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■ CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Members vote not to support Big Ten campaign



The Observer/Dave LaHeist

Members of the Campus Life Council voted in favor of a resolution opposing University membership in the Big Ten Monday.

By FINN PRESSLY  
News Writer

The Campus Life Council added its name to the growing list of organizations opposing membership in the Conference on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), Monday when it approved a resolution that solidifies its stance against joining the Big Ten conference.

"It's been noted that this is one of the most important decisions Notre Dame will ever make for a while," said Tim FitzSimons, whose committee authored the resolution.

He also expressed the desire for Notre Dame to maintain its independent character. "We are ND ... It's because we're proud of it, and we're proud of our independence," said FitzSimons. "These large, secular state schools aren't the kind of schools that we want to be compared to."

FitzSimons also stated the concern that an increased graduate program would have negative effects on the quality of undergraduate education.

Ava Preacher, Assistant Dean of Arts of Letters, did not foresee problems to that effect, however.

"Somehow [people think that] if graduate programs are given more money, that will

mean a loss for the undergraduate programs. I'm not sure where that equivalency comes from," she said.

Preacher also warned the council that joining the CIC may not equate to an immediate boost in research classification.

"It may not change us. Notre Dame will still be the smallest institution in the Big Ten," she said. "It may head us down the road to higher classification, though."

Bill Kirk, assistant vice-president for Residence Life, was not convinced that the matter of joining the Big Ten was one that should be debated by the CLC.

"I just don't think that this is the right body to make this call," he said. "I don't think this emotional decision needs the support of this council. The popular decision is against joining. That statement has been made clearly by the students."

Keenan Hall senator Matt Mamak defended relevance of the resolution on the basis that the decision will affect the entire University.

"I believe this body is an appropriate place to talk about this because it brings together three different groups of people [students, faculty, and rectors]," said Mamak.

He also stressed that the emotional nature

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## Debate team dominates tournament

By LAURA UBERTI  
News Writer

The debate team's first-place overall finish at the Frankly Speaking Debate Classic at Illinois's College of DuPage on Jan. 22 helped contribute to the team's nationally respected image, according to team coach Christ Huck.

In the semi-final round, they occupied the top four individual team spots, thus ending the tournament early, Huck said.

"They call it closing out a tournament," he explained. "It is protocol for the same school not to compete against itself. Ending a tournament in this fashion is significant. It's a really great accomplishment."

"This tournament was all about establishing ourselves in the Midwest and preparing for nationals," said Dan Peate, a junior team member. "We really wanted to make a name for ourselves in the region. The debate community knows we are a force nationally."

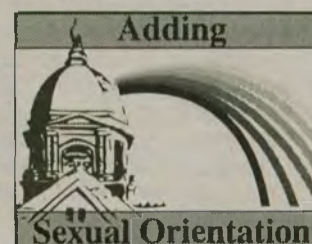
Huck described the victory as "one of the finest moments in the 100-year history of the Debate Team."

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## DECISIONS IN LONDON



Editor's Note: On Friday, Feb. 5, the Board of Trustees will meet in London to discuss, among other issues, Notre Dame's position on joining the Big Ten and the possibility of adding the protection of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Throughout the days leading to that meeting, The Observer will take a comprehensive look at the history and people behind these two issues as well as possible ramifications of decisions that the board might deliver.



## Coaches debate conference pros and cons

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
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After committing four years to the Big East Conference, men's basketball coach John MacLeod figures, why leave?

"It's a hard question to answer. We're in a top-rated basketball conference. Reality says we're in the Big East right now. Do we like being in the Big East? Yes," he said. "When we were looking for a conference the Big East lent its hand to us ... We're happy to be here."

Coaches said that they were consulted about the possible move to the Big Ten, but most agree that the move was driven by football and consequently money.

"Football obviously pulls more weight," volleyball coach Debbie Brown said. "That's not a negative, but in the dollar and cents of it all, that's how it is."

"To be realistic, if it's best for volleyball and not anyone else, it's not going to happen. In the same way, if it's good for football and not anyone else it wouldn't happen either."

When weighing the prospects of leaving or staying in the Big East, many Irish coaches examine the effects the move would have on recruiting, scheduling and the role of Notre Dame's student-athletes.

If the Board of Trustees votes in favor of joining the Big Ten on Friday, MacLeod, like many coaches, said he will have to refocus his recruiting strategies.

MacLeod may have to wonder what makes a prospective college basketball player opt for Notre Dame when he could

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DEBBIE BROWN  
VOLLEYBALL COACH

play at Big Ten Indiana powerhouses like IU or Purdue.

"We should be able to adjust without any problems. We've spent four years recruiting in the Midwest, but a lot in the Big East. That's the minus," he said. "We'll focus on someone who maybe has a background in Notre Dame tradition, family ties, close friends or coaches. If we go into the Big Ten ... we would be closer to

[our] recruiting [base]."

Brown said the volleyball program may also experience some glitches in recruiting.

"Since we recruit nationally, there's a good chance that we'll play near a player's home once during their career. That sometimes helps," she said. "One of the things we'd lose is the opportunity to play a national schedule."

When assessing all the benefits and sacrifices of the move, Brown said she would rather stay put.

"From a pure volleyball standpoint, I'd join the Big Ten. The real big plus is the Big Ten has the strongest volleyball in the country," she said. "Just looking at what's best for the student-athlete, though, I think it's the best to stay in the Big East."

The traveling schedule would become hectic because of the double round-robin system of the Big Ten, causing students to miss more classes.

"Students can only miss three classes. In the double round-robin, there's no way they could miss just three classes. It's a real disadvantage to the student-athlete," she said. "The Big Ten has said that they can't change that format to accommodate us."

Men's soccer coach Mike Berticelli stat-

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## ■ INSIDE COLUMN

## A day for all

There are many holidays that are blatantly discriminatory, yet we, as the skewed American public, close post offices, roller rinks and live bait shops on nationally approved days meant to make some group or another feel particularly left out. You've got the obviously over-exploited Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter, and then a slew of holidays like Labor Day (what about the unemployed?) and the Fourth of July (British citizens, anyone? What about their needs?) that succeed in alienating one sect or another from this "land of the free" we all know and love.



**Heather MacKenzie**  
Assistant Managing Editor

My favorite, of course, is the atrocious love-fest we know as Valentine's Day. Who wins here except those cheeseballs who make out in front of the Lebanese spaghetti in the dining hall and the fat ladies at Hallmark who laugh as you scarf up their regurgitated red Christmas decorations and leftover chocolate, marked up to prices higher than at the bookstore especially for a holiday purposely created to make 93 percent of the population lonelier and fatter?

Which brings me to Groundhog Day, the holiday that all can enjoy, even if you are not from Punxsutawney. What's not to love about a cute furry thing that pops his adorable noggin out of a grassy knoll and makes a prediction about the weather? Groundhog Day was originally conceived from the ancient creation story of the Delaware Indians, who believed that original people began life as animals and were born again to live life as men. The woodchuck, or groundhog, was thus considered the earliest of all creatures and the "grandfather of men."

The traditions encased in this ancient lore alone should be reason enough to declare Groundhog Day sacred.

It doesn't end there: While the Native Americans were revering the groundhog before there was a reason to celebrate Columbus Day, the Germans were celebrating a holiday called "Candlemas Day," in which Roman candles were lit (a direct connection to the Catholic Church, I might add) and if the sun appeared a hedgehog would cast a shadow and be scared back into his hole, predicting six more weeks of winter.

If the historiography alone isn't enough to make Groundhog Day gain "holiday-for-government-employees" status, there is also reason to make Groundhog Day a time to reflect on life gone by. In 1953, the city of Punxsutawney gave two relatives of the famous "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticators of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary" (that's what they call the groundhog) to the Los Angeles Griffith Park Zoo as a gesture of goodwill. As soon as the six-week-old baby groundhogs arrived, the evil California Department of Agriculture declared them "agricultural pests" and ordered them exterminated. They were shot with a rifle in cold blood soon after.

The Punxsutawney Board of Directors has since banned all residents of California from joining the club, but the memory of this heinous act of violence against the groundhog remains. The two slaughtered furballs now rest in a special burial plot in the Groundhog Club Park, and each year the Groundhog Club remembers them with their thoughts and prayers.

So if not to celebrate a joyous day full of fun, frolic and furry animals, remember the history, the passion and the myth behind this ancient holiday.

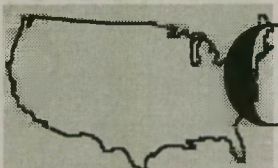
And anything that relates to a Bill Murray movie has to be great.

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## Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## Full frontal nudity on display at male dance revue

IOWA CITY, Iowa  
Nudity in the Union Wheelroom on Jan. 30 during a male dance revue has sparked an investigation by UI officials.

"Ladies' Nite: African-American All-Male Revue Dance Show," sponsored by the Black Entrepreneurial Association, featured five exotic male dancers from Chicago. According to an organizer and students who attended the event, several of the male dancers exposed themselves while on stage.

Depending on the context of the event, the frontal nudity may have been in conflict with UI policy, said Steve Parrott, associate director of University Relations.

A report has been made to Student Services, Parrott said, and administrators will now be gathering facts about the event to determine their next step.

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The routine included stage stripping, and lap and table dancing for tips.

"They came out in clothes and went down to G-strings," said UI freshman Felicia Penza, who attended the show. "And then [the dancers] would whip it out for a couple of seconds."

Organizer Derick Mitchell said he told the dancers that there were certain Iowa laws and campus rules that had to be followed during the event.

Despite his warning, the dancers exposed themselves.

"That right there suprised me a little myself," he said. "They were invited here and I told them specifically what I wanted them to do, but they got a little bit out of control."

Mitchell said the show drew a positive response from the several hundred women who attended. But, now that the show is over, Mitchell said he expects negative feedback from UI officials regarding the event.

"They did some things that they shouldn't have, some things I wasn't expecting," he said. "I tried to keep it down as much as I could, but once they did it, what can you do?"

Penza, who said she enjoyed the event, was surprised a show of this nature was held in a UI building.

"They would take the women up on stage, and [the women] were straddling them with their legs up in the air and [the dancer's] face in their crotch," she said.

## ■ BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

## Olympics scandal involves schools

PROVO, Utah  
BYU and two other Utah colleges were issued subpoenas Thursday by the U.S. Justice Department, which is investigating the Salt Lake Olympic Committee scandal. The Justice Department is requiring BYU, Utah Valley State College and the University of Utah to submit school records to aid in their investigation. "BYU has actually received two subpoenas. The first was received the middle of last week, and the second was late Wednesday," said Carri Jenkins, director of media communications for BYU. Jenkins said the Justice Department subpoena requested the transcripts of nine individuals. One name on the list is Suhel Attarabulsi, son of former International Olympic Committee member Bashir Attarabulsi of Libya. Attarabulsi, who attended the BYU English Language Center, received funds for tuition and expenses through a SLOC scholarship, Jenkins said.

## ■ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

## Scientists claim truth to biblical flood

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
Though the story of Noah's ark has long been considered a biblical myth, two Columbia oceanographers have found evidence that a vast and deadly flood did occur around the same time the Bible indicates Noah's flood occurred. In their book, Noah's Flood: The New Scientific Discoveries About the Event That Changed History, Walter Pitman and William Ryan, senior scientists at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, attributed the biblical story to the Black Sea surge that occurred around 5600 B.C. The evidence for this book came from the scientists' 1993 expedition to the Black Sea with the Russian Academy of Sciences. Pitman and Ryan were invited on the expedition by Russian scientists with whom they had maintained contact even before the Iron Curtain fell. The trip was the first time the former Soviet shoreline was open to researchers from the West.

## ■ SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

## Tennis players testify on harrassment

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
Senior Dacia Kornechuk and 1998 graduate Kirsten Ericson were not the first to be sexually harassed by Syracuse tennis coach Jesse Dwire and mistreated by Syracuse University, according to the testimony of seven former SU tennis players. After learning of allegations of sexual harassment against Dwire and the university, former players who played for SU more than 15 years ago came forward to detail stories of unwanted sexual massages, inappropriate touching, and constant threats and intimidation. Kornechuk, Ericson and their parents filed a \$762 million sexual harassment suit last year against SU, head tennis coach Jesse Dwire, Athletic Director Jake Crouthamel and other members of SU's athletic department. They maintain that Dwire harassed them both verbally and physically, created a hostile environment and threatened their scholarships and playing time.

## ■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

## Laundromat and bar combo opens

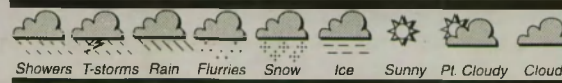
MADISON, Wis.  
The future of laundry has established itself in Madison. A new laundroplex/cybercafe will radically transform the way students traditionally view washing dirty socks and stained T-shirts in antiquated machines. Laundry 101, Madison's first laundromat, cafe and bar, opened its doors last Friday. "We've essentially waged war on laundromats," Zach Brandon, Vice President of Laundry 101, said. "We're reinventing what laundry is for the college student." The idea for the laundroplex was based on their college experience, Brandon said. The store, painted in jarring neon colors, contains an eclectic mix of dozens of stainless steel laundry machines, bar stools and computer equipment. "We wanted to build a bright and fun atmosphere for students—we developed a place where students could do anything from getting a beer to doing a load of laundry," Brandon said. "This is definitely a place oriented towards college students."

## ■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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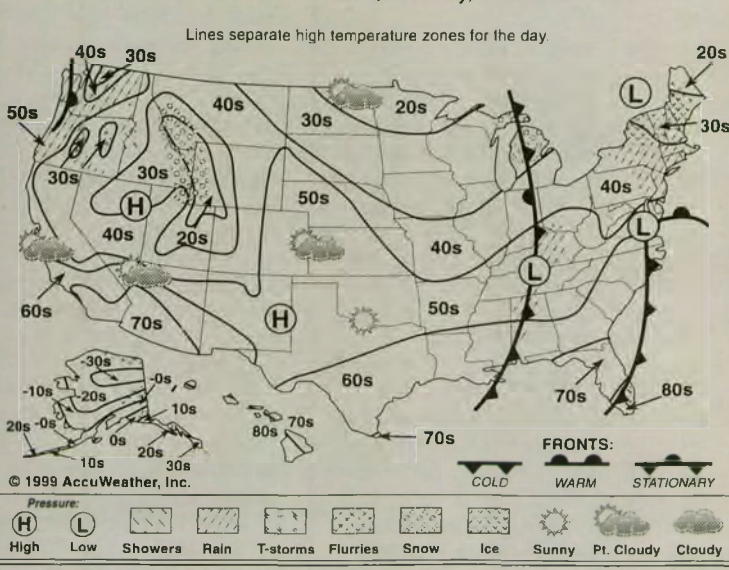
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## ■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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# Midden/Little suggest study day, winter carnival

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

Instituting a study day during finals week, creating a technology commissioner position and celebrating a winter carnival top the list of campaign goals for student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Nancy Midden and Angie Little. "We have a very packed platform, but we've done all the research," Midden said. "All goals are very attainable. We're in this for the right reasons."

"I want to ensure that everyone we're working with is having a good time. If everyone can feel as good as I do [when I achieve a goal] ... I think we'll be very successful."

## EXPERIENCE

Midden and Little, both juniors, have an extensive background in Student Government Association (SGA) and experience working with each other. During their sophomore year, Midden served as class president with Little as vice president.

This year they work on Board of Governance (BOG) together, Midden as the student body vice president and Little as the junior class president. They share the experience of working as tutors in the writing center as well.

As student body vice president, Midden's duties include acting as coordinator of the Student Academic Council (SAC). She is an economics major from Saginaw, Ill., and has also served as a presenter at an Association of College Unions International conference.

Little, a double major in English and humanistic studies from Fort Wayne, Ind., is a Presidential Merit Scholar and has experience as a judicial board member.

"We work very well together," Midden said. "We brainstorm and know who will take what direction with a project. I am good at delegating and Angie makes sure everything goes in the right direction. We're very open to each other's opinion."

## GOALS

**Study Day:** Midden and Little have worked with the Saint Mary's registrar on a proposal to the SAC for one study day

during finals weeks.

"We know it's a need. We've heard what the students have to say," Midden said. "As SAC coordinator, I've done research at other institutions and seen that it has worked."

The idea has previously met opposition, Midden said, because proposals called for two days instead of one.

Because Saint Mary's and Notre Dame mirror each other's schedules, there is room for the study day, the candidates said.

Little mentioned that some administrators have been hesitant about allowing study days because of the way many perceive Notre Dame students misusing the day without classes.

"I really don't think it's a fair comparison," Little said. "I think we would utilize the day. It would be a good chance to open Madeleva for study sessions and speaking to professors."

**Celebrate a winter carnival:** Reinstating a winter festival would promote social opportunities on campus, Midden and Little said. The day would be a chance to relax and have fun in between Saint Mary's Pride Day in the fall and SMC Tostal in the Spring.

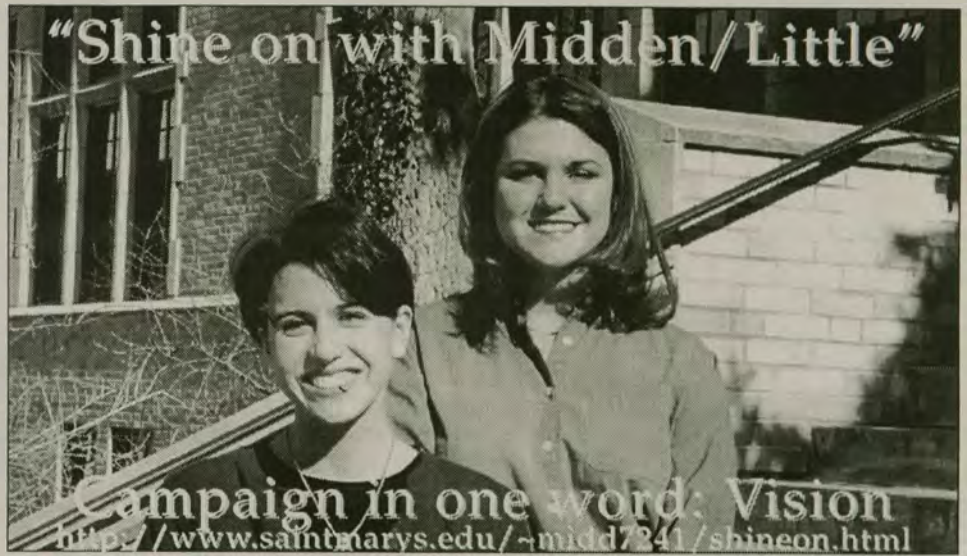
Some tentative activities include a snowman-building contest, freezing Lake Marion and ice skating on it and having a "day at the beach" in Hagaar.

"Saint Mary's has very dedicated students. It's hard for them to sit back, relax and enjoy," Little said. "This would be an opportunity to do that and to bond."

**Alumnae workshop and mentor program:** Midden and Little plan to "bring alumnae back to Saint Mary's to share their advice, experiences and past times."

The BOG alumnae commission would be in charge of instituting the alumnae workshop and discovering "great resources." She would locate interested alumnae by mailing letters with proposals to as many alums as possible. The workshops would consist of two or three morning sessions, lunch, a keynote speaker and three or four meetings in the afternoon.

Beginning with this year's graduating seniors and incoming freshmen, the mentor program would "provide a vital link for



students and aide in the transition of life after Saint Mary's as an alumna." The program would match freshmen to alumnae who share similar career interests. It may also sponsor a weekend visit of alums and current students.

"We've talked to a good deal of seniors, and they seem very excited to come back and help," Little said.

**SMC Pride Day:** Under their leadership, the annual Oct. 6 Saint Mary's holiday would be improved by adding a pep rally. For chronological reasons, Midden said this would probably be the first goal to materialize.

"The pep rally would be for athletes but also for all the accomplishments of Saint Mary's students," Little said. "It's a way to honor our students whether they're athletes or in choir."

**Technology Commissioner:** With increasing technology advances on campus, the Midden/Little ticket looks to add a technology commissioner to the BOG.

The position would potentially include the duties of designing webpages for SGA, which is currently a job of the communications commissioner, and acting as a liaison between the administration and the students. The commissioner would take initiative in voicing concerns of the students in voice mail, cable, television, computers and any other areas of technology.

Additional goals include displaying

archives on the first floor of the library, "capturing the traditions of Saint Mary's" in a time capsule to be reopened in 2050 and creating a one-credit course on "the real world."

The course would teach the basic skills of resume and cover letter writing. It would also focus on networking and finding jobs and internships. Still in the planning stages, the class would meet twice a week for the first seven weeks of a semester.

**Communication:** The candidates assert that one of their main strengths is their dedication to open dialogue.

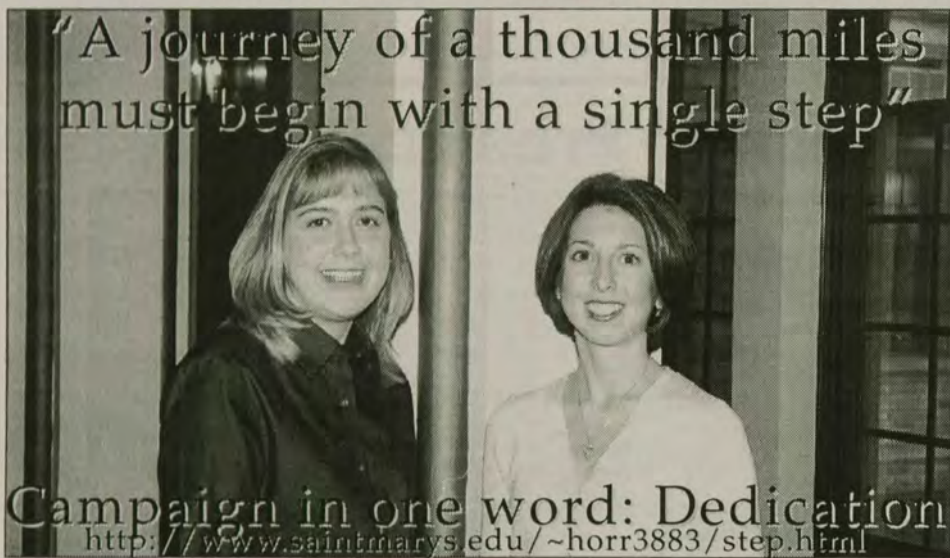
"One of our main attributes is our openness to ideas and suggestions," Midden said. "We can be reached via e-mail, the parent newsletter and calendars. I also enjoy it when people come to our [BOG] meetings."

The best way to reach the students is through optimum utilization of SAC, Little said.

"We really want to tap into SAC," she said. "It is helpful in bridging the gaps and getting in touch with every single student."

Tonight, candidates for student body president and vice president will debate, field questions and discuss their campaign goals in Hagaar Parlor at 7 p.m. Elections will take place on Thursday in the dining hall.

# Horvath/Guerreso aim to improve dining service



By M. SHANNON RYAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

Key goals of student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Janet Horvath and Gina Guerreso include improving dining hall services, linking campus organizations to students and promoting cultural awareness through education.

"A lot of the time things are said, but nothing is done about it. I have no doubt in my mind that we'll follow through," Guerreso said. "If we're elected we'd dive right in and tackle these issues. They're all feasible and we can start on them right away."

## EXPERIENCE

Horvath and Guerreso, both juniors, have worked together in the Board of Governance (BOG), although they were often involved in different branches. They view their varied backgrounds as a strength in their campaign, however.

"We come from different involvements, so we pull from different groups," Guerreso said. "We've each done our own thing but we've been in close contact with

each other."

What they have in common, Horvath said, is that "we both really love Saint Mary's and want to give back to it as much as we've gotten from it."

Horvath, a business major with a concentration in marketing from New Carlisle, Ind., is currently the coordinator of Student Activities Board (SAB). Last year, she served as the elections commissioner and registration chair of sophomore parents' weekend. Horvath is a Presidential Merit Scholar with experience as a freshman class board representative, an orientation counselor and a member of the Play of the Mind committee.

Guerreso, a mass communications major from Livonia, Mich., is currently serving as the president of the Residence Hall Association. She was the McCandless Hall president and chairwoman last year and also served as an editor of Blue Mantel. Guerreso has also dedicated time to volunteerism.

## GOALS

**Improving dining hall services:** In an effort to eliminate what Horvath and Guerreso call "a major concern of the stu-

dents," they would like to design meal plan options from which the students can choose. Currently, the Saint Mary's meal plan, offered through SedexoMarriott, is automatically a part of the room and board fees.

Horvath and Guerreso plan on establishing a point system if students choose to take advantage of it.

"Right now some students only eat one meal a day in the dining hall," Horvath said. The point system would especially benefit these students, she said.

Their other goals concerning dining services include increasing the variety and access to grab-and-go and increasing "much money" allotments to use in the snack bar.

"We'll still need to talk more to Marriott," Guerreso said. "I think they'll be receptive because they want to please the students."

**Link campus organizations to students:** Distributing a handbook of campus clubs and organizations to students is a way Horvath and Guerreso plan to increase participation and communication on campus.

Along with this goal, they want to establish a flow of communication by e-mail and the SGA website where students can "voice their concerns, offer suggestions and ask questions. We're approachable people. We can be called day or night or stopped on campus," Horvath said. "We're open to ideas. Tell us before we institute something if we're way off base."

**Promote cultural awareness through education:** Horvath and Guerreso said they will strive to create department courses with the curriculum committee that examine various cultures and lifestyles.

Although some similar classes are offered, the candidates want to expand these courses to include more departments.

"We'd like to see it go across more departments," Guerreso said. "More communications and business classes explor-

ing different cultures for instance. Some of the classes in these departments touch on the subject, but there isn't a specific class like this."

Creation of cultural courses would help with recruiting as well, Horvath said. "This would show that Saint Mary's is committed to cultural diversity. It's not just something we talk about; it's something we act on."

**Expanding career and counseling development center:** A program through the CCDC would be effective in helping first year students adjust to college life and to be more prone to take advantage of various opportunities, the candidates said.

The program would also be available to upperclasswomen. It would assist in class selection, choosing majors and career advice.

A first-year COLT was previously instituted on this topic, but making it a full-fledged course was previously met by resistance from some faculty members, Horvath said.

"They did not see it as academic enough," she said, noting that this course would be a major asset to the typical student.

Guerreso said it would be a chance for freshmen to get acquainted with the College.

"You'd get to know the institution through the course," she said. "You wouldn't be intimidated to get to know Saint Mary's and learn about the Sisters [of the Holy Cross]."

"Books are a great tool for learning, but [in addition] we have such an excellent source right here on campus. Having the Sisters speak to students one-on-one would have many benefits," Horvath said.

**Other goals** include integrating wellness into the Saint Mary's culture, promoting pride in Saint Mary's and continuing the goals of the current student body president (Sarah Siefert) and vice president (Nancy Midden) concerning admissions and technology.



## Debate

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The four two-person teams compiled a collective 17-7 record, even after they each suffered first-round losses. The winning teams' members included Peate, sophomores Priscilla Clements and Kate Huetteman, and freshmen Joyce Bohnke, Will McDonald, Michelle Petersen, Rachel Smith and Mark Styczynski.

This outing is representative of the strong season the team has produced so far, according to Huck.

"We're a young team, but we're doing very well," he said. "Last semester we took first place at a tournament at the Air Force Academy, too."

The team is comprised of 12 members, with only three upperclassmen and nine freshmen.

"We're going to the Novice National Tournament, for freshmen and sophomores," said Huck. "There I expect us to finish in the top ten, if not the top five. Even winning the tournament isn't out of the question."

When the team competes, it is not only against the host school, but also against all other attending teams. That number can range from four to 50. The best teams now are Colorado State and Carroll College of Montana, according

to Huck.

"It's difficult to compare [our status to Colorado State or Carroll] because, unless you go to tournaments with them, you don't know how you'll do," he said. Those teams compete mainly in the west, so Notre Dame may not meet them until nationals, he explained.

Although Notre Dame is as big as some schools it competes against, students do not receive debate scholarships. Instead, the team is funded through the Student Affairs department.

"We compete all the time. It's a little-known thing," said Huck. "We travel all around the country."

Students typically prepare for tournaments by practicing twice a week in front of their coach but must read on their own to keep up on current events, Huck explained.

During tournaments, students are put into two-person teams and are given a topic either to affirm or oppose, with only 15 minutes of preparation.

Competition began with tournaments in August, and will conclude two weeks after spring break. The team will travel to St. Louis Feb. 12-14 for a tournament at Washington University, then attend one at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. They will conclude the season with the national tournament in Point Loma, Calif., Huck said.

## CLC

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of the issue made it increasingly relevant to the CLC.

"The University of Notre Dame is an emotional place; most students and alumni will tell you that. This is an emotional decision," said Mamak. "Changing the character of this University is not something the students want to

do."

Keough Hall senator Brian O'Donoghue also supported the CLC's role in the Big Ten decision.

"This is the time. This is the place. This is the decision ... Let's do this. Let's pass this," O'Donoghue said.

The resolution passed nearly unanimously; Preacher was the only CLC member to vote against it and Kirk and student body president Peter Cesaro abstained.

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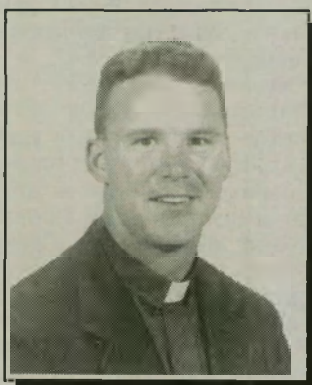
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## ■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Excavation begins on downtown ruins

MIAMI

A developer agreed to give archaeologists another month to complete their excavation of a downtown site they believe contains prehistoric ruins. In an agreement reached Sunday, Michael Baumann promised to allow archaeologists to continue their excavation without interference through Feb. 26. With the reprieve, Baumann averted the possibility of a legal fight that could have delayed construction of a \$100 million residential-commercial complex. During a routine survey of the 2.2-acre site last summer, archaeologists discovered a circle made up of dozens of holes carved into stone. The spot is believed to have been a settlement of the Tequesta Indians, a group that disappeared hundreds of years ago. The circle, which is 38 feet in diameter, consists of stone carvings and post holes. Some of the formations resemble the shapes of sea animals.

### Chinese arrest Catholic clergy

BEIJING

Police have arrested two priests along with an unknown number of other members of China's underground Catholic church, a U.S.-based group reported Monday. Police in northern Hebei province arrested the Rev. Pei Junchao and the Rev. Chen Hekun on Jan. 25, the Cardinal Kung Foundation reported. The group provided no other details, but said priests and seminarians were possibly among the others taken into custody. The arrests are the latest moves against Catholics worshipping outside China's state-approved church. Worried about challenges to its authority, the ruling Communist Party has targeted illegal religious gatherings in a broad crackdown on dissent.

### Journalist disappears in Cuba

OSLO

A Norwegian photojournalist has been reported missing in Cuba after failing to return to Oslo from a three-week trip to the island. Rolf M. Aagaard, 54, a photographer for Oslo's Aftenposten newspaper, was last heard from on Jan. 7, shortly after he arrived alone in Havana for a study trip. He was to have returned to Oslo on Friday, but his airline tickets were not used, Aftenposten said Monday. His family reported him missing this weekend. Norwegian authorities are attempting to trace him through the international police organization Interpol and diplomatic channels. Two top editors from Aftenposten left for Cuba on Monday to join the search. Aagaard is a veteran photojournalist who has visited Cuba often and published a book about the country.

## ■ GAZA STRIP



Mourners carry the body of Rifat Judah, a Palestinian security agent who was killed in a skirmish with three fugitives. An eight-year-old girl was also killed in the shootout.

## Security agent slain in Gaza shootout

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RAFAH

A Palestinian security agent was killed Monday in a shootout with three fugitives from the Islamic militant group Hamas who had been under police surveillance.

The fugitives then sped away in a car and ran over an 8-year-old girl who died of her injuries, said Brig. Mahmud Asfour, deputy director of the Palestinian police.

The three were arrested several hours later in the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip after another gunbattle with security forces. The second shootout left another Palestinian girl injured, but not seriously, Asfour said.

Palestinian police said the three were members of Hamas' military wing,

Izzedine al Qassam.

Two of the men, Raed Attar and Osama Abu Taha, escaped from Palestinian custody two months ago and are also wanted by Israel, a Palestinian security official said on the condition of anonymity. The third man was identified as Mohammed Abu Shamala.

The slain agent was identified as Rifat Judah, 34.

The confrontation came at a time when Israel renewed accusations that the Palestinian Authority was releasing Hamas activists involved in terror attacks from jail.

Israel has said such releases are a violation of the Wye River peace agreement in which the Palestinians promised to do more to rein in Islamic militants.

The Palestinian Authority has denied

the Israeli charges and accused the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of seizing excuses so it would not have to hand over 13 percent of the West Bank, as promised in the Wye accord. Netanyahu suspended the agreement last month, citing Palestinian violations.

Earlier Monday, Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of Hamas, said he was fasting for the day to press for the release of Hamas detainees being held without charges by the Palestinian Authority.

Dozens of Hamas activists held in jails in the West Bank towns of Nablus and Jericho began a hunger strike nine days ago.

The Palestinian Authority has carried out repeated arrest sweeps in response to suicide bombings by Hamas in Israel.

## Lawyers apologize to Lewinsky

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

President Clinton's lawyers on Monday offered Monica Lewinsky an apology "on behalf of the president" for the difficulties the impeachment investigation has caused her. They turned down the chance to ask any questions during sworn testimony forced by House prosecutors.

The deposition of the former intern took place behind closed doors in the Mayflower Hotel's presidential suite, but was videotaped for senators weighing the impeachment charges.

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., spent about four hours posing questions on behalf of the House prosecution team that fought to persuade the Senate to summon Ms. Lewinsky.

Her testimony closely tracked her earlier account to a federal grand jury, according to sources familiar with the testimony who commented only on condition of anonymity. The sources were not associated with the House prosecution team and worked outside the White House.

Bryant himself would not discuss the substance of the questioning, which lasted far less than the

eight hours set aside by the Senate, but he said he "felt it was a productive session."

Four senators sat in on the session as referees but would give no details later because they are bound by a Senate admonition not to discuss what they observed. The rest of the Senate is expected to review the videotape as early as Tuesday as part of the trial to remove Clinton from office.

Presidential friend Vernon Jordan will be questioned on Tuesday and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal on Wednesday in depositions in a private room at the Capitol.

At one point in Monday's session, private presidential attorney Nicole Seligman read a statement that apologized to Ms. Lewinsky "on behalf of the president for all the trouble the investigation and impeachment trial had caused her," one of the sources said.

Seligman and the two other Clinton attorneys who attended the session posed no questions of the former intern, according to several sources.

The president's team had planned not to ask questions if the lawyers felt the prosecutors had broken no new ground, said several Democratic sources.

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## Big Ten

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ed concern about student-athletes as well.

"Many of the schools do not have the same academic standards. Competing against these team will definitely affect the student-athlete," he said.

The traveling schedule also does not appeal to many coaches.

Like Brown, Berticelli said he would rather take a "plane to Pittsburgh than a bus to Bloomington."

MacLeod, however, does not see the traveling as a hindrance.

"The benefit [of joining] is obviously that we sit right in the middle of Big Ten country. The geography is a perfect fit," he said. "We could take five or six bus trips as opposed to plane trips. Travel-wise, it's a lot easier and a lot shorter."

Changing conferences may not be drastic to the near-dynasties that women's teams like basketball, soccer and volleyball have built in the Big East, but it does pose a threat to the comfort level at which many of these teams compete.

Volleyball and women's soccer have dominated as four-time Big East champs.

Since joining the Big East in 1995-96, women's basketball made its first Final Four appearance and appeared at the semi-finals of the Big East tournament for three consecutive years. Currently, it is ranked sixth in the nation and, at 17-2, enjoying its best start in school history.

"It's going to be a tough transition," said women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw. "We have to learn 11 brand new teams and try to get the same feel for them as we have for the teams in the Big East. We're very comfortable in the Big East."

McGraw said that her team should fare well in the Big Ten, but would feel like it was a starting over point.

But some advantages for women's basketball, McGraw said, are bigger crowds and more money.

"From top to bottom, the Big Ten puts more money into their sports," she said. "The Big Ten leads the nation in attendance."

Many coaches, however, don't see the scales tipping in either direction.

"I don't have a strong opinion on it either way. The Big East is a great conference for us. The competition in the Big East has a lot more top quality teams ... than the Big Ten," Berticelli said, noting that almost half of the teams in the Big East consistently land a spot in the top 25.

"We're going from one good conference to another. From a men's soccer perspective, the trade-offs are pretty even. I don't think we have anything to gain by going into the Big Ten."

One challenge Berticelli will face is making a schedule outside of the conference. Currently, only six schools have men's soccer. With Michigan's recent vote for a program and Notre Dame's possible move, the number would be up to eight - still a small group.

The men's soccer team is also at a disadvantage because it has fewer fully-funded scholarships to offer than most Big Ten schools. Berticelli has had to encounter this in the Big East as well.

What can Berticelli do about the unequal funding?

"Nothing. You can't combat it," he said. "You have to match financially if you want to compete at that level."

At this point, hockey still isn't

sure at what level it would compete if Notre Dame joined the Big Ten.

There is no Big Ten hockey conference, but with Notre Dame joining Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota and Wisconsin there would be six Division I Big Ten schools with hockey - the number needed for a hockey conference. Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State make up the Big Ten schools in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with Notre Dame, while Minnesota and Wisconsin compete in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

"I'm very happy in the CCHA," said Irish hockey coach Dave Poulin. "We'll just have to sit back and wait for an overall decision."

The move may actually have a bigger impact on other schools' programs. Small powerhouses like Lake Superior State and Alaska Fairbanks will especially be affected by the decrease in competition if a Big Ten hockey conference is created.

"We play a variety of schools; it's sort of a weird mix with lots of Division II powers," Poulin said. "Any of those schools are going to be concerned with a Big Ten league."

Whether coaches are in favor of or opposed to joining the Big Ten, most agree that they will have to adapt.

"They're not huge adjustments," Brown said. "We'll have to look at things a little differently. We can't look at it like it's a huge obstacle or like we're starting from scratch."

## SMC celebrates Black History Month with luncheons, workshops

Observer Staff Report

February is Black History Month, a time for all students to reflect on the achievements of African-Americans, to celebrate the trials and triumphs that echo in remembrances of such events as the March on Washington, the assassination of Malcolm X, the release of Nelson Mandela from prison, Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Throughout the month, Saint Mary's will be hosting events such as workshops, brown bag luncheons and lectures to provide students a chance to present questions and promote insight into problems that still exist between cultures.

Special prayer services will be held each Thursday during February, beginning on Feb. 4 to celebrate Rosa Parks' birthday. The following Thursdays will highlight Nelson Mandela's release from prison and the assassination of Malcolm X. The last service will be a student reflection. These services will all be held at the Sacred Heart Chapel in Holy Cross Hall from 9:30-10 p.m.

Students can enjoy lunch and trivia Friday, Feb. 5, in the Saint Mary's dining hall, when the Student Activities Board host: "Think Fast" from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The game will test players' knowledge of Black History trivia. Teams will compete to win up to \$200.

A brown-bag luncheon will take place in

Stapleton Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at noon. A slide presentation will be shown and matters such as social dynamics in Haiti will be discussed. This event is being sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

A "Win As Much As You Can" workshop will be sponsored by Student Activities and the Office of Multicultural Affairs at noon on Friday, Feb. 12, in the Wedge Room of the dining hall. Bryant Smith from Clemson University will discuss the formation of coalitions and the strategies in assisting the development of new ones. Smith will also give a second workshop, "Black Student Movement of the New Millennium," at 5 p.m.

The Saint Mary's Clubhouse will hold a Black History Month workshop entitled "Building Sisterhood" on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, a brown bag luncheon will be held in the Stapleton Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students can finish the week by watching the movie "Beloved" in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26. A panel discussion will follow the film. This event is sponsored by the Student Activities Board and the Sisters of Nefertiti.

For more information contact Maria Oropeza of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 284-4344 or Rachel Rodarte at 284-4344.

Angela Wogatzke contributed to this report.

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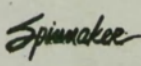
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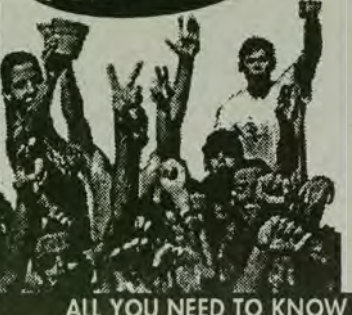


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# Clinton proposes \$1.7 trillion budget for next year

Associated Press

## WASHINGTON

Ushering in the new millennium with the promise of huge federal surpluses, President Clinton proposed on Monday a \$1.77 trillion budget for the year 2000 that would buttress Social Security and bestow billions on everything from troops to teachers.



Republicans who control Congress immediately vowed to rework much of it. Staking out this year's political battlefield, they insisted that hundreds of billions of the \$2.41 trillion in surpluses Clinton envisions over the next decade should be returned to Americans in tax-rate cuts, not used for new spending.

"Basic fairness dictates that

some of this overpayment should go back to the taxpayers," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

"We don't want to invent programs to spend the surplus on," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Economists caution that a deep, protracted recession could erase the projected black ink, which began abruptly last year with a surplus of \$69 billion.

But Clinton exulted that after three decades of unremitting deficits, the mountains of money give Washington "a special obligation" to address problems gnawing at the country. He would not only brace the government for the looming retirement of 76 million baby boomers, but reduce the \$5.6 trillion national debt built over decades of federal borrowing — and spend money for scores of other purposes.

"We have a rare opportunity that comes along once in a blue moon to any group of Americans," Clinton said as he outlined his plan at the White House.

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REP. BILL ARCHER  
R-TEXAS

The partisan positioning underlined how even in a time of budget plenty, the two parties are largely continuing familiar appeals to their political bases.

Democrats are rallying behind Social Security and expanded domestic spending, while Republicans are raising their twin banners of tax cuts and smaller government.

Clinton would spend \$39 billion more, or 2 percent more, than is planned for fiscal year 1999, which runs through

Sept. 30. But thanks to the humming economy, he anticipates \$77 billion more in federal revenue, allowing this year's expected \$79 billion surplus to swell to \$117 billion in 2000.

If those numbers seem surreal, so did the juxtaposition of the day's two chief events: As the president was releasing his budget, lawyers from his Senate impeachment trial were in a Mayflower Hotel room blocks away, questioning Monica Lewinsky about her affair with Clinton.

The impeachment fallout could leave both sides eager to build records of legislative achievement, or it could make them eager to draw political distinctions as the 2000 elections approach. Initial signs pointed to confrontation.

Republicans agreed with Clinton that most of the surpluses should be set aside to trim the national debt and strengthen Social Security. But the two sides are already fighting over how to do that.

And while Republicans want to use most of the remaining surpluses — nearly \$800 bil-

lion over 10 years — largely to cut income tax rates, Clinton prefers aiming that money at Medicare, new retirement investment accounts and defense and domestic programs.

"In all my years in Congress, I've never seen such a kitchen-sink approach to government," mocked tax-cut advocate Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin shot back, saying that reducing the federal debt is "a far better use of the surplus than consuming it now with a tax cut."

Rather than broadly trimming tax rates, Clinton proposed \$36.2 billion in narrowly targeted tax cuts over the next five years. They include a new \$1,000 tax credit to help people afford long-term care for elderly or disabled relatives, and a credit of up to \$500 for stay-at-home parents of babies under age 1.

But because budget rules require many spending increases to be paid for, Clinton would also raise taxes by \$82 billion through 2004.

The biggest chunk — \$34.5 billion — would come from boosting the current 24-cent-a-pack cigarette tax to 94 cents next year. That would include a new 55-cent increase, and accelerate an already approved boost that hasn't yet taken effect. Congress showed little taste for higher tobacco taxes last year.

Clinton's budget also assumes the federal government will pocket \$18.9 billion through 2004 from legal settlements the 50 states have reached with the tobacco industry. But opposition in Congress and from states makes the fate of that proposal questionable as well.

Most of the rest of the tax increases would affect businesses and investors — and have been rejected before by Congress.

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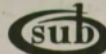


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## ■ CAPPY'S CORNER

### du Lac

A long time ago, I heard there was originally only one du Lac on campus. As the story goes, there was an Indiana law which mandated that a lake of a certain size would have to be open to the public. Fr. Sorin allegedly filled in the middle of the lake, so our two smaller Lac's, and thus, our campus, could be kept private.

## Cappy Gagnon

There is apparently no historical accuracy to this yarn, but it does seem like something

clever old Fr. Sorin might have done to preserve the pristine beauty of our lakes. Fr. Sorin (Nominal Determinism = his name is pronounced the same as soarin', which implies high-flying) was a tremendous visionary. He would have realized that having Jed Klampett and kinfolk riding ski-do's across the lake would be harmful to the ambience of the University.

I do have a true and personal story about our lakes. Since the statute of limitations on stupidity has expired, I am free to tell it now. The incident occurred in 1964, shortly after Fr. Sorin filled in the pond.

At the urging of the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, my roommate and I spent the summer of '64 in South Bend. One day, we went to St. Joseph's Lake for a swim. I use the word "swim" loosely, since swimming is a skill I forgot to acquire, despite being raised only a few miles from the Atlantic Ocean (that's the cold one, out East). In my hometown of Gloucester, Massachusetts (the oldest fishing village in America) I may have been the only person who could not swim.

I thought I was the only person in America who could not swim, until I read about Martin Gurule (Nominal Determinism = his last name sounds like the stuff he should have been eating out of a bowl, while in the slam), the death row "escapee" from that East Texas prison. Since Martin forgot to factor "unfamiliarity with swimming" into his escape plan, I guess I am still the only non-swimmer in the Country.

Anyway, I accompanied my roommate, R. Duncan McDonald (Nominal Determinism = Attorney), while he swam around. Dunc (Nominal Determinism = a life short on seriousness) was a very good swimmer, having been raised in aquatic Flint, Michigan (this is a joke — the only thing Flint is known for is boarded-up Buick Plants).

There were only a few students swimming that afternoon. Dunc swam out to the furthest part of the swimming area. I was able to get out near him by walking along the large, algae-covered, steam pipe. I sat down on the algae to soak up a few rays (expression from the 60's).

Did I mention algae? It's yucky. And slippery. The next thing I know, I'm slipping off the pipe, into mark-twain depth. I was unable to get back on the huge pipe because it was covered with algae.

I turned around and yelled "Dunc!" as I dropped down towards the bottom of the algae-covered lake bottom. I bobbed up a second time and gurgled his name again, while inhaling some algae-flavored, yucky water.

I once heard that drowning persons pop up three times before sinking into Davey Jones' Locker. On my third time, I was able to get only my hand above the water. In a nanosecond of a glimpse, I saw that Dunc was leisurely swimming, not paying me any heed. I was soon to be dead. In algae.

Before I reached the Pearly Gates (or the other place ... where legions of Southern Cal football referees can be found) I felt a forearm under my chin, dragging me to safety, in the approved lifeguard manner. R. Duncan McDonald never looked better.

I told him that I didn't think he knew I was in trouble. He said "I heard you right away, but I figured you were joking around. I thought all guys from Gloucester knew how to swim!"

If any of you share my lack of swimming ability and would like to protect yourself from a watery grave, Coach Denny Stark would be pleased to teach you. Give him a call at the Roll's Aquatic Center (no algae). His lessons could also prove very useful if you find yourself on Death Row in a Texas prison.

Cappy Gagnon, '66, Coordinator of Stadium Personnel (the Ushers) congratulates the student body for the dignified manner (bereft of octopus) in which they conducted themselves at the L.S.U. game, while providing thunderous support in the exciting victory. Cappy's column usually appears every other Monday.

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

## ■ COLUMN

### What does N.D. Really Stand for?

There are many great football traditions at Notre Dame. There are freshly painted gold helmets, push-ups in the student section after every score, band concerts before the game, the parade into the stadium,

## Progressive Student Alliance

and, of course, the greatest fight song in the country. But my favorite tradition is less apparent than

most. When I hear the public announcer begin the words of the Declaration of Independence, water always fills my eyes. This is truly the greatest tradition of all! For in this one act, Notre Dame conveys to all that ours is a campus of freedom, of faith and of equality. These truths, we are reminded, are self-evident ... that we are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that all men are created equal.

As this University undertakes the difficult decision regarding non-discrimination, it is my sincere hope that the principles of equality pervade these discussions. The rhetoric I have encountered and observed continually misses the point. This is not a debate about homosexuality and its virtues and vices. Rather, this is a question of equality. And, contrary to the argument most frequently raised, equality is not a "special" right. Equality is the concept that Jesus preached when he espoused "love thy neighbor as thyself." The only "right" that equality bestows is the right to be free from discrimination.

A "no" vote this week on the non-discrimination clause is tantamount to a policy of inequality. This one group — one that is purportedly at odds with Catholic doctrine — is held out as a target for discriminatory treatment in employment, admissions and access to campus activities. Act out against this group, and no consequence will be forthcoming. What an alarming concept! A few people here at Notre Dame believe they have (or should have) the power to withhold from a select few the inalienable right of equality.

The hostility that permeates this issue is terribly disconcerting, both spiritually and legally. The unbridled invectives, the pejorative characterizations and the hateful rhetoric aimed at homosexuals (or any supporter of non-discrimination) is antithetical to the Declaration of Independence. This attitude makes a mockery out of our football tradition.

When the non-discrimination clause gets voted down, as it most likely will, outsiders will know that Notre Dame does not adhere to the principle of inalienable rights. Outsiders will learn that the banner hanging from the law school library that reads "if you want peace, work for justice," does not include justice for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. And, outsiders will know that the Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Center for Social Concerns and the Institute for International Peace Studies are false icons set forth to promote an aura of tolerance that does not truly exist on this campus.

In the end, the question is equality. The question is whether Notre Dame really stands for these ideals of liberty, justice and concern. I have worked as an attorney for the federal government securing the civil rights of prisoners and death row inmates. I have worked tirelessly to ensure that the most basic rights of these people are preserved and protected. It is not a popular cause. Yet, when asked how I can work to secure equality for these people who have been robbed, raped and murdered, I respond that it is my duty. It is my duty as a Catholic. It is my duty as an attorney. And, it is my duty as an American citizen.

You see, the justness of a society is not measured by the way that we treat those with whom we agree, but rather, by how we treat those with whom we disagree, our beliefs and our prejudices, there are certain inalienable rights. Freedom from discrimination is one of them. I ask you, what does Notre Dame really stand for?

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## ■ THE BELLE OF SAINT MARY'S

### The Gender Line of Shopping

The fundamental difference between men and women has nothing to do with genes, body parts, or seat up/seat down issues. The gender line is drawn by the magnetic strip of the credit card. For example, compare the way in which an average man and an average woman announce a shopping trip:

FEMALE: I am going to the mall.

MALE: <?%@, I have to go to the !&#\$ing mall.

Women shop.

We shop

AROUND. It is an event; it is a social activity. We compare prices,

look at and for things we don't need, and generally make a day out of asking the women who are accompanying us if they really, truly think if the skirt appears to increase square butt area. Men, on the other hand, view shopping as a military mission. Shopping is an individual search-and-destroy mission. You plan the raid, invade, accomplish the mission, then peel off as fast as technologically and humanly possible.

So I figured something was up when my boyfriend called me this weekend and announced, unprompted and apparently without the involvement of firearms, that he was taking me shopping. It didn't take long to figure out what.

"We are going to find you a birthday present," Kevin said as he circled the parking lot in search of a space, inviting the drivers of the other cars, through the use of animated hand gestures, to perform a physically impossible act upon themselves.

"But my birthday was three weeks ago."

He pulled me to the entrance. "Hurry up before next year's comes around. I want a break of a minimum of eleven months before I have to do this again."

All by himself, he led me to the threshold of — this is true — Bath & Body Works. "Pick," he said. "I'll be at the arcade. Meet me there in five minutes."

"You're not coming in?"

He surveyed the moisturizers and body creams and exfoliating lotions beyond. "But this is a girl store. See?" He pointed. "Wicker baskets. And air freshener, for God's sake."

"Move. You're between me and the candles," I said, shoving him inside.

"It smells in here," he said in a small voice.

I picked up a tester bottle of a new scent of body splash.

"What do you think of this?"

"Why is it purple?" he said.

I spritzed some on my arm, sniffed it, and tried another on the other hand. "Which do you like better?" I asked, holding out my wrists.

He bent his head towards my arms and pronounced both as smelling, quote, "like ass."

"Did you find everything all right today?" asked the cashier after I commuted his sentence.

"Yes," said Kevin, placing a bottle of Cucumber Melon shower gel and Country Apple shampoo on the counter.

"You know," she told him as she picked up the shower gel, "this also comes in a sparkling body splash. And we're having have a three-for-one special today if you also purchase an aloe moisturizer and four-ounce liquid body powder."

Horried, Kevin looked to me for translation.

"No thank you," I said.

We passed Victoria's Secret on the way to the car. "I need pantyhose," I announced, and kicked him inside.

He backed slowly away from a display of corsets. "Why is it so red in here?"

I was already in the hosiery section comparing body shapers to thigh-highs. Kevin spent his time attempting to remain equidistant from all racks of lingerie in the general area. I could practically hear his train of thought by the time I was ready to check out: "Okay, so I've already bought her a birthday present, so it would be okay if I just sat her down and went, 'I think we need to see other people.' No, I couldn't do that. How about, 'I need space.' Or — wait! 'It's not you, it's me!' Or..."

He stood in line with me as I whipped out my pink charge card. He remained on my right, the farthest away from a carousel of thong underwear. And then — "Bras are on sale!" I noticed happily, handing him my purchases as I disappeared in the direction of the 34B's. He stood there holding a package of black thigh-highs, a floral pair of Miracle Panties, and some shimmering body lotion until shrieking frantically for me as the cashier finished with the shopper in front of him.

I finished digging through the bras and reclaimed my pantyhose. It was the best birthday ever.

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# To Serve, Protect and Present and prospective resident to lead dorms with friendship and

By LOUBEL CRUZ  
Assistant Scene Editor

Most people on campus understand the academic and social expectations that come with being a Notre Dame student — studying until dawn, serving on student government or playing a varsity sport, just to name a few.

To those expectations add the pressure to counsel fellow residents and build a sense of peace, comfort and security in your dorm. Does it sound impossible to be that student?

Resident Assistants have to meet all of these expectations and more in their duties. But each one has the desire to, in some way, make their dorm and the people living there better just because they were an R.A.

"The role of the R.A. covers so many things," said Mike Ferguson, R.A. of Knott Hall. "It is being there for the freshman who is just not quite adjusting yet to being a leader in your section."

**'THE ROLE OF THE R.A. IS AS A MINISTER, ARBITRATOR, DISCIPLINARIAN AND FRIEND ... BUT MOST IMPORTANT IS BEING AVAILABLE TO LISTEN AND MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR OWN SECTION.'**

DIANE SABOL  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, BADIN HALL

"You are always on duty in this respect, because your whole section looks at you as a role model," he added.

Here at Notre Dame, residence hall living is one of the most important aspect of campus life. The dorm is not only the place where a student can go between classes or sleep, but it is also a second home to the student — the community where he/she spends most of his/her time.

The resident assistant, then, plays a significant role in maintaining the community within the dorm. He/she acts as a leader to all the students in the dorm and also as a mentor. There are currently 162 resident assistants in the 27 dorms on campus.

"The role of the R.A. is as a minister, arbitrator, disciplinarian and friend — it is a multi-faceted job," said Diane Sabol, R.A. of Badin Hall. "But most important is being available to listen and meet the needs of your own section."

To be an R.A., a student must complete an application from Student Affairs. This application includes a statement of philosophy and three letters of recommendation.

All R.A.s participate in pre-service training, hall staff orientation and in-service activities. It is also mandatory for all R.A.s to complete the American Red Cross or American Heart Association Standard First Aid and CPR classes before the start of the new school year. Each R.A. receives free room and board from the university for their services.

"I decided to apply to be an R.A. at the beginning of last year because my last two R.A.'s were such a big influence to me and they made the position seem fun and they were great role models," said Ferguson.

But one of the main, distinct responsibilities of a resident assistant is their requirement to enforce University policy. R.A.s accept that responsibility, but say that it certainly is one of the most difficult parts of their job.

"I think the hardest thing to deal with as R.A. are parties because of the rules broken. The people can be very rude and disrespectful," said Ferguson.

Most R.A.'s are "on duty" twice a week, meaning

they must stay in the dorm, make themselves available to the residents and enforce both dorm and university rules. Many of them are also on duty during SYRs, formals and other dorm activities.

But, as an R.A., the students need to be prepared to serve their dorms and the residents at any given time; whether it be sitting in the emergency room after a flag football accident or staying up until five in the morning advising a member of their dorm.

"The hardest aspect of being an R.A. is balancing time between being on duty, studies and everything else," said Sabol. "There are a lot of things that come up on your schedule and you have to be flexible."

But enforcing the rules is not the only concern for R.A.s.

"Many people think the R.A.s are just there for disciplinary reasons, but I look at it as more of a counseling role," said Ferguson. "First and foremost, I believe that we must be friends and leaders to the people in the section."

"The best part of being an R.A. is the interaction with all the people in the dorm and being able to help when they need to talk," said Sabol.

Many resident assistants tend to develop close relationships with the women/men of their dorm through their counseling and advising.

"I love my section. They have been a blessing because of their enthusiasm and their constant happiness," said Ferguson. "I would say I have a good relationship with the guys of my dorm. I have known many of them for years, so I am the same old Mike to them."

This friendly relationship is especially true in smaller residence halls with lower populations.

"I believe I have a close relationship with the girls [in Badin] because we are a small dorm and it makes it easier to meet and know people," said Sabol.

Applications for resident assistants for the 1999-2000 academic year were due this past January

**'BEING AN R.A. IS A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE DORM, TRYING TO BUILD ON THEIR RESIDENCE HALL EXPERIENCES, WHILE ALSO TRYING TO BUILD ON THE COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE IN THE DORM.'**

KEVIN GRUGAN  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, APPLICANT, SORIN HALL

and candidates are hoping to lead and guide their dorms next year.

"My dorm shelters my friends, my chapel and myself comfortably," said Farley Hall resident and R.A. applicant Michelle Mendoza. "I want to give back to my dorm and encourage participation and relationship-building in its residents."

"I am applying to be an R.A. because I feel the position offers a unique opportunity to fully participate in the dorm," said Sorin Hall resident Kevin Grugan. "It is a chance to interact with all the residents of the dorm, trying to build on their residence hall living experiences, while also trying to build on the community atmosphere in the dorm."

Shaunti Althoff, a R.A. applicant from Walsh Hall believes that one of the roles of a resident assistant is to "steer residents toward a healthy lifestyle within an academic environment."

"The R.A. is often the first to respond to a resident's needs whether medical, emotional or spiritual," said Althoff.



A number of resident assistant applicants are already very involved in their dorms — Althoff, Grugan and Pasquerilla East resident Molly O'Rourke are their Hall Presidents, and Mendoza serves as Senator. They would like to carry on their service to the dorm as R.A.

"I think I have tried to fully immerse myself in the dorm and its activities, which I believe is important for an R.A. to have such experiences," said Grugan.

"I am one of P.E.'s hall presidents this year and would like to continue my leadership role in the dorm," said O'Rourke. "I hope I will get the chance to know some of the residents better and strengthen friendships that I already have."

Many of the resident assistant candidates have wanted to be an R.A. since their first year at Notre Dame.

"Being an R.A. was something I have wanted to do since my freshman year," said O'Rourke. "I always thought it was a great way to stay involved with the dorm."

"I wanted to be an R.A. since my first year," said Mendoza. "The role of R.A. fits my personality type — friend, advisor, resource and authority."

Whether they are present or prospective resident assistants, students agree that they can learn and teach through their experience as R.A.

"I hope that the residents in my hall will learn how important community living is here at Notre Dame," said O'Rourke.

"I hope that residents will learn to get involved in their interests and enjoy the friendships that are born here [at Notre Dame]," said Mendoza.

As an R.A. one also develops an appreciation for how a dorm runs smoothly as a hall and home.

"I have learned that it is not as easy as it looks," said Sabol. "I realize now how much of a role R.A.s play behind the scenes to make the dorm a stronger community."



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## Thoughts from your R.A.

**B**EING AN R.A. IS DEFINITELY CHALLENGING, BUT THE REWARDS ARE INCREDIBLE. IT IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE TO BE ABLE TO LEND SOMEONE A HAND, BE THEIR SHOULDER TO CRY ON AND INTRODUCE [THE FRESHMAN] TO LIFE AT SCHOOL.'

BRIAN SMITH  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, KEOUGH HALL

**M**Y RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESIDENTS IN MY SECTIONS IS ONE OF FRIENDSHIP INTERLACED WITH RESPECT. THEY CONSIDER ME A RESOURCE, FRIEND AND CONFIDANT, BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY DUTY TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.'

JULIA DAYTON  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, CAVANAUGH HALL

**A**S AN R.A I HAVE LEARNED TO BE MORE PATIENT WHEN DEALING WITH PEOPLE. YOU NEED MORE PATIENCE DEALING WITH 30 OR 50 PEOPLE IN YOUR SECTION THAN JUST A ROOMMATE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU SEE MORE INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES. THERE IS MORE COMRADESHIP AND A SENSE OF SHARING BETWEEN AN R.A AND HIS RESIDENTS.'

KEVIN KIEFER  
RESIDENT ASSISTANT, STANFORD HALL

### ■ UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

## Racial Healing Begins With You

Special to The Observer

"Why do they always sit together in the dining hall?"  
"It's a Black thang, you wouldn't understand."  
Comment said to African-American males on campus ... "You must be a football player."  
"Why do you always try to talk and act so White?"  
"You know, I really don't see you as Mexican-American."  
"I'm tired of always hearing about racism."  
"Have I got a good racial joke for you."

Without a doubt, you've either made or heard one of these statements or been asked one of these questions. The common thread for all the above statements and questions is that all are based on limited information and stereotypical generalizations about race. Unfortunately, it's these types of generalizations about race that lead to racial slurs or jokes being made, racist literature being distributed and physical confrontations occurring between different racial groups. Given that one of the traditions at Notre Dame is that of providing a familial atmosphere for students, faculty and staff, it's time that we all take an active stance to make sure that all racial groups on this campus feel included in the Notre Dame family. Healing and harmony between the races begins with you.

So you ask, why should I make a commitment to be an ally for racial harmony?

When you become an ally for racial harmony, you have the opportunity to: gain greater self-awareness; gain greater awareness of others; develop new friendships; develop better interpersonal skills; become better able to challenge stereotypes and prejudices; promote more unity between racial groups and become better equipped to live in a multicultural world. In other words, you have the opportunity to grow both emotionally and intellectually. Through this growth, you contribute to the development of a society where all races are valued and appreciated.

One step in building the bridge toward racial harmony and tearing down the walls of racism is that of interracial communication. While we all know that it is sometimes emotionally difficult and risky to speak candidly, openly and honestly about race, it is only through this type of dialogue that we are able to become more aware, sensitive and knowledgeable about each other. Given that the topic of race can be a sensitive and emotional area, it's important to keep a few pointers in mind:

- Do use "I" statements.
- Do listen with respect.
- Do restate what you've heard about a person's experience.
- Do allow questions, no matter how trivial they may seem to you.
- Do encourage clarification and elaboration by asking for examples.
- Don't try to debate or downplay a person's experience.
- Don't blame a person for the sins of their racial group.

Now that you have some pointers for communicating about racial issues, here are some questions to ask others and yourself. With each question, fill in the blank with a racial group.

When you hear the term \_\_\_\_\_, what thoughts or images regarding their behaviors, attitudes, and lifestyles come to mind? What do you admire or respect about \_\_\_\_\_? What experiences have you had that impact your present feelings toward \_\_\_\_\_? How have significant others in your life influenced your attitudes about \_\_\_\_\_? If you haven't had much contact with \_\_\_\_\_, what prevents this from happening? When you have a racial prejudicial thought or hear a racial prejudicial remark, how do you handle it? What has been your experience with racism? What will you do today to increase your racial awareness?

Now that you've made the commitment to become an ally for racial healing and harmony, here are some suggestions for increasing your racial awareness, sensitivity and knowledge.

- Celebrate a multicultural holiday
- Visit an ethnic art gallery or museum
- Volunteer at a school or agency with a racially diverse population
- Attend a church or synagogue that has a diverse congregation
- Visit your Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
- Learn a foreign language
- Read a book by an author who is racially different from you
- Invite a friend to lunch who is racially different from you
- Take a cultural diversity course
- Go to an ethnic restaurant
- Watch a movie or play with racially diverse actresses/actors
- Listen to music by artists who are racially different from you
- Join a club committed to diversity issues
- Have chat sessions concerning diversity issues
- Take an active stance against prejudice and racism

Healing, harmony and unity between racial groups occur as we interact more with and become better educated about one another. It's a cause for celebration when we are willing to take risks regarding our multicultural growth by gaining more sensitivity, awareness and knowledge about the history, values, experiences and lifestyles of different racial groups. Challenge yourself to unlock your endless capacity for racial awareness. It's up to you to do your part in creating a society where there is greater understanding and awareness between different racial groups.

If you are interested in gaining more awareness about racial issues in a confidential and supportive environment, the University Counseling Center is offering a "Race Relations: What's Your View?" group. Also, other multicultural groups offered at the University Counseling Center include the "African-American Support Group" and "Prism: Support Group for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students." To find out more information about these groups, contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7336.

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## Swim

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to the season.

"I was pleased with how our girls swam," Weathers said. "We've had a really good year so far and we're looking forward to an exciting conclusion to the year with Big East and NCAA Championships."

The Irish, who had won seven straight dual meets prior to Saturday, opened the

Michigan meet with three straight victories, starting with a season-best time in the 400-yard medley relay.

Freshman Heather Mattingly and sophomore Kristin Van Saun led the Irish in scoring, both tallying two individual wins. Mattingly won both diving events against a surprisingly strong Michigan squad. She has won all but three diving events in dual-meet action.

Van Saun won both the 1,000 freestyle and the 400

individual medley at team season-best times. She also placed second in the 500 freestyle.

Also scoring a nine-point win for the Irish was co-captain Liz Barger. Her 2:03.35 in the 200-yard butterfly was over three seconds faster than her nearest competitor.

Shannon Suddarth led teammates Allison Lloyd and Kathleen Rimkus into an Irish sweep of the 200-yard breaststroke with a team season-best 2:20.26.

Michigan's Jenny Chrisman and Shannon Shakespeare dominated the meet, each winning three individual events.

The Irish women now prepare for the Big East Championships to be held Feb. 25-27, and the NCAA Championships which take place on March 18-20.

"I'm pleased with where we are," Weathers said. "We're going to have a big conclusion to the season, and we're really looking forward to that."

## Track

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mances from Dore DeBartolo in the throwing events and Natalie Hallett in the pole vault. DeBartolo set a record in the weight throw of 54 feet, 8-3/4 inches, on the way to a second place finish.

"I surprised myself," DeBartolo admitted. "All week I was having lousy practices, then I P.R. by two feet. It was a long time coming; I had been stuck in a rut the last two or three weeks."

Natalie Hallett's season keeps getting better as well. Her marks have improved from a "no height" performance at Purdue, to a 9-foot, 6-1/4 inches mark in Michigan. Hallett continued to improve this weekend with a 10-foot vault that claimed third place honors for the freshman. While admitting her third place finish left room for improvement, Hallett admitted feeling more confident in her first home performance.

"It was fun. Its nice to have your friends out there," Hallett said.

Rounding out the women's highlights was a gritty performance by Patty Rice, who claimed first-place finishes in the mile and 3,000-meter races. Connelly was proud of the squad saying, "Our kids competed really well; we had a lot more balance than we expected."

Connelly attributes the women's revenge victory over IU to the balanced performance.

"We scored just about everywhere — in the jumps and distance events. We got a lot more points than we expected across the board actually," Connelly said. Connelly hopes that both the men's and women's squad will continue with their balanced performance throughout the week as they host the anticipated Mevo Invitational this weekend.

The meet is expected to be a thriller, as it will provide Fighting Irish athletes with their last opportunity to perform before a home crowd before the Big East Championships in New York.

### ■ BASKETBALL

## Murphy, Riley earn Big East awards

*Freshman forward honored for sixth time*

Special to the Observer

University of Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy (Morristown, N.J.) was named the Big East Conference rookie of the week for the sixth time this season for his performances in the Irish games over Boston College and Providence last week.

He recorded double-doubles in both of those games as he scored 17 points and 11 rebounds vs. Boston College last Wednesday and had 26 points and 12 rebounds in the Irish win over Providence on Saturday.

Murphy's six honors are tied for second in conference history for the rookie of the week award, while Allen Iverson of Georgetown holds the Big East record for being name rookie of the week the most times with nine in 1994-95. Lawrence Moten of Syracuse was also named rookie of the week six times in 1991-92.

Murphy returned to the Notre Dame lineup for the Boston College game after missing the three previous contests due to a sprained ankle suffered in practice on Jan. 14.

Murphy leads Notre Dame in scoring at 18.5 points per game and in rebounding at 9.2 per game.



Troy Murphy returned from an ankle injury to spark the Irish to a victory over Providence on Saturday.

*Riley's 41 good enough to earn Player of Week*

Special to the Observer

Sophomore center Ruth Riley (Macy, Ind.) was named the Big East Player of the Week for the third time this season after averaging 30.5 points, 10.0 rebounds and 4.0 blocked shots in Notre Dame's two wins last week at Syracuse and Providence.

Against the Friars in a 97-59 victory, Riley scored a career-high and Notre Dame school-record 41 points as she connected on 18-of-22 field goals from the field.

The 18 field goals also set a new Irish single-game mark. She also recorded her eighth double-double of the season in grabbing 13 rebounds.

Riley's previous career-best was 36 points which she set against Providence on January 10.

In the 94-61 win at Syracuse, she netted 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Riley shot 77.1 percent from the field in two games.

Notre Dame has won eight straight and is off to its best start in school history with a 17-2 record.

Currently, the Irish are sixth (tying an all-time high) in this week's Associated Press ranking.

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## ■ MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish lose heartbreaker to No. 7 Longhorns

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA  
Sports Writer

In what becoming an annual affair, the 24th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team battled tenaciously against seventh-ranked Texas, only to fall 4-3 in the last set of the last match.

Despite the loss, the Irish, which fell to 3-1 on the season, can take solace from the fact

that the defeat did not come from a lack of hustle or intensity.

"I thought we put forth a great effort," said head coach Bob Bayliss. "We broke down a bit in doubles, but Texas is a good team and they exposed our weaknesses."

For the first time this season, the Irish were swept in doubles, as the Longhorns cruised to an

8-3 victory at No. 3 doubles, setting up Brandon Hawk and Nick Crowell's triumph over Ryan Sachire and Brian Patterson to clinch the doubles point. The tandem of Matt Horsley and Trent Miller fought hard for the Irish, though they too fell to Gwanael Gueit and Paul Martin, 9-7.

Trailing by one, heading into the singles matches, Notre Dame quickly saw its deficit increase to 3-1, as Gueit defeated senior captain Andy Warford, 6-4, 6-2, and 83rd-ranked Martin downed Matt Daly, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Martin saved two set points against Daly before finishing the match in a 7-3 tie-break, a theme that would become unfortunately common for the Irish.

"Matt battled the entire second set and came within six inches of tying the match 1-1," Bayliss said. "I think he had Martin breathing hard and would have done well in a third set, but you can't make excuses."

Notre Dame did earn an early point at No. 1 singles where Sachire continued his tear against top-10 players, this time

defeating seventh-ranked Jack Brasington in straight sets 6-2, 6-4. Last Tuesday, Sachire defeated fourth-ranked Mark Loughrin of Wisconsin on the way to Notre Dame's 5-2 victory.

"Ryan consistently was able to hold serve against one of the top players in the nation," said Bayliss. "He has been playing at that level for us all year."

Exhibiting a never-say-die attitude, Casey Smith and Andrew Laflin brought the Irish back into contention with straight-set victories, knotting the match at 3-3. Ever the hall-mark of hustle, Smith displayed his determination in a series of flailing volleys, followed by the celebratory fist pump signifying that a crucial point had been won. In the end, it was a diving drop volley that gave Smith the edge 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 over Michael Blue at No. 5 singles.

"Today was an important match for Casey; he began to find an identity to his game," said assistant coach Mike Morgan.

Smith wasn't the only freshman going through a maturing process on Saturday, as Laflin provided a crucial victory over Jorge Haro at No. 6 singles. With his undefeated streak on the line, Laflin forced Haro to a second-set tie-break, where he sealed the win on a powerful serve to Haro's backhand.

"Andrew demonstrated a lot of

poise today; he played like a veteran," said Bayliss.

Fittingly, the match between Notre Dame and Texas (which Texas had won 4-3 for the last four years) came down to one match between senior captain Brian Patterson and 31st-ranked Brandon Hawk at No. 2 singles.

The script was straight out of an old Hollywood Western as a duel between Hawk, the freshman young gun out of Texas, and Patterson, the veteran defending his home turf. Hawk built an early lead for the Longhorns, taking the first set 7-6 (9-7) in the tie-break.

Patterson quickly answered with a 6-1 victory to set up a climactic third set showdown. Hawk drew first blood by jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the third set, all but obliterating Notre Dame's hopes for victory.

Patterson refused to go down without a fight as he battled to win the next three games, flirting with the impossible conquest of coming back from a five-game deficit. But reality finally set in as Hawk held serve at 5-3 to win the set and the match for Texas.

"We had the matchup we wanted out there," said Bayliss. "Hawk is one of the more talented players we've seen, but I have a lot of confidence in Brian. We need to work on taking advantage of the opportunities that arise."

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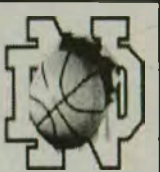
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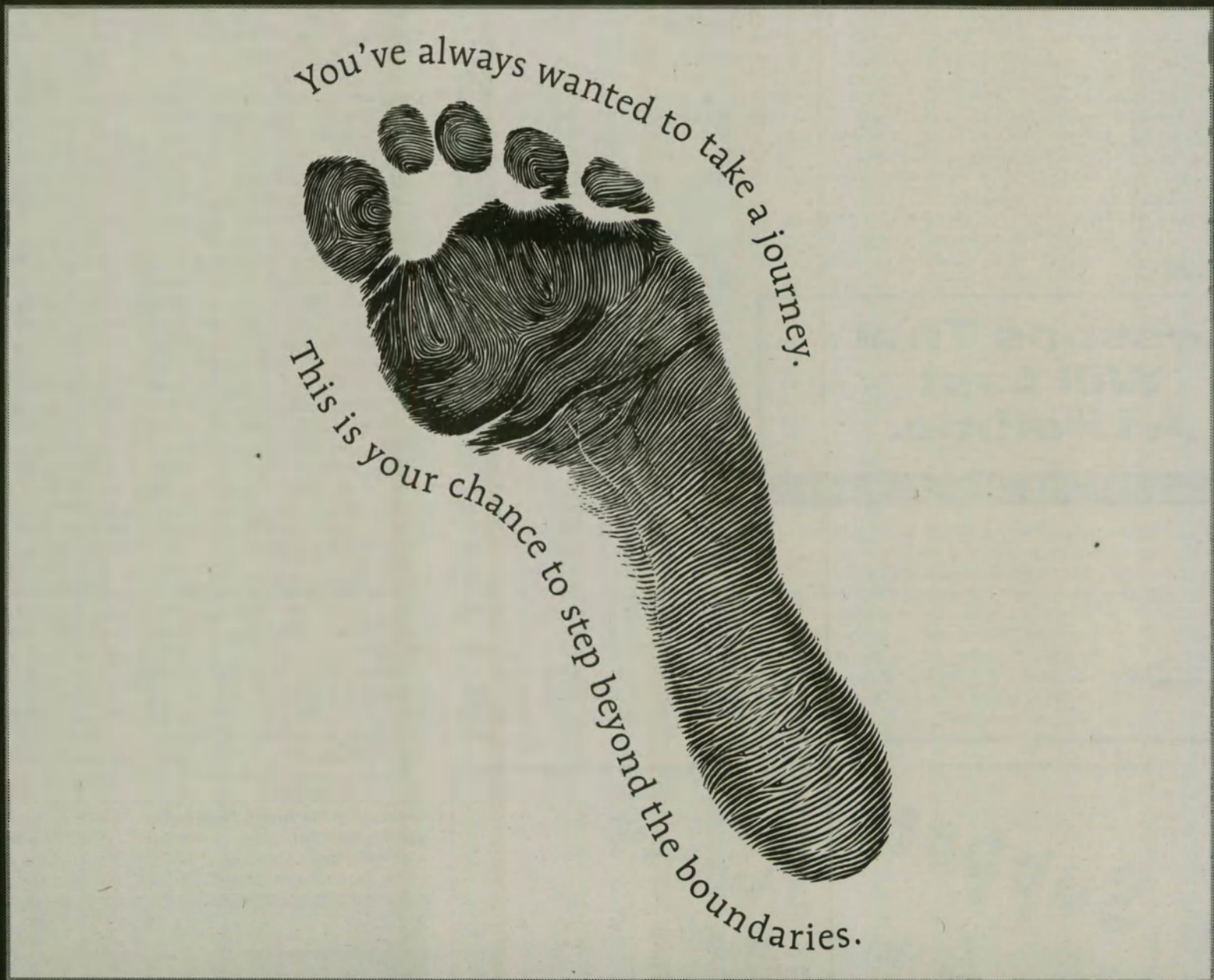
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## ■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

## No. 16 Irish claim two dual meets

By KEVIN THOMPSON  
Sports Writer

A week after losing a close 5-4 match to Pepperdine, the 16th-ranked women's tennis team dominated Kansas State and Oklahoma in separate dual meets over the weekend.

On Saturday, the women were out to prove that the Pepperdine loss was an aberration. They did so by coming out and dictating the flow of the match, losing only 10 games in No. 1-5 singles.

"Last week was a disappointment. It provided a spark for us. We did not want to let up this time out," commented senior Michelle Dasso, ranked 23rd nationally.

Against Pepperdine, the doubles tandem of Dasso and Hall dropped a tough 9-8 (8-6) match.

Saturday, the duo outplayed Kansas State's No. 1 doubles.

Eva Novotna and Martina Pospislova in an 8-4 decision. Dasso also picked up a first singles victory against Pospislova, the 73rd ranked player in the country.

Rounding out the Kansas State match was a victory by Becky Varnum and Marisa Velasco in No. 2 doubles.

Sunday brought on the Sooners of Oklahoma, the 45th ranked team in the country.

The Irish were 3-0 all time against Oklahoma and looked to improve on the mark. The women stayed on task, sweeping the competition.

Dasso, Hall, Velasco, Varnum, Kelly Zalinski and Lindsay Green succeeded

in the singles categories. On the doubles side, Dasso and Hall (39th nationally) posted an upset of 21st ranked doubles team, Danielle Knipp and Viviana Mracnova, 8-4.

The teams of Varnum and Velasco, and Nina Vaughn and Zalinski picked up doubles matches.

The weekend marked the homecoming of senior captain Jennifer Hall. The two-time all-American and Oklahoma City native racked up two singles victories including a tight 7-5, 7-6 tilt against OU's Mracnova Sunday.

Next up for the women is the Rolex National Tournament featuring Dasso in the 32-player singles draw.

The women open the home season with a dual match against Ohio State at 6 p.m.

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25-7, and 24-8, respectively. The seventh-ranked Buckeyes of Ohio State, however, were to provide the toughest competition for the Irish.

Cleveland State and Illinois-Chicago provided tough warm-ups for the women's epee team, before their showdown with Ohio State later in the afternoon.

Senior epee captain Nicole Mustilli, whose 13-2 record on the day raised her season total to 35-8, was not surprised by the tough bouts that Cleveland State gave the Irish.

"Cleveland State has had some pretty good epee fencers in the past," Mustilli said. "And I noticed that they had a new assistant coach who was pretty good. So I was wary of them, but once again, they are no match for us."

The epee squad defeated Cleveland State, 12-4, and Illinois-Chicago, 11-5.

Mustilli and junior all-American Magda Krol paced the Irish against the Buckeyes, posting 3-1 and 4-0 records, respectively.

Krol went 13-2 on the day and improved her season record to 35-9. Krol now has 180 career wins in only her third season.

In the closest match of the day, the epeeists defeated their Buckeye counterparts, 9-7.

The most dramatic and controversial matchup of the day occurred on Lane 14 where the Irish foilists took on the Buckeyes in a match that featured three all-Americans in Notre Dame's Sarah Walsh and Myriah Brown and Ohio State's Yelena Kalkina. The talents of senior Irish captain Nicole Paulina and Buckeye sophomore Fane Groes assured that there would be no easy bouts for either side.

Ohio State jumped out to an early 2-0 lead as Groes defeated

Irish sophomore Aimee Kalogera, 5-0, and Kalkina defeated Brown, 5-4.

Brown fell behind early 4-1 due to several debatable calls by the director. Brown, however, overcame the bad calls to rally back and tie the bout at four touches a piece.

Controversy would again reign on the final touch. It appeared that Brown had won the final touch, but the director called the point for Kalkina giving her a 5-4 win. The last call initiated scores of protest from both Brown, Walsh and Irish fencing coach Yves Auriol.

"It is difficult when you have two fencers who are evenly matched," Brown said. "You do things that the director doesn't see and it's hard. Not only are you competing with the other fencer, but also in a way with the director."

Walsh, who also suffered from poor directing in her first bout, attributed the poor calls to inexperience on the part of the director.

"I think that she was a little inexperienced, so that was frustrating," Walsh said. "Plus, watching Myriah's bout with Kalkina, I saw how many mistakes she made. So I thought it would be good to get a new director."

Irish protests eventually resulted in a new director being appointed to the match.

The new director arrived just in time for Walsh's bout with Kalkina.

In what turned out to be the best bout of the match, Kalkina and Walsh duelled back and forth with neither fencer able to seize momentum. Finally, with 1:33 remaining in the bout, Walsh surprised Kalkina with an attack. Kalkina failed to parry and Walsh took a commanding 4-3 lead.

Kalkina rallied back to tie the bout at four touches with 23 seconds left, but with time running out, Walsh ducked a Kalkina thrust and counterattacked to win, 5-4.

Walsh's victory over Kalkina was made even more difficult by a leg injury which pained her for the entire day. Walsh, however, overcame her injury and continued her undefeated season, boosting her record to 27-0.

After falling into an early hole, the Irish rebounded

strongly winning nine bouts in a row to win the match, 11-5.

Brown registered a 12-1 record on the day and raised her season record to 31-8. Her 31 victories gave her 251 career wins, moving her into first place for foils wins and second place in overall wins.

The 20-12 victory over Ohio

State raised the Irish record on the year to 10-2. More importantly, the Irish recovered their confidence after a tough road trip last weekend.

"I try to forget about the weekend before," Brown said. "But it is definitely a big boost to actually fence well and to have things clicking together."

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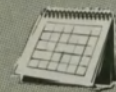
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# SPORTS

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Tuesday, February 2, 1999

## ■ FENCING

# Irish fencers sweep competition over weekend

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

The second-ranked men's team and the fourth-ranked women's team dominated the opposition in the JACC field-house this weekend, as each team posted 5-0 records.

The men's team downed Case Western Reserve 26-1, Purdue 23-4, Cleveland State 24-3, Illinois-Chicago 25-2 and Ohio State 20-7.

The men's epee team, led by senior all-American Carl Jackson's undefeated, nine-win effort, blanked Cleveland State and Illinois-Chicago 9-0, bested Case Western 8-1 and overcame stronger competition from Purdue and Ohio State to win 6-3 and 7-2, respectively.

Jackson was not surprised by the lack of competition that the epee team faced this weekend.

"We knew that we had already faced our toughest competition this year," Jackson said. "So this weekend we just tried to get hyped up to destroy

anything we faced. It was also good that some of our non-starters got a chance to fence. They work hard and this is a chance for them to have some fun."

Freshman Brian Casas, whose 7-1 record over the weekend boosted his season record to 21-7 on the year, continued to be impressive in only his first collegiate season.

Casas' fast start, however, was not unexpected.

"I knew he was really good," Jackson said. "Seeing him fence gives me a lot of hope for the future after I leave. He will keep improving and be even stronger in the future."

The men's foil team, behind a combined 24-5 record by senior captain Stephane Auriol, junior Charles Hayes and freshman Steven Mautone, had no trouble with their weekend competition. The foilists blanked Case Western and downed Purdue and Illinois-Chicago 8-1 and 8-1.

Cleveland State and Ohio

State each proposed more formidable challenges to the foil team, but the Irish defeated both teams by a 6-3 margin.

The Irish sabre team continued to leave no doubts that they were one of the best in the country, as they shut out Case Western Reserve, Purdue and Cleveland State.

Illinois-Chicago and Ohio State were also no match for the Irish sabremen, as they cruised to 8-1 and 7-2 victories, respectively.

The top three Irish sabremen, 1998 sabre champion Luke LaValle, freshmen Andre Crompton and Gabor Szelle, went undefeated in 23 bouts. LaValle's record now stands at 21-4, while Crompton has posted 27 wins with only three defeats. Szelle is now 27-1.

The women's team also had a relatively easy weekend against Case Western, Purdue, Cleveland State and Illinois-Chicago, winning 31-1, 30-2,

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■ Notre Dame's women's tennis team was victorious over Kansas State and Oklahoma.

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■ Murphy, Riley earn conference honors for outstanding play over the past week.

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Senior captain Stephane Auriol (right) helped the Irish foil squad to a 24-5 record this weekend.

## ■ NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Swimmers fall to Michigan



Irish co-captain Liz Barger was a winner in the 200-yard butterfly event, out-distancing her nearest competitor by nearly three seconds.

By WES RICHARDSON  
Sports Writer

Depth is traditionally one of the greatest strengths of Notre Dame's swimming and diving teams.

Unfortunately for the women's squad, it was not a strength they could rely on when swimming Michigan on Saturday. The No. 22 Irish fell to the No. 9 Wolverines, 162-136 in Ann Arbor.

The women used their competitiveness at both the faster and slower ends of their ros-

ter to defeat Michigan in January's Rainbow Invitational, and to place a close second to the Wolverines in December's Notre Dame Invitational, but dual meets are a different story according to coach Bailey Weathers.

"It's a lot more difficult to use our depth in a dual meet," he said. "If they know where to place their best swimmers, they can outscore all of ours."

Weathers noted that a first-place finish in any event earns nine points, and will outscore second, third and fourth place

combined.

He explained that a team like Michigan, who will send a number of top qualifiers to the NCAA Championships in March, can rely on those few to grab the individual wins that are so important for a team victory.

Despite losing the last dual meet of the season, Weathers was not disappointed with the team's performance. The Irish have not been shaken from their vision of a climactic end

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## ■ TRACK AND FIELD

# West leads Notre Dame over Indiana

By BRIAN HOBBS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's men's and women's track team opened up their two-week homestand with a bang this weekend against Big Ten powerhouse Indiana University.

On the men's side, junior Marshaun West continued to astound crowd and competition alike, winning both the long jump and 200-meter dash. For the second time in as many weeks West registered a jump of 25 feet or more. Additionally, West provisionally qualified for the NCAA tournament with a time of 21.17 seconds in the 200 meters, the second fastest indoor time in Notre Dame history.

Accompanying West with solid performances were pole vaulter Mike Brown, Tim Kober in the 800 meters and Phil Mishka in the 600 meter. Brown cleared a meet-record height of 16 feet, 6 inches in one of the most exciting performances of the night.

Mishka also posted a meet-record time in the 600 meters, en route to a first place finish.

Other highlights included Antonio Arce's mile victory and Tim Kober's meet record-breaking performance of 1:51.79 in the 800 meter run. Kober admitted that IU provided great competition, but revealed that the meet was really a gauge for the upcoming

ing Big East tournament.

"They showed us how much work we have left, how much we need to step it up," Kober stated.

In the wake of the narrow 84-78 loss, Kober and the rest of his teammates look forward to another week of practice and the second home meet in a series next weekend.

"There will be a lot of good competition again. Each week is another step towards the Big East," Kober said.

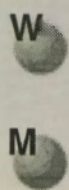
The women's team balanced the overall Irish results with an 82-78 victory. The victory was inspired by a tour-de-force performance from freshman Liz Grow. Grow blew the door off of the competition on the way to a double record-breaking performance. Grow shattered the previous school 400-meter record by half a second at 54.89, while breaking a meet record in the 200 meters at 24.21 seconds.

Coach Tim Connelly admitted that Grow had little adjustment to make from high school to college, as her times were some of the premiere marks in high school track across the country.

"She is running just about what she ran in high school," Connelly said. Freshmen continue to set the standard of excellence on the women's side with standout perfor-

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