Dame and correcting that out that the student body has no class. It is embarrassing that so many fans write in to say how disappointed they are at how poorly the students of Notre Dame carried themselves.

This is not what Notre Dame is supposed to stand for. It's one thing to cheer on the Irish — and Matt Doherty has given us something to finally cheer about — but it should be done with respect for our opponents as well as our own teams. People have come to expect Notre Dame to stand for something that is a cut above the rest. In this day and age of trash talking that permeates sports and society, Notre Dame is expected to be better. It is expected in all aspects of the Notre Dame community. We expect the players and coaches to carry themselves with class. The students should do likewise. There has been a tradition of excellence handed down to us, the current student body, that has made Notre Dame mean something special to people across the country.

Events like Saturday's tasteless heckling are showing that we are not being good keepers of that tradition. Kessler's comment that equated Notre Dame students acting like a bunch of idiots to UConn playing physical on the blocks, which is part of the game, is simply ridiculous. There are not many here any more who had the opportunity to hear Lou Holtz address the students before the Ohio State game in 1996. One of the key points he stressed to us was that Notre Dame was not like other places. We are a great University that has great traditions and individuals that carry themselves with a great deal of dignity and class. We would do well to remember that in the future.

Matthew McCoy
Senior, Off-campus
February 14, 2000

Faculty perpetuates racism

My friend, dark-skinned and of Mexican descent, sat in class this week and received his paper back covered in red marks. The teacher later talked to my friend, who incidentally is the only dark skinned student in the class (although one of several that received a poor grade), and asked him, "Was English your first language?" My friend was stunned at the question and felt incredibly awkward. This is the same friend who, after submitting his resume at the career center earlier this year, was asked by a woman working there to remember to add a line indicating that he was indeed a United States citizen.

Are these standard questions and comments that professors usually ask all and every student when the student performs badly on an assignment or wants to apply for a job? Or do they have something to do with the color of my friend's skin, a technicality that too often leads to unfair prejudices against people of varied ethnicity?

In the incipience of a new century, at one of the finest universities in the world, it is appalling to discover the ignorance at Notre Dame. In all fairness, the process of improving cultural relations at Notre Dame is commendable, and even for many who fail to appreciate the importance of embracing and feeling comfortable around diversity, I do not believe that it is because of their evil intent, but once again, because of ignorance. The ignorance thrives in

baseless stereotypes and outdated categorizations of people inflicting senseless pain and confusion. Yet, the problem becomes intolerable when professors and known departments at Notre Dame perpetuate this ignorance in the most inappropriate manner and fall victim to stereotypes and prejudices. It is then that I begin to truly question the standard of professionalism to which this incredible faculty feels obligated to adhere.

If the students at Notre Dame are to fully respect and understand racial diversity and combat stereotypes which continue to plague this country, then at the very least, Notre Dame must ensure that its leaders of this movement, namely the faculty and administration, set a precedent. I have strong hope that my friend's experiences will exemplify to students and faculty alike that there is crucial work that remains to be done by everyone in regards to improving good racial relations and understanding. Rather than viewing this as a setback, I challenge readers to acknowledge the subtle, yet painful forms of prejudices that ubiquitously affect people and develop an interest to positively bring about change.

Ken Seifert
Freshman
Multicultural Commissioner for Stanford Hall
February 16, 2000

College is not job training

The letter on Feb. 15 from two seniors concerning jobs for Arts and Letters students and post-graduate service programs took me right back to many of the concerns that I felt as a student nearing the end of my life at Notre Dame, as well as to the anxieties many feel as they near their time in our program.

As the Director of Holy Cross Associates, one of the "service projects" mentioned in the letter, I have many opportunities to listen to post-graduate volunteers as they begin the "what next" process. I encourage them to think of the feelings of anxiety that naturally come with life changes as a mass of possibilities, not a lack of opportunities. There are lots of jobs out there for folks with all kinds of backgrounds, even if they seem harder to find in certain major fields or do not appear as financially lucrative as what one might find had one pursued other majors.

If one takes as a viewpoint the notion that college education is primarily job training, then one is likely to be disappointed no matter the chosen field of studies. If, on the other hand, one views it as a means of further discovering a vocation, then all the experiences — classes, projects, relationships, hall masses, athletics; all of college life — help students to uncover their vocations, the gifts one possess to put to the best use of him or herself and the community. By vocation, I refer to the many life paths one can choose. Good colleges and universities would do tremendous disservice to students if they only encouraged the development of job

skills. Further, schools like Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and others steeped in strong faith traditions would do much poorer by its students if they did not encourage an even deeper exploration of vocation in the context of one's gifts as God given and meant to be discerned and discovered by commitment and experience.

In this light, programs like Holy Cross Associates, ACE and many others provide a context for this exploration. Our program stresses the idea that one's call is not (necessarily) found on graduation day, but rather a continuous journey taking one through the possibilities of vocation as family members, single people, religious life, and many other callings. Most participants in our program will tell a listener that they discovered many things about themselves and their callings, but that the experiences moved them farther away from thinking that they had discovered what their job should be in the future. It becomes better understood as a lifelong journey.

I encourage readers, particularly those reaching the end of their tenures at school, to consider all the possibilities available to them, including the possibility of service in a post-graduate program. Their rewards don't include lucrative sums of money, but the experiences linger for a lifetime.

John Pinter, '81
Director, Holy Cross Associates
February 16, 2000



HEALTH COLUMN

Saving yourself when you cannot save a friend

Yes, this is another article about eating disorders. I know you've had your fill. From the myriad of testimonials, which appeared last semester in *The Observer* to every awareness article you've read this week, you are on the brink of developing a new disorder — a sickness spawned by reading too many sob stories about young women who suffer from either bulimia or anorexia.

Anonymous

Notre Dame student

Only your disorder is of a far more dangerous kind because it reflects the attitude you carry towards this issue. An attitude that if not changed today will continue to plague you, your family and the Notre Dame community. Apathy, indifference, call it what you will, but if you think that eating disorders do not affect you and you call yourself a Domer, you suffer too. You not only suffer from your own sickness but you contribute to the suffering of others, those students diagnosed with these diseases and those students and counselors trying to help them. I know, you don't think you can possibly handle another article on eating disorders, but I implore you to read on. Because this article is written by someone who was just like you.

Three years ago, when I arrived on this campus, the issue that was the furthest from my mind was eating disorders. I was so excited to be here, so happy in this wonderland that I really forgot about suffering altogether. If you had asked me in the first several weeks or even months what I thought about U.N. inspections in Iraq or Clinton's foreign policy involving the former Yugoslavia, I couldn't reply. I, like so many other students on this campus, became absorbed by my new life, filled with new friendships, new classes and of course a new football season.

Naively, I began to think that nothing could go wrong on this hallowed ground. No one suffered here. I thought this until that fateful day when my roommate, my new best friend, told me she was bulimic.

I describe that day as fateful because it truly changed my life, but the truth is I can't really remember much about the moment at all. I know I didn't even suspect that she was bingeing and purging, so I know I didn't question her. But my friends and I had suspected another friend of being bulimic and we would talk about it alot, especially after meals. My roommate was nearly always present for these discussions. I think that's why she decided to tell me that she suffered too. Looking back, I think about how much it must have hurt her, our shallow assessment of this other girl, transposing our judgments about her onto herself. Looking back, I can see how my apathy towards and my inexperience in dealing with eating disorders truly affected, if not harmed, my roommate.

So, she told me she was bulimic. Not to sound crass, but I was glad for an instant. Happy that within a few months we had bonded enough for her to share something so intimate, so private. Also, for a few fleeting weeks I thought she would get over it. What did I know? I had never dealt with this before. We would talk. I would ask her if it was a good or bad day. I would ask her if she saw her counselor. I began to play mother hen. And I never questioned her honesty. With this minor bump in the road, life went on as usual. I went back to being absorbed by college life and the idea that no suffering happened here, at least any that couldn't be placated with a little care and some counseling.

And then she didn't wake up. Again, it took me a while to recognize something wasn't right. Everybody skips a few classes when they get to college. No parents, no calls from the school secretary. And when

your first class is Calculus at 8:30, you sleep in. But my friend didn't just sleep in, she went into hibernation. And I naturally began to worry. I had to deal with that fine line between being a friend and following my parental instinct. At first I remained the friend. It wasn't my job to make her get up. If she didn't want to go, I wouldn't force the issue.

Instead, I began to adopt her pattern. I would go to class but immediately come back and sleep. I wouldn't work or interact. I would just sleep. I would sleep to try to recapture that dream world where no one suffered. I would sleep to avoid the problem, but as I slept, the issue — her eating disorder — began to plague us both.

I would sometimes ask how things were going, but I noticed a distance had come between us. Worried that my questions worsened the situation, I stopped asking. Big mistake. Because after that point I started focusing on myself. I looked at her and saw this beautiful girl who got tons of attention from the male species, and I would think how I would kill to be her. Then I would think how unfair it was that she got all the attention when she cheated to look that way. Then I would think about how I couldn't seem to help her and how I had failed her as a friend. Making her problem disappear, saving my friend, was my goal. And I was a failure.

During this time, my own self-esteem plummeted. And worst of all, I had lost my best friend, my confidant, to this disease. I didn't know what to do. I called my parents crying every other day, but the moment they mentioned transferring I said no way. I still believed in the mystical power of this place that would someday make everything all right. My initial solution was to move off-campus, a little distance would solve everything. Unfortunately, my new roommate was also bulimic.

I kept trying to tell myself that eating disorders were not my problem. I certainly didn't suffer from one, I wasn't bingeing and purging after every meal. But I did suffer, like so many other students trying to cope with friends who have eating disorders. And I needed help. It's so hard to admit that you suffer because of your friend's problem. She's hurting and she will struggle for the rest of her life with this disease. How could I begin to compare my coping difficulties with the problems faced by my friend?

After almost two years, two friends/roommates with bulimia, denial after denial, chunks in my shower and people constantly telling me their solutions about my friends' problems, I admitted I had a problem. I was overwhelmed. I was depressed. I wanted it all to go away. I needed help and I needed to admit that eating disorders were my problem. I decided I needed to confide in others even if that meant revealing my friend's secret. I had to address my problems about eating disorders before I could hope to help my friends. I had to learn how to help them without betraying myself.

If you live on this campus and you think eating disorders are not your problem, you're so wrong. If you have a friend with an eating disorder, don't be afraid to get help for yourself before you try to help them. Your ability to cope is critical to opening the lines of communication and maintaining honesty in the friendship. You also have to admit you will never cure your friend's disease. Just listen, listen to them, but most importantly listen to yourself. Recognize your limits and never feel guilty about putting yourself first. There are counselors available to help you, to teach you how to cope, and to listen.

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Dancers prance

Saint Mary's dancers present a '20th Century Dance Retrospective'

By MIKE VANEGAS
Scene Editor

There's going to be a dance at Saint Mary's this weekend. In fact, it's a weekend-long dance, and it starts tonight. There will be a handful of women, one man and a bunch of spectators watching this dance. But, surprise, surprise, it's not an SYR. Instead, it's the "20th Century Dance Retrospective," and far from the SYR mentality, the show plans to give guests a look at the evolution of dance.

"20th Century Dance Retrospective"

- ◆ Where: Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium
- ◆ When: Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tickets: \$5.50 to \$8.50 O'Laughlin box office

"It is taking a look at dance through the 20th century," said the show's director Laura Lowry. "We tried to give an overview of what dance has done, what paths it has taken and how it's changed."

And though the "Dance Retrospective" is not a typical show one may see at O'Laughlin Auditorium or at the Little Theater of Moreau Center or even at Washington Hall, it comes during a season in which every little theater group is performing the typical Broadway-esque production. There's Shakespeare, and there's "Grease" and there's more Shakespeare.

But this, readers, this "Dance Retrospective" is not theater. It's Vegas. It's dancers, on a stage, dancing. And there is variety throughout the show, which makes it much easier to handle with a short attention span.

"The pieces are more like a kaleidoscope of different things," said Lowry. But the show isn't bogged down by an overarching theme or message. For that reason, the "Dance Retrospective" can differentiate itself from other spring productions.

"There are some pieces that have social messages — Trepidation Toward Liberty has a social message against violence — but are we trying to create one big message through the whole show? I would say it's kind of reflecting on where we've been as a country, and how we express ourselves through dance," added Lowry.

But Lowry recognizes that such a production — a "Dance Retrospective" — is not for everyone.

"There is a dance audience that is interested in dance, and has a tendency to come all the time," she said. But still, she said people who aren't particularly fanatics when it comes to dance should expect "to get a taste of many different things in one show."

These things, indeed, are many. There will be a few excerpts from "Romeo and Juliet," a longer ballet piece, a series called American Dances, which shows the progression of social dance throughout the century, the aforementioned Trepidation Toward Liberty, a combination modern dance-sculpture piece using handheld metallic boxes and, perhaps most anticipated, Helen Tamiris's "Negro Spirituals."

And behind this diverse plate of dance, there are people who simply make it happen.

"The dancers have been extremely conscientious and I'm very proud of them and what they're doing because they have a lot of demands on them. They were right there the whole way," said Lowry.

But to finish up, there is this weekend, and Lowry said they are all pretty much ready.

"Everything seems ready. The dancers are ready. The dances are ready. We're still sewing costumes, but I have confidence [it] will all be there. The lighting seems to be going well. I feel good," she said.



Dancers from Notre Dame and their performances this trend and important societal



... onto SMC main stage

'20th Century Dance Retrospective' this weekend



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Saint Mary's will light up the stage weekend. Dances showcase talent, lessons.



SCENE THROUGH OUR EYES

JPW's real purpose

I remember being told that there are three times when you are important at Notre Dame: 1) Freshman Orientation, 2) Junior Parent's Weekend and 3) Graduation. Well, the Class of 2001 has finally emerged from the anonymity of sophomore year and made it to No. 2: JPW. This weekend is dedicated to our families and us. Are you ready to bask in the spotlight?



Jenn Zatorski

assistant
Scene editor

Personally, I have been looking forward to JPW since I worked at the event last year. Granted, I didn't have the most fun trying to serve dinner to thousands of people (so please be kind to your wait staff this weekend!), but everyone I waited on was having a great time. All of my upperclass friends raved about JPW. I was excited for the time when my family and I would be the guests of honor at these events.

The anticipation for JPW has steadily increased since I returned from winter break. My friends and I are thrilled to finally have plans for the weekend that don't include watching a movie or trying to find an off-campus party. We are excited for our parents' visit; we've organized a dinner for more than 25 people tonight. The evening promises to be filled with good conversation and fun. My dorm is hosting a luncheon tomorrow. My friends and I also bought tickets for a huge after party that is being held at the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night. In addition, there are the University-sponsored activities — a gala, a Mass, a dinner and a brunch. With so many events to partake in, it is becoming hard to keep track of where I will be and when.

It is also hard to believe that after all of this waiting and excitement, JPW is finally here. It is almost like your birthday or Christmas — you wait so long for something and then when it finally happens, you can't believe it.

Unfortunately, these occasions are usually over in the blink of an eye. While today is the start of JPW, you will be waking up for class Monday morning before you know it.

Therefore, we must be extra careful not to let the moment of this weekend slip us by. There will always be books to read, problem sets to complete, computer programs to write and tests to study for. You will only be a junior at the University of Notre Dame once in your lifetime, however. This special weekend gives us the chance to contemplate the years that we have spent at this university and the short amount of time that we have remaining here. It gives us the chance to reflect upon and cherish the friendships that we have made. It gives us the chance to be proud of our many accomplishments. Most importantly, though, it gives us the opportunity to honor our parents and to thank them for providing us with the best education possible.

So take a quiet moment for yourself this weekend amidst the laughter and the dancing. Think about your family, your friends and your life here at Notre Dame. Think about your future and how bright it looks. Think about the wonderful gift that you have been given. While the glory of this particular occasion is fleeting, these truths will endure. As part of the Notre Dame family, we bask in the spotlight everyday.

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Swim

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divers competing at this year's meet. Last year, the team was without a diving contingent.

"Tonight our divers made a big impact," said Welsh. "It was an extremely solid contribution. Our hope was to have two divers in the top eight, and that's what happened."

Junior Herbie Huesman finished the one-meter diving competition in fourth place with 477.90 points and was followed by freshman Andy Maggio who took sixth place with 454.70 points and finally by freshman Tony Xie, who finished in fourteenth place with 336.80 points.

Welsh is optimistic about the divers' performances in Friday's 3-meter diving competition. "We are generally tougher in 3-meter competition," he said.

The team's strategy for

Friday's competition and the rest of the meet is to race fast in the preliminaries in order to secure positions in the finals.

"You win championship meets in finals, but you have to score as many points as possible in the preliminaries," said Welsh. "For us to maintain our position or to move up, we have to do that. We have 17 races in the morning and we need all 17."

"We are continuing to focus on the need to race and race well. We have to be aggressive, be sensible and beat the clock. The team's performance tomorrow will depend on how well we race in the morning and how many qualify for the finals."

The team's strength in Friday's events lies in the 400 individual medley race and the 100-yard breaststroke race.

Numerically, the team has the most swimmers in the 100-yard breaststroke and needs to do well in order to get all five participants to

score, said Welsh.

Verlin agreed with Welsh's strategy.

"We have to swim well in the morning to get good seeds for the finals at night," said Verlin. "That's how we can move up in the places tomorrow."

Overall, Welsh was pleased with his team's performance, particularly coming off a second place finish in the Big East Conference Championship last year.

"Last year, being second in the meet was a dream," said Welsh. "Where we are at this point tells us what remains to be done. The first day is the most unpredictable day, but I think we can be better as the meet goes on and that is our objective. Tonight we did much better than this morning. We had better intensity. I think we will continue to improve with every session. Pittsburgh clearly led competition today, but who will hold places two, three, four and five after tomorrow is to be announced."



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Notre Dame finished the first day of competition in third place, just 12 points behind Rutgers.

NBA

Bulls take care of Mavericks without Kukoc on court

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Toni who?

Playing their first game without Toni Kukoc, the Chicago Bulls got big games from Elton Brand and Hersey Hawkins and put together one of their best defensive efforts of the season as they stunned the Miami Heat 83-76 on Thursday night.

Brand had 26 points and 10 rebounds. Hawkins, who had only scored in double figures once in the 13 games since he returned from the injured list, had 20 points and a season-high nine rebounds.

Despite four players in double figures, the Heat were held to 41 percent from the floor.

Alonzo Mourning led Miami with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Tim Hardaway added 14. Jamal Mashburn had 12 points.

It was Chicago's second-straight victory over Miami, which has the second-best record in the Eastern Conference. It was the Heat's second-lowest point total of the season.

Miami got within 60-59 on a layup by Chris Carter, but Chris Carr hit a 3-pointer, Brand made two free throws and Hawkins drilled a short jumper and a 3-pointer to put the Bulls back up 70-59. After that, all that was left was the celebrating.

When Kukoc, Chicago's leading scorer and the last key

piece of the championship dynasty was traded to Philadelphia on Wednesday, the Bulls' already dismal fortunes looked even worse. They were 2-22 and flirting with the NBA record for futility when Kukoc was on the injured list, and their prospects didn't look much better.

Chicago looked lost for much of the first quarter, scoring just two field goals in the last 4:15 and shooting just 30 percent overall as Miami took a 23-16 lead. But the Bulls soon realized Kukoc wasn't going to come rescue them any time soon, opening the second quarter with a 12-3 run of their own.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Matt Maloney and Hawkins,

followed by Brand's dunk, gave the Bulls a 28-26 lead.

Any time the Heat seemed on the verge of pulling away, the Bulls came up with an answer. When P.J. Brown gave Miami a 44-39 lead, Hawkins responded with a 3-pointer. When Hardaway hit a 3-pointer, Carr scored six straight points to pull Chicago within one at 49-48.

The Bulls took the lead on a three-point play from Brand, and he and Maloney each made a pair of free throws to give the Bulls a 55-53 lead at the start of the fourth quarter.

Dallas 106, Detroit 97

Steve Nash scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Dallas Mavericks, playing without suspended Dennis

Rodman, beat Detroit.

Rodman was serving a one-game suspension as a result of his ejection in Tuesday night's loss to Milwaukee. Rodman also was fined \$10,000 by the NBA.

The Mavericks lost each of the two games Rodman played even though the controversial forward had a total of 29 rebounds. Dallas has won eight of its last nine games without Rodman.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 22 points, 12 rebounds and five assists. Michael Finley and Cedric Ceballas each had 21 points.

Nash's 3-pointer with 6:47 to play gave Dallas an 89-88 lead, and the Mavericks led the rest of the way.

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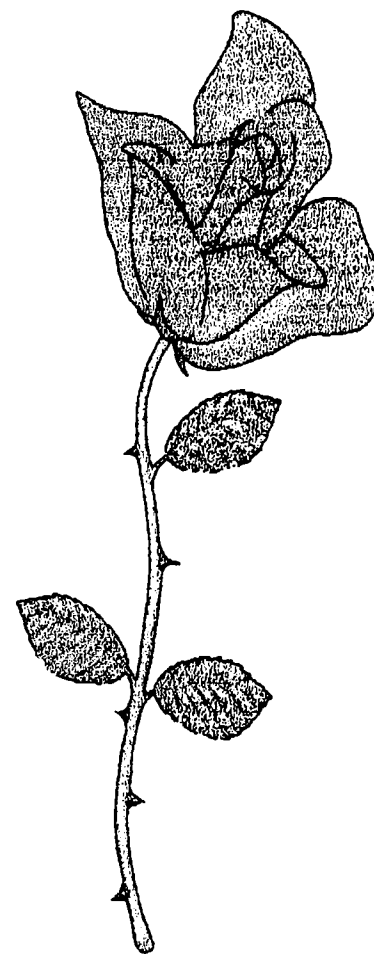


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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish look to steal win away from No. 23 Pirates

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The road has been a lonely place for the Notre Dame basketball team this season.

Aside from huge wins over Ohio State and Connecticut, Notre Dame has been 0-8 away from the Joyce Center. It won't get any easier Saturday when the Irish take on the No. 23 Seton Hall Pirates at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

"Playing on the road is definitely a concern for us," sophomore forward David Graves said. "When we play at home, we feed off the crowd and we feel comfortable. We're definitely due for a big road win, but this will be a tough game. We need to come out and set the tone defensively."

Seton Hall earned a Top 25 ranking this week for the first time since 1993 and boasts an 18-5 record.

The Pirates are also second in the conference with a 10-3 mark, but are coming off a 59-50 loss to Connecticut.

The Pirates are led by Darius Lane and Rimas Kaukenas, who average 15.1 and 13 points per game, respectively.

Sheehan Holloway is one of the best point guards in the league and leads the team in both assists (5.9 per game) and rebounding (5.3 per game).

He also averages 12.8 points per game.

The Pirates are a very dangerous team from behind the arc. Lane, Kaukenas, Holloway and Gary Saunders (9.4 points per game) have taken nearly 400 3-pointers and shoot a combined 40 percent from downtown.

"We definitely need to extend our zone because they have some great shooters," Graves said. "Their team feeds off what they do from the outside. They live and die from the perimeter, so we have to make sure we get out there and contest shots."

The Pirates also have one of the best shot-blockers in the country in freshman Samuel Dalembert who averages 3.5 blocks per game.

The Irish are led by All-American candidate Troy Murphy, who is fourth in the nation in scoring (23 points per game) and sixth in the country in rebounding (10.8 boards per contest).

Last year, the Irish defeated the Pirates twice during the regular season, but fell to Seton Hall in the first round of the Big East Tournament. Murphy was injured for the first game, but averaged 25 points and 14 rebounds in the final two contests.

"I think we definitely have the advantage inside," said

Graves who is second on the team in scoring with 12.9 points per game. "We're going to try to pound the ball into Troy and Harold [Swanagan]. Hopefully we can control the game that way and get them into foul trouble because they are not very deep."

Notre Dame is coming off

last Saturday's 68-66 upset win over defending national champion UConn.

This game is the start of a crucial five game-stretch that closes out the regular season. During that stretch the Irish will face the top three teams in the conference.

"Coach has been saying that

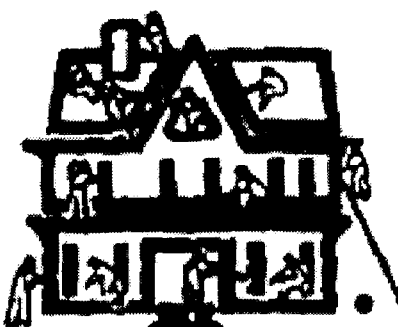
we can finish the season anywhere from second place to ninth place," Graves said. "We control our own destiny. If we come out and play hard, play smart and play together than we'll be right up there at the top."

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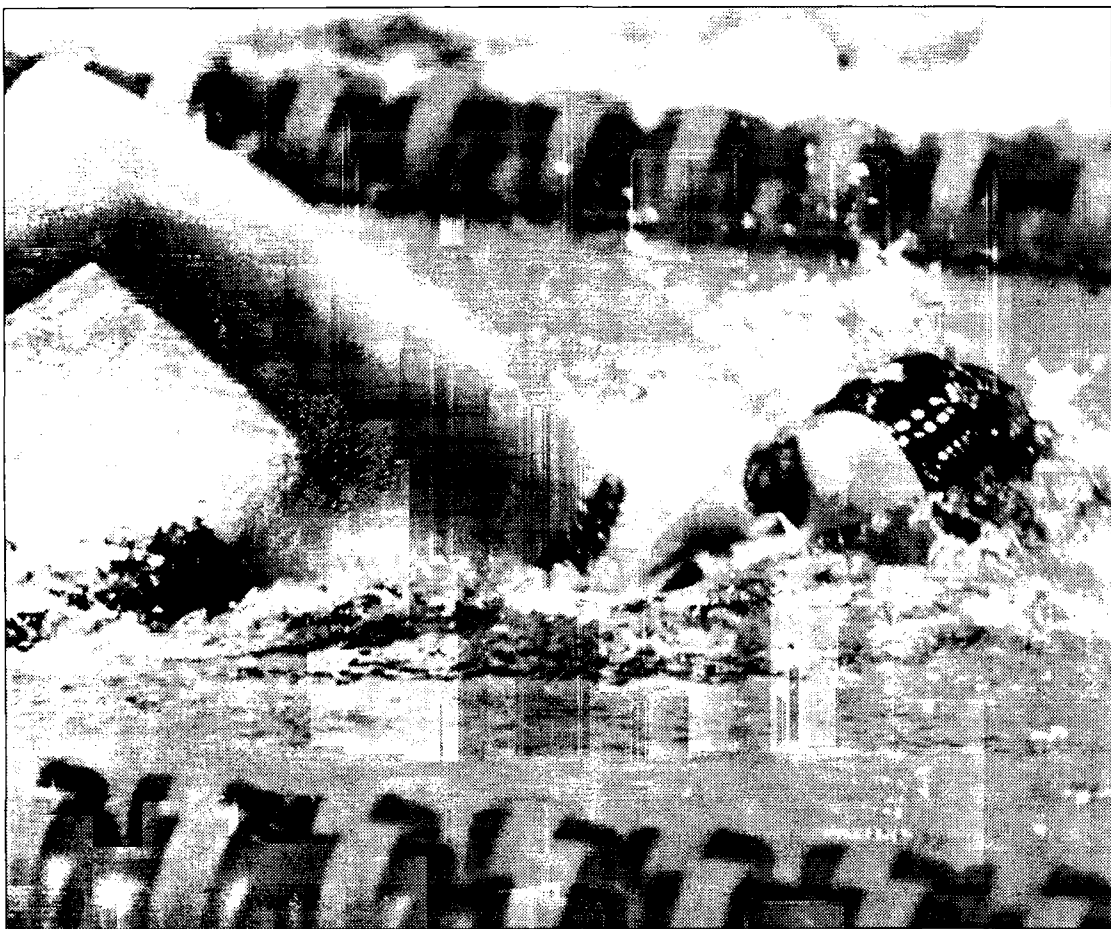
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Notre Dame aims to secure its fourth consecutive conference title this weekend at the Big East championships in New York.

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the second day of the meet." Citing inconsistency in morning races, difficulty with technical aspects in races, and a struggle to retain focus, Weathers wants to see the squad step up to their optimal level of performance in the next two days.

"We were not as good as we could have been in the morning," he said. "We had a lot of kids end up in consolation heats that should have been in the finals. There were a lot of things we could have done better. Overall, we're pleased with where we are, but we can improve."

While the possibility of the four-peat looms in the distance, the potential win is not the only motivating factor for the team.

Seeking to increase the number of swimmers qualifying for the NCAA Championship, the Irish's goals reach beyond the Big East.

"The girls would like to win, but it's not as much of an issue as performance," Weathers said. "We were relaxed this morning. We have to keep our intensity."

Intensity is expected from frontrunner Carrie Nixon, who added to her list of Big East titles Thursday by resetting her 50 freestyle conference record in preliminaries, then lowering the mark again in finals.

Nixon's mark of 22.58 seconds earned the junior sprinter another Big East title and an automatic NCAA qualification time.

Nixon was also a member of two Big East record setting relay teams Thursday, where the Irish continued to establish their place in the conference record books.

The 200 freestyle relay of Brooke Davey, Nixon, Kelly Hecking and Laura Shepard undercut the 1999 record set by the Irish, re-establishing the mark at 1 minute, 32.64 seconds.

Hecking, Elizabeth Barger, Shannon Suddarth and Nixon answered at the end of the meet, resetting the 400 medley relay record at 3:42.69. Other top performances included a 1-2 finish in the 500 freestyle from the duo of

Kirsten Van Saun and Alison Newell. Van Saun, who entered the final in second place behind Newell, pulled ahead of the pack during the last six lengths to win the title in 4:51.97.

The duo's finish set the pace for Thursday's finals, establishing Irish dominance early on.

"The 500 was really critical for us," Weathers said. "It was the first individual event, and it was important to score there because we've scored well in the past."

Continuing the trend, Notre Dame placed four swimmers in the final heat of the 50 freestyle, showing off a depth of a talented corps of sprinters.

Following Nixon's first place finish, Shepard added a fourth place finish, Davey fell into sixth, and Hecking rounded out the heat in seventh.

The Irish also saw strong 200 individual medley performances, with Allison Lloyd and Suddarth placing seventh and eighth.

Diving competitors Heather Mattingly and Gina Ketelehn earned fourth and seventh place honors for Notre Dame in the 3-meter competition, respectively.

Placing multiple swimmers and divers in the final heats will continue to be a priority, as the team looks to capitalize on both standouts and depth.

While stroke specialists will get a chance to shine on Friday and Saturday, there are holes that leave Weathers wary.

"We only have one swimmer in the 400 individual medley tomorrow, and that will hurt us," Weathers said. "But we can score well in the stroke events."

Nixon will return as the favorite in Saturday's 100 freestyle, where she will seek to defend her conference title and record.

"Because I won last year, that has really given me the confidence to know that I can do it again," she said. "I don't look at this as pressure, but as another opportunity to do something great. The more pressure you put on yourself, the harder it is," she said.

Like Nixon, the team's focus will remain not on the imminent four-peat, but on NCAA qualifications.

"It is our largest team goal to win [Big East]," Nixon said. "But honestly, that's going to be easier than it has been in the past because we've stepped to a new level. This is a side goal — something we think about when we're done."

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish ready for struggle at championships without Deeter

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's track and field team only lost one athlete who placed in the top four at last year's Big East Indoors Championships. Unfortunately, that athlete scored both a victory and a runner-up finish a year ago.

The Irish return everybody but All-American distance runner JoAnna Deeter from the 1999 squad, but her loss could leave the Irish struggling to match their third-place finish.

"On the women's side, I don't know that we're as strong," sprints coach John Millar said. "Last year, we were able to put people in events and have them do more than we expected from them. Losing JoAnna Deeter, that obviously hurt us, because that's probably 20 points that we could have counted on. Not having her there is a factor."

The women's track is very wide-open, with Georgetown, Miami, Pittsburgh, Miami, Villanova, Seton Hall and Notre Dame all likely to contend for the top few spots.

"Basically, if everyone performs up to their capabilities, we shouldn't have a problem taking home a championship," captain Jen Engelhardt said.

The problem the Irish face is a lack of depth, due to the relative youth of the women's track and field program at Notre Dame.

"We just don't have the depth that we do on the men's side, so we sort of count on certain people to score a lot of points," Millar said. "If they don't do well, we don't have the depth to fall back on."

"Our program is only eight years old, so it's not as grounded as the men's side, which started when Knute Rockne was coach," Millar added. "We're just a little behind because most of the other schools have had women's track for 15 to 20 years now."

The field events provide strength for the Irish women. They have competitors who are strong contenders for runs at the championship in the long

jump, high jump and pole vault.

Engelhardt, a senior All-American has placed second in the high jump in the Big East Indoors Championships each of the past three years, while adding two victories in the Big East Outdoors Championships. The same competitor, Tomika Tomplin of Connecticut, has defeated Engelhardt in each of the indoors competitions.

"Going from past years, I think we've got kind of an archrivalry going, so I'm definitely going after her," Engelhardt said. "I think it's any man's game."

Engelhardt is undefeated four meets into the season. A victory at the Big East meet would make it five in a row.

"It's going to be a duel between those two [Engelhardt and Tomplin] from all appearances," field events coach Scott Winsor said. "But Jenni has gotten her outdoors, and Tomika has gotten her indoors. It's going to take a very good jump for Jenni to get her."

Freshman Tameisha King has turned heads in the long jump, setting a new Notre Dame record in the event.

"Tameisha hopefully can rise to the occasion," Winsor said. "Tameisha's got all kinds of talent. Tameisha is in a situation where she just won in high school because she's so talented, and she's not going to be able to do that at this level. She's really going to have to buckle down and work hard. If she pops a good one, she could be right in the hunt to win it, but it's going to take a good jump."

Fellow freshman Jaime Volkmer poses a double threat to conference foes with her talents in the pole vault and triple jump. She has also set a new record this season for the Irish.

"Jaime Volkmer is just a great competitor," Winsor said. "I haven't seen any signs in her that would indicate that she is going to fold under a little bit of pressure."

Other entries in the field events for the Irish include sophomore Dore DeBartolo in the shot put and the 20-lb. weight throw, as well as Emily Bienko and Betsy Lazzeri in the

pentathlon.

Sprinters for the Irish contesting for points in the meet include sophomore standout Liz Grow in the 60-meter dash and 400-meter dash, King in the 60-meter hurdles, Amanda Alvarez in the 200-meter dash, and Carri Lenz in the 500-meter dash.

"We're looking at Liz Grow in the 400, who has the potential to win or be in the top two or three," Millar said. "We'd like to see Tameisha King do well. I think she has the potential to be a major factor. Carri Lenz in the 500, we're going to be really counting on her to step it up."

Distance events hold the disadvantage of going up against a loaded deck. The Big East has a history of competitive teams, as five schools sent squads to nationals in cross country.

"The league is just so good in those areas," women's distance coach Tim Connelly said. "That's just the nature of the league. That's what the schools in our league have traditionally been strong in."

Deeter, who won the 5,000-meter run and took second in the 3,000-meter run a season ago, could be a missing link for Notre Dame in their race for the top of the Big East.

"I'd like to see us come close to duplicating what we did last year, but I think that's going to be really hard," Connelly said. "We're missing some kids that scored a lot of points last year, so we're not going in there with a bunch of sure points in the distance races."

Senior All-American Alison Klemmer, scheduled to run the 5,000-meter run and the 3,000-meter run, will contend for the top of the league.

"I'm hoping to run a whole lot better than I have so far this



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Junior Erin Olson and the Irish look to better their 1999 top-four finish at the Big East championships this weekend.

season, and hopefully place highly in the 5,000 and hopefully place in the 3,000," Klemmer said. "The 5,000 is going to be very competitive, no matter what. It depends who's in it, whether or not there's going to be an out and out winner."

Nicole LaSelle will join Klemmer in 5,000-meter competition, as will freshman Jen Handley in the 3,000. Captain

Patty Rice is entered in the mile run, while junior Leanne Brady should place in the 1,000-meter run. The Irish also have relays entered in the 4x400-meter relay, the 4x800-meter relay and the distance medley relay.

"By the time you get to the relays on Sunday afternoon, a whole lot of it is who has any legs left underneath them," Connelly said.

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MEN'S TRACK

Irish have eyes on Big East Championship title

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

After placing second each of the past three seasons, the men's track and field squad hopes this is the year it finally comes out on top in the Big East Indoors Championships.

"This is the best chance we've had to win it in a long time," junior sprinter Terry Wray said. "So a bunch of people are really pumped about it. Our sprint corps is really strong this year. We just feel very good and really strong right now."

The Irish return the core of their runner-up team from 1999, with the exception of All-American pole vaulter Mike Brown. But to come away with a victory, athletes will need to post the best performances of their lives.

"I think it's key for every event to go well," field events coach Scott Windsor said. "I'm not quite convinced that we have the depth that some of the other schools in the Big East have. We're going to have to have a perfect meet, frankly, for us to win it on the men's side. We're going to have to have people step up and get some PRs [personal records] for us to be in that meet."

Other Big East teams will force the Irish to push to the limit.

"I would say that the major competition will come from Georgetown or Connecticut, and they're both excellent teams," head track and field coach Joe Piane said. "We have to hit on all major cylinders to have a chance. The men and women that can score need to score."

It may be a close competition for the championship as opposed to last year, when Georgetown topped Notre Dame by about

100 points.

"This year, I wouldn't be surprised if the top three teams were within 10 points," distance runner Luke Watson said. "We certainly think that we're in a good position to win. I know we're capable of it. We certainly have the talent to win. It's just a matter of putting it all together on the same day. I think we have an advantage in the sprints. We need to maintain and match them in the distance and jumps, and then beat them in the sprints."

The Irish sprint squad is particularly strong. Leading the way are returning Big East champions Chris Cochran and Marshaun West, both seniors.

"All of them are key events because we have people who are going in there who are, if not leading the events, at least in the top two or three going in there," sprints coach John Millar said. "So we're hoping that they'll perform at the level they're capable of so they can score some big points."

Cochran won the 400-meter dash at the Big East Outdoors Championships a year ago, and will attempt to win the race indoors this weekend. Cochran is on the verge of qualifying for the NCAA Indoors Championships. He will also head the list of Irish competitors in the 60-meter dash.

West, an All-American long jumper and 200-meter Big East indoor champion a year ago, is competing for the first time since injuring his hamstring last month.

"This is his first meet back since his hamstring pulled, but he's looked very good in practice," Windsor said. "He's running the 200 at the same time as the long jump. We're hoping he can hit a big one early in the

long jump, so maybe he can pass through. He's going to have to buckle down. That's what being a senior is all about."

Wray and senior Tim Kober should pace the Irish in the 500-meter run.

"To win it, nothing else," Wray said of his goals. "I'm really not concerned with anyone else. I'm pretty much determined. I'm going to have to run the best race of my life, but I think I'm in shape to do it."

Kober will also be a leading contender for Notre Dame in the 800-meter run.

Senior Phil Mishka scored breakthrough performances in the 800-meter run earlier this year, but will compete in the 1000-meter run this weekend.

"It'll be interesting to see what Phil Mishka can do in the 1000," Piane said. "I think he can win it."

For the distance crew, Watson and junior All-American Ryan Shay should compete for titles. Watson will compete in the mile and the 3,000-meter run, while Shay aims for victory in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs.

"Being my first meet, it's really hard to establish goals," Shay said. "I want to win; I just don't know if I'm physically capable of doing that this weekend. I definitely think I'm capable of being in the top three in the 5,000."

Shay suffered an injury prior to the first meet of the season, and the Big East will mark his first competition of the season.

"It's a hell of a meet to start with, but he'll do fine," Piane said. "We don't have any other choice. We can't not run him. We gain nothing by not running him."

In the field events, the men have no sure contenders for victors besides West in the long jump. However, they have a



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer
Senior Sean McManus and the Irish head to Syracuse for the Big East Indoor Championships Saturday.

son placed fourth in the Big East Indoors Championships a season ago with his hurl of 58 feet, 3 1/4 inches in the weight throw. Fellow thrower Derek Dyer is Notre Dame's best chance for points in the shot put.

"I don't believe he [Thompson] has thrown his best this year," Winsor said. "I have four guys in the weight throw, and hopefully, we can get them all through to the finals."

Sophomore Quill Redwine is a key competitor in the high jump and triple jump.

"Quill Redwine is another key, I think," Windsor said. "I think he's going to have to step it up in the triple jump, and also score some points in the high jump."

In the pole vault, Notre Dame will enter sophomore Josh Heck,

senior Jesse Masloski and freshman Nathan Cahill in an attempt to make up for the loss of Brown.

"We don't have a Mike Brown in the pole vault, but what we do have is three vaulters who can score and hopefully score pretty well," Winsor said.

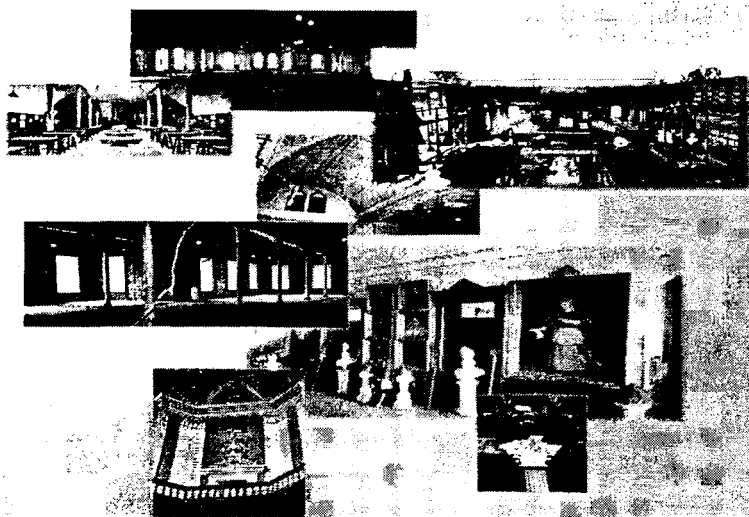
The Irish will also enter teams in the distance medley relay, the 4x400-meter relay and the 4x800-meter relay.

"The last two relays could get really exciting, because I know Georgetown's got good teams entered, and so does Connecticut and so do we," Watson said. "It could come down to the last two events."

The meet begins Saturday morning in Syracuse, N.Y., and continues through Sunday.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame looks for victory at Bowling Green

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish hockey team (13-15-6, 10-9-5 CCHA) remains in the fifth and final home-playoff position spot as they visit conference rival Bowling Green (13-15-0, 10-12-0) this weekend.

They hold a one-point lead over Ferris State after splitting last weekend's series with Nebraska-Omaha. Bowling Green enters the series holding on to 9th place in the CCHA standings.

This will mark the second straight year that the Irish head into the traditional late-season Bowling Green series on the bubble for a home-ice playoff opener. The Irish dropped one game last year, which forced a final series with Northern Michigan to decide the playoff positioning.

The key to Notre Dame's success is its powerplay. The Irish are 11-8-4 when scoring one power-play goal, 7-1-1 when scoring two, and 2-7-1 when scoring none. Notre Dame's percentage of power-play goals to overall goals (36 to 83) ranks as the third-highest in the CCHA

(.434), with 17 of ND's last 30 goals coming on the PP (.566), including in their 7-4 win on Saturday. With all the recent success, the Irish are averaging nearly one power-play goal per game, but have only been able to score an average of 1.5 even-strength goals.

Despite their powerplay success, Notre Dame is one of the CCHA's lowest scoring teams. They do have one of the league's top scoring five-somes all in the CCHA's top 40 scorers. Dan Carlson, Joe Dusbabek, Ryan Dolder, Ben Simon, and David Inman all have scored more than 20 points this season. Only Michigan has more players that have totaled 20 points.

The Irish have relied on their defense for their success this season because of their low scoring totals. The penalty-killing unit has shut out their opponent on 15 of the last 16 powerplay chances, spanning three games. The defense has allowed only 32 powerplay goals on 191 chances this year for a .168 opponent average.

Adding to the defense's success has been the limited number of shot that they

have given recent opponents. In the last eight games, Notre Dame has outshot its opponent in seven games and tied them in the other. During this stretch the average shot totals have favored the Irish 36-22, while the Irish have posted a 5-2-1 record.

The freshmen Irish players emerged in last Saturday's game to contribute eight points against UNO. Michael Chin has four goals and four assists in his last seven games, and all six of his goals have come in the last 15 games. He has scored the most goals by a freshman and trails Connor Dunlop (2 goals-11 assists) by only one point for most points by an Irish freshman. Defenseman Evan Nielsen added one goal and two assists last weekend to pass senior Tyson Fraser as the top scoring defenseman, with 12 points (4 goals, 8 assists).

The Irish begin their two-game series with Bowling Green tonight at 7:35 p.m. Notre Dame will return for their last home game next weekend against Michigan State in the home and home series to conclude the regular season.



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Freshman center Connor Dunlop and the Irish head to Bowling Green looking to keep their playoff hopes alive this weekend.

NHL

Lehtinen recovering from surgery

Associated Press

DALLAS
Dallas Stars wing Jere Lehtinen will be out six weeks after he underwent surgery Thursday on his broken right ankle.

Lehtinen was injured Oct. 16 and then missed 30 games before returning on Dec. 31. He played eight games before the ankle started bothering him again and has been out of the past 11 games.

Lehtinen could have opted to continue playing, but hav-

ing surgery now increases his chances of returning at full strength for the playoffs.

The plan is for him to play again on April 2, when five games will remain in the regular season.

"It's been a tough time," Lehtinen said. "I felt like I could play, but I just did not feel good enough. I didn't have any confidence. At least now, I can come back strong for the playoffs."

Lehtinen made the decision after being examined by Dr. Bill Hamilton in New York.

Team doctor Dan Cooper performed the surgery at

Baylor Medical Center.

"It's not strong enough for him to participate at the level he wants to," Stars trainer Dave Surprenant said. "Nobody has a reason why it hasn't healed."

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SOFTBALL

Irish open season in Las Vegas

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The 2000 Irish softball team will kick off its season this weekend as the women travel to the University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament.

Notre Dame will play a total of five of the 16 participating teams.

Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching season at Notre Dame, has high expectations for the opener this weekend.

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves," she said. "We expect to go and win every game."

The Irish are coming off of a 42-20 record last season, with an undefeated conference performance.

Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to NCAA Regionals where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

This year Notre Dame looks to repeat its 1999 stellar performance, and it is expected to, having been chosen in a poll of conference coaches to finish first again in the Big East.

The Irish secured eight of nine first-place votes, finishing with 64 points, 11 more than No. 2 Boston College.

The Irish lead off the three-day tournament against Portland State Friday morning. Finishing at 12-37 last season, the Vikings have yet to face Notre Dame in competition.

Notre Dame plays Southern Utah next.

The Thunderbirds, ending last year at 10-48 and returning just three of their nine starters, are currently 0-2.

Saturday morning the Irish are slated to face Oregon. The Ducks stand at 4-1 in the 2000 season, losing only to fifth-ranked Southern Mississippi.

They finished last year at 40-29 after advancing to the

NCAA Regionals and grabbing the No. 25 national ranking. With a 1-1 history against the Ducks, Notre Dame looks to grab the upper hand.

Following a 6-2 loss in the 1999 season, Notre Dame looks to get revenge against UC-Santa Barbara Saturday afternoon. UCSB stands at 3-1 in the 2000 season.

The Irish end weekend play against Utah.

The Utes, picked to finish first in the Mountain West Conference, are currently 0-3 after the Fiesta Bowl Tournament last weekend.

The Irish, although lacking senior leadership, have returned seven starters, including 1999 Big East pitcher of the year, Jennifer Sharron, and 1999 Big East player of the year, shortstop, Melanie Alkire.

Also returning from the all-Big East Team are outfielders Lizzy Lemire and Jennifer Kriech.

Notre Dame has a new defensive look in the infield this season as freshmen Andrea Loman, Alexis Madrid and Andria Bledsoe are slated to start at first, second and third bases, respectively, while sophomore Jarrah Myers moves from third base to catcher.

Joining Lemire and Kriech in the outfield is junior Danielle Klayman, a returning starter.

The Irish, yet to get outdoors this year, face teams that have already started the 2000 season.

"We have a little catching up to do, but we don't let that be their advantage. It doesn't hold us back," Miller said. "We need to go out there and play our game."

MEN'S TENNIS

No. 29 ND aims for two home victories

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Two more matches and two more wins.

That's the goal at hand for the

29th-ranked Irish this weekend as they match-up against Wisconsin on Friday at 4 p.m. and 32nd-ranked Miami



Sachire

(Fla.) on Sunday at 12 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The 4-2 Notre Dame squad is in the middle of a successful homestand that has included impressive wins over Kentucky and Ohio State, but the focus of the Irish remains fixed on putting more victories in the win column by way of a little fine-tuning.

"We'd like to continue winning," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "And we are going to try to tighten up some of the areas we are soft on."

The Badgers of Wisconsin, who pose the first test for the Irish, enter the week with a 2-1 record following a 4-3 loss to the DePaul Blue Demons and are lead by senior David Chang and sophomore Scott Rutherford, who rank 42nd in doubles. Notre Dame has claimed victory in the last eight meetings with the Badgers, giving them a 38-16 lead in the overall series.

Sunday's matchup against the Miami Hurricanes might stand as a tougher obstacle for the Irish, who barely defeated the Big East rival in a memorable 4-3 victory over the Hurricanes in the 1999 Big East Championship. Miami has garnered a wealth of talent over the offseason, picking up 88th-ranked Tomas Smid from Kentucky, Michael Lang from Georgia, and Peter Hoffman from Florida International.

"Miami is a bona fide top 25 team," Bayliss said. "We'd love to take advantage of the fact that they are here and playing

indoors. They are a good team, and it is a pretty spirited rivalry."

The Hurricanes come into this weekend's battle against the Irish with a sparkling 5-0 record, recently claiming wins over 36th-ranked Alabama and 67th-ranked South Alabama. Miami holds a tight lead over the Notre Dame in the all-time series 6-5, but the recent consistently solid play of the Irish could lead to an evening out of the overall series.

Seventeenth-ranked senior and Irish captain Ryan Sachire will again lead the Irish at No. 1 singles this weekend, looking to continue a successful spring season that began with a quarterfinal showing at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in beginning of the month. Sachire will be followed by sophomores Casey Smith, Taborgo, Talarico, Laffin and freshman Brian Farrell, while the services of Daly, who's shoulder injury has improved, still remain in question.

The Irish lineup might see a little shake-up with injured senior and No. 2 singles player Matt Daly questionable for the weekend matches. Freshman Brian Farrell has been filling in for Daly in the No. 6 position, posting two straight victories before falling to Ohio State opponent Bob Wellstein.

Sophomore Aaron Talarico has been a constant force to be reckoned with for Irish opponents, dropping just 11 games in his last three singles matches at No. 4 singles. In his first full season in the singles lineup, Talarico has played a large role in locking up the recent wins for the Irish. His 6-0, 6-1 thrashing of Edo Bawono of Kentucky gave Notre Dame a 2-0 lead in the matchup, while his victory over Vincent Ng of Ohio State was crucial in leading the Irish to a win.

Talarico has also teamed up with sophomore Javier Taborgo to form a formidable doubles team that now stands 53rd in the rankings. They have tallied a 9-5 record, including a 3-0 mark against ranked teams with wins over a 14th-ranked New Mexico team and a 36th-ranked Ohio State team.

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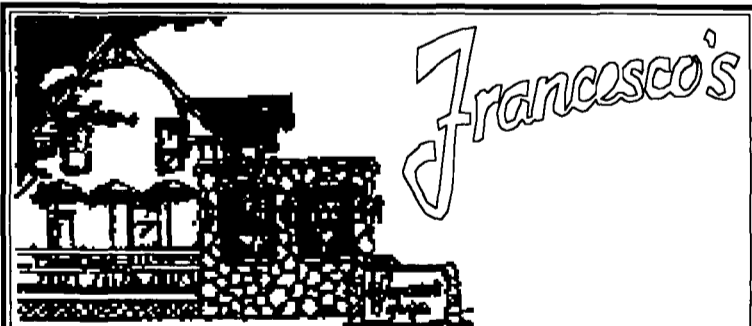
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish head into battle against No. 8 Knights

By **KERRY SMITH**
Assistant Sports Editor

Big East action heats up this weekend when the Irish travel to Rutgers to take on the Scarlet Knights Saturday.

The No. 8 Knights will be the toughest competition the Irish have faced so far this season.

But the Irish are up for the challenge.

The Irish proved Wednesday that they are more than ready for the last leg of the regular season with an 18-point win over the Villanova Wildcats.

"It was a great test to play a very challenging team," said point guard Niele Ivey. "We came out very aggressive and were ready to play. Everyone knew their role and played accordingly."

Villanova, which has proved to be a menace in the Big East this season with big upsets over ranked teams like Boston College and Rutgers, didn't have the strength to counter the powerful Notre Dame squad.

Like the Wildcats, the Knights play the slowdown game. Fronting a low-scoring and patient offense, the Knights have worked their

"Rutgers is such a great team. We've been making everything more intense in practice. The team is focusing more and getting excited for the game."

Niele Ivey
Irish point guard

way to a 17-5 record and the third spot in the conference rankings.

"We have to focus hard and prepare for Rutgers," said Ivey. "Rutgers is such a great team. We've been making everything more intense in practice. The team is focusing more and getting excited for the game."

The slowdown game can hurt the Irish, a team that likes to run the floor and capitalize on the fast break, so the Irish plan to set the pace of the game from the opening tip off Saturday.

Both the Irish and the Knights like to give the ball to the post.

Irish center Ruth Riley will find her match in the Knight's Tammy Sutton-Brown. The junior went 11-

15 from the field, scoring a game-high 22 points in the Knight's last outing against Syracuse Tuesday.

With a stingy defense, the Knights have held 12 of their opponents to 51 points or less this season.

The Irish plan to spread their scoring power under the basket and behind the arc. Along with Riley, Kelley Siemon has stepped up this season to help the Irish in the paint. The junior forward averages over seven points and five rebounds a game.

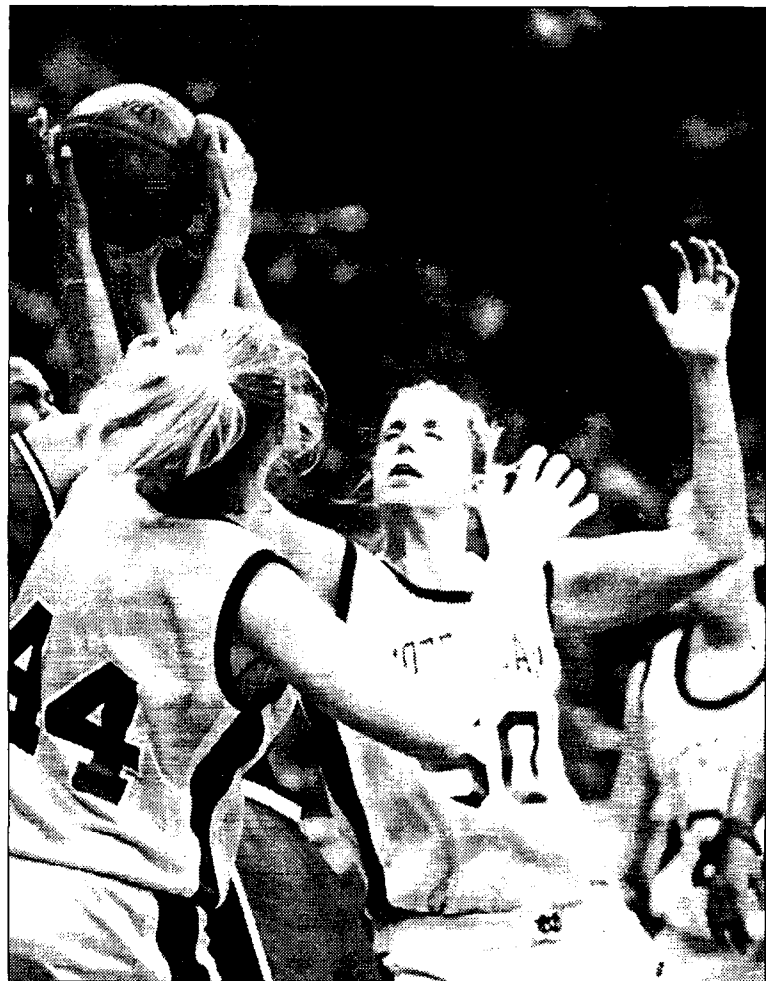
In the Irish backcourt, the trio of Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay have dominated opponents all season with sharp shooting and tough defense.

All three average double-digit scoring for the Irish.

With their eyes on the Big East tournament and beyond, the Irish are set for a tough set of games beginning with Rutgers and ending with Connecticut next weekend.

"There are a lot of competitive teams and we're excited for the challenge," said Ivey.

The Knights hold a 6-5 edge in their series with the Irish. The Irish have come away with a victory only once out of five contests with the Knights at Rutgers.



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Forwards Kelley Siemon (50) and Meaghan Leahy (44) fight for the ball in Notre Dame's win over St. John's Saturday.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Third-ranked Georgia staves off Kentucky, 73-69

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Kelly Miller scored 23 points and Deana Nolan added 14, including two free throws in the final moments, as No. 3 Georgia held off Kentucky 73-69 on Thursday night.

Miller was 9-for-14 from the field, including 2-of-4 from 3-point range, and Nolan hit 5-of-10 shots as the Lady Bulldogs (25-2, 10-1 Southeastern Conference) won their 11th straight game.

Erica Jackson scored 19 points, Tiffany Wait 15 and Laura Meadows 11 for the Wildcats (12-11, 4-7), who have lost six of their last seven

games.

Kentucky trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, but cut the deficit to two with 58 seconds to play. Following Coco Miller's miss, Jackson drove to the baseline but stepped out of bounds with 11 seconds remaining.

Nolan then hit two free throws with nine seconds to play to seal the game for the Lady Bulldogs, who are one victory away from equaling their regular-season record.

Trailing 38-25 at half-time, Kentucky opened the second half with a 9-2 run to cut the margin to 40-34.

Georgia took its biggest lead of the game, 58-44, on Kelly Miller's 3-pointer midway through the second half.

A 10-2 run, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers by Wait and Jackson, again cut the margin to

only six at 60-54.

The Lady Bulldogs led 69-62 with 2:40 to play, but Kentucky again fought back and pulled within 71-69 on Jackson's steal and layup with 58 seconds to play.

Georgia shot 52 percent for the game (30-of-58) and scored 23 points off 21 Kentucky turnovers. The Wildcats shot only 43 percent (25-of-58) but made 5-of-9 from 3-point range and 14-of-17 free throws.

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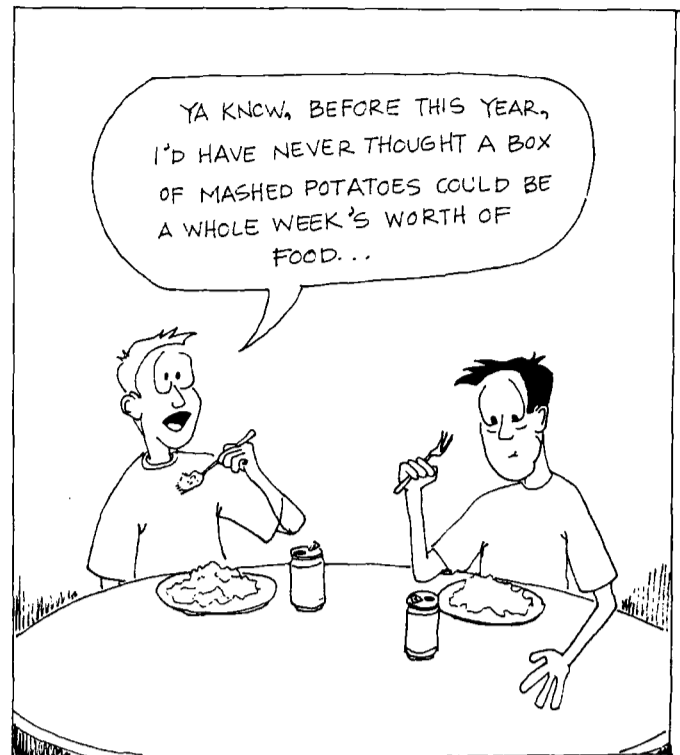
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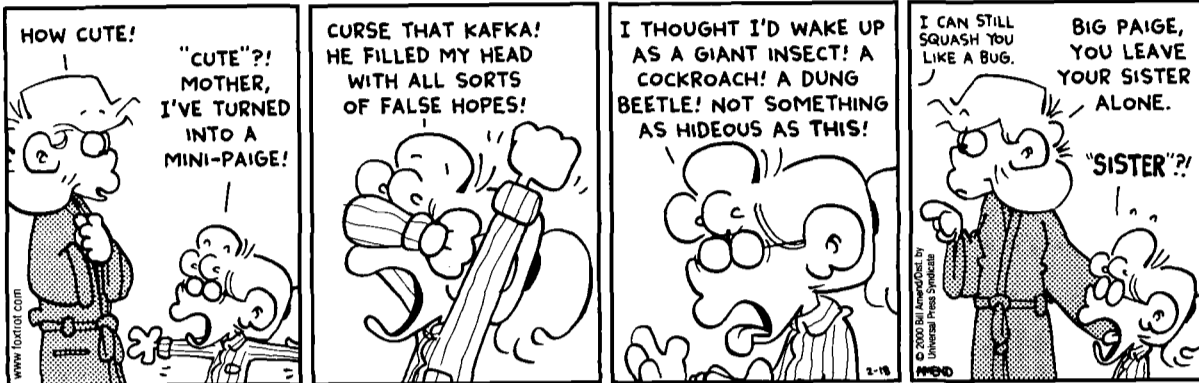


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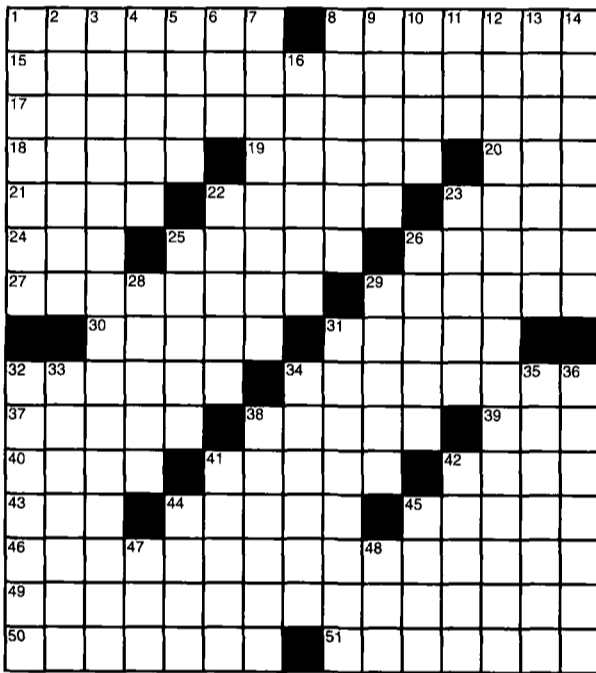
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Six French kings
 - 8 Cheese dish
 - 15 Had 100 or more
 - 17 One stirring up trouble for management
 - 18 Darts
 - 19 City on the Aire
 - 20 "Grand Ole Opry" aier
 - 21 Philosophy subjects
 - 22 Level
 - 23 Glen Gray & the Casa _____ Orchestra
 - 24 _____ Fail (Irish coronation stone)
 - 25 House coat
 - 26 "Le Fivre" artist
 - 27 Becomes twisted
 - 29 One of the Andrews Sisters
 - 30 Breathless
 - 31 Howled
 - 32 Whence the line "The meek shall inherit the earth"
 - 34 Elbows on the table
 - 37 Way to get a job
 - 38 Regular and long
 - 39 Seasonal serving
 - 40 Like some muscles
 - 41 Aquino's successor in the Philippines
 - 42 "Count _____"
 - 43 Wanted letters
 - 44 Prefix with tropic
 - 45 Prop in a Wild West show
 - 46 Noted storyteller
 - 49 "Don't rush me!"
 - 50 They may be half or full
 - 51 Like elbows, sometimes



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- DOWN**
- 1 There's one on most coins
 - 2 Arrests
 - 3 Slips and such
 - 4 Holds up
 - 5 Reply to "That a fact?"
 - 6 _____ Xing
 - 7 Ranker
 - 8 College leader
 - 9 Take for _____
 - 10 So-and-sos
 - 11 In-flight announcement, for short
 - 12 Stopped talking
 - 13 Tireless ones
 - 14 Like poison ivy leaves
 - 16 Winners get them
 - 22 Philately collection
 - 23 Not so tough
 - 25 Shorty: Var.
 - 26 Noted pyramid builders
 - 28 Beaver's nearest relative
 - 29 Big clubs
 - 31 Antitank weapons
 - 32 Perfect role model
 - 33 Washington address
 - 34 Charades, basically
 - 35 Rotten
 - 36 Glossed over
 - 38 Places of art
 - 41 Copal or mastic
 - 42 Mediterranean tourist destination
 - 44 Sunshine Biscuits brand
 - 45 Pseudologist
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make positive changes in your home environment. New equipment that will make your domestic duties easier will pay off. ○○○

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish make big splash at Big East championship

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A fourth Big East conference championship title is a near-certainty in the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team's future after ending day one of competition over 100 points ahead of the closest competitor.

Advancing 15 swimmers to finals and breaking three conference records in the process, the Notre Dame squad emerged the undisputed favorite in the meet. Perennial conference strengths Pittsburgh, Villanova and Miami struggled to put points on the board throughout the day.

"This is probably more than we expected in terms of position," said head coach Bailey Weathers. "A lot of teams did not have as good of a day as we did. But we still have a lot to improve on."

Seeking status as the first Notre Dame team to win four consecutive conference championships, a major falter by the team would be necessary to narrow the lead. Regardless, Weathers will not guarantee a victory this early in the competition.

"[To say I am confident in our victory] is a foolish thing to do," Weathers said. "We have to stay focused and make sure we don't let down. Maintaining intensity is always a challenge going into



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

The women's swimming and diving squad outswam their conference competitors by more than 100 points in the first day of the Big East championships Thursday. The Irish advanced 15 swimmers to the finals and broke three conference records.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers race into third place at conference championship

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Between the finish of preliminary races and finals last Thursday, the Notre Dame men's swimming team revived a team saying that helped them finish the first day of competition at the Big East Conference Championship in third place behind defending champion Pittsburgh in first place and Rutgers in second place.

The Notre Dame men finished just 12 points behind Rutgers with 134 points.

"There is a saying on our team that there is a difference

between just swimming events and racing events," said Tim Welsh, men's swimming coach. "Racing events is more difficult. This morning we were swimming well, but we weren't racing. This meet is about racing and that's what we came to do tonight."

Finals saw Irish swimmers times become faster after a slow start in morning preliminary races. Junior Ryan Verlin improved his time in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1 minute, 54.35 seconds, a significant increase over his preliminary time of 1:54.98. Verlin finished 10th overall in the event. John Luker, a senior competing in

the 500-yard freestyle, improved his time from 4:57.32 to a time in finals of 4:34.40, giving him a tenth place overall finish in the event.

The performance of sophomore Jonathan Pierce in the 500-yard freestyle found him cutting his time for the final race and setting a personal record and breaking a University record in the event. Pierce finished with a time of 4:30.96 compared to a preliminary time of 4:33.48, giving him a second place overall finish in the freestyle event.

Welsh credited his swimmers in freestyle events with helping the Irish achieve their third

place finish at the end of Thursday's competition.

"Jonathan's performance really set the tone for the evening," said Welsh. "We've counted on our distance freestylers all year to set the tone and they did it again tonight."

Adjustments made between preliminaries and finals helped the Irish finish the day strong.

"We went faster this evening than at preliminaries and we achieved that by racing more aggressively and faster at each point during each race," said Welsh. "That was our objective tonight as a team, to race faster."

Increased focus led to

improved times, said Verlin.

"It was a case of us realizing after this morning that we started off swimming slow and we started off sluggish," said Verlin. "The result was that we refocused for tonight's races. We were not mentally in it this morning."

Team captain Ray Fitzpatrick agreed.

"Physically, we were fine. Mentally, we were just a little off," said Fitzpatrick. "Tonight we had better focus that we will carry on throughout the rest of the meet."

Welsh also credited his team's performance to having

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at Bowling Green Friday, 7:35 p.m.



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at Rutgers Saturday, 12 p.m.



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