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Community gathers in prayer for cancer victims

◆ Hundreds fill Zahm chapel to pray for Conor Murphy

By JASON McFARLEY Assistant News Editor

While soft tunes from an acoustic guitar streamed through the Zahm Hall chapel Tuesday night, students' thoughtful prayers and quiet sobbing provided a fitting chorus for the occasion.

"Miracle" may have been the operative word for the night, but it is uncertain if one will come for Notre Dame junior Conor Murphy. Amid reflections and grieving, several hundred students gathered for Mass in Zahm chapel Tuesday to offer prayers for Murphy. Murphy's health took a turn for the worst Tuesday when doctors discovered he was stricken with apparent fatal complications from leukemia.

Murphy, who was diagnosed with leukemia in March, recently developed pneumonia and his immune system is "seriously compromised," according to former Zahm rector Father Jim Leise, who has been in daily contact with the Murphy family.

"It's a very critical time and prayers would be appreciated by the family,"

In a homily at Tuesday's Mass, Zahm Hall rector Father Thomas Bednar spoke to a packed chapel that filled the pews and lined two walls of the chapel.

"We ask that Conor's life be renewed, that by some miracle he may return to us," Bednar said. "It's good that we weep and grieve today. We know that our sadness is a sign of our friendship and faith."

Throughout the homily, Bednar charac-



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At Murphy's urging in March, more than 610 people joined the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) at a drive held at LaFortune.

terized Murphy as religious and courageous. Murphy demonstrated a strong will and a desire to be a person of faith,

"We have the feeling that maybe Conor's life was too short, but we gather in a

spirit of faith, knowing that life is a gift," Bednar said. "Let us trust in God's wisdom and God's love for us."

At points in the service, students were

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◆ Make-a-Wish visitor Scott Delgadillo passes away before transplant

By TIM CASEY News Writer

Scott Delgadillo, the 14-year-old San Diego native who spoke at the Purdue pep rally, died at 9:10 Monday night in his home after a 12-month battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

A vigil mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in California. Also, a special memorial mass will be said for Delgadillo at Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart early next week.



Delgadillo

"You've never met a more amazing, personable young man," said Alex Montoya, a 1996 Notre Dame graduate and the young alumni coordinator in San Diego. "You could tell he was a warm, caring guy but the thing that amazed me was he was the sharpest kid you could ever meet. He was Notre Dame material all the way."

Delgadillo was scheduled to fly to Massachusetts on Dec. 26 to undergo a bone marrow transplant from his 16-year-old brother, Eric, at Boston Children's Hospital's Dana Farber Cancer Institute. But his leukemia relapsed on Christmas Day and Scott was rushed to San Diego Children's

Delgadillo's trip to Boston was can-

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Future officers seek to unite religion, role in military

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series looking at the discussion concerning the place of ROTC at a Catholic university.

◆ Balancing between both worlds, ROTC and Notre Dame

By TIM LOGAN Senior Staff Writer

When Pete Sweeney starts to talk about flying, his eyes light up.

The junior has loved airplanes his whole life, and when he found out he could get make a living flying the fastest, most powerful jets in the world, and pay for college doing it, he signed up for the Reserve Officer Training Corps [ROTC].

Next year, he will graduate from Notre Dame and go on to pilot training school, and at least a 10-year career in the Air Force, preparing for the day when he may have to fly a plane into combat.

Sweeney is one of the nearly 400 students enrolled in Notre Dame's ROTC program, and, like many of those students, he thinks about what it means to be a Catholic serving in the military. While ROTC's critics argue that the program has no place at a Catholic university, many of those involved with it say that the nature of this school, and ROTC, forces future officers to wrestle with

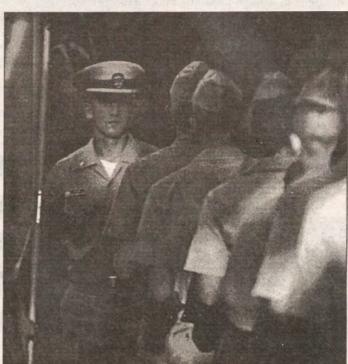


ethics and morality from the moment they step on campus.

From classroom discussions to dining hall chit chat to an organized retreat, students in ROTC are frequently asked to think about the importance of morality in military service, and to discern if four years, or more, in the armed forces is right for them.

"[The environment] doesn't allow you to sit back and accept everything," said Chris Rupar, a sophomore Air Force cadet. "When you go into the service you have this in your mind, and how faith plays a role."

The ROTC curriculum focuses on leadership and ethics, not on how to build a bomb or fire a gun. The future officers are trained to lead other soldiers, and to make decisions that could have serious consequences. And while most ROTC students get scholarships to pay for college, the program puts significant emphasis on making



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Future officers, such as these ROTC members, are trained to lead other soldiers, and to make decisions that could have serious consequences.

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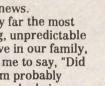
INSIDE COLUMN

A boy's world

I wish I had half the imagination that my littlest brother Timmy (who just turned eight) has. If I did, I'd be lying on a beach in the Caribbean right now with Tom Cruise next to me and a margarita in my hand.

Monday night, I started to tell Timmy about my trip to D.C. for the Notre Dame-Georgetown basketball game and about visiting our sister, who goes to George Washington. But I figured out pretty quickly that Timmy had much more interesting news.

Timmy, by far the most entertaining, unpredictable kid of the five in our family, interrupted me to say, "Did you know I'm probably faster than anybody in



sports history?' I have no idea how that popped into his mind, but I went along with the idea. I asked Timmy how he knew he was so fast, and he said, "I just

Kathleen

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Associate

Sports Editor

know." Duh, Kathleen. Why even ask such a silly question?

He then added, "I'm even faster than John

I'm not sure what makes the Broncos quarterback the speediest guy ever, but if Timmy says

so, it must be true.
"Wow, Timmy! If you're so fast, you'll probably win gold medals in track in the Olympics," I told him

'Probably like 2,500 medals, or maybe 25,000," Timmy answered.

At least he's not short on confidence. "So what else is going on, Timmy?"

"I watched the Super Bowl this weekend," Timmy said. "I wanted the Giants to win, but I pretty much knew they weren't going to. I mean, once one team scores like 30 points and the other team only has like seven, I just stopped watching, because you pretty much know what's going to happen."

Knowing how much Timmy likes *NSYNC, I asked if he had seen them perform in the halftime show. I found out he was more interested in another entertainer.

'Yeah, and I also watched Britney Spears, my

girlfriend," Timmy said.

Geez, I knew Britney was popular, but I always thought second grade boys were in the "girls are icky" stage. My brothers (8, 10 and 12 years old) informed me that Britney Spears and relatives are the only girls excluded from that

"She even slept over on my top bunk one time," Timmy said.

I guess he hasn't quite hit the Maxim stage, although he did tell me that the pop star was wearing shiny pants and a little shirt that showed her belly button.

Timmy's old enough to know he's got competition for Britney's affections, as he followed up by saying, "Brendan (our 10-year-old brother) and Michael (Brendan's friend) are trying to steal my girlfriend, so I have to wrestle them for her."

Glad to know even 8-year-old boys settle their differences through wrestling matches and video

But Timmy dropped back to earth when I asked what Britney thought about their fight over her. He said, "She doesn't know. She doesn't even know I exist."

I almost felt sorry for him, but not too sorry. After all, I still haven't gotten that phone call from Ricky Martin, and I'm 21.

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

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday

◆ Event: Notre Dame Women's Basketball,

Providence vs Notre Dame, Joyce Center, 7 p.m.

◆ Event: South Bend Rotary Club meeting,

Century Center, 12 p.m.

Thursday

◆ Fundraising: St. Joseph Tree Sale Program, the Soil and Conservation

District office, all day.

Friday

◆ Movie: "American

Art, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday

◆ Event: South Bend Symphony Masterworks Concert Series, Morris Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Prof: Ashcroft questioned sexuality

WASHINGTON

A Georgetown University professor has alleged that Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft questioned the professor's sexual preference during a 1985 job interview. The allegations have added to the controversy surrounding the appointment of one of the country's most outspoken conservatives to President George W. Bush's Cabinet.

Paul Offner, a research professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, says that Ashcroft asked him if he had "the same sexual preference as most men" during a 1985 interview while Ashcroft was governor of Missouri.

"I said that I did," Offner said. As an applicant for the position of

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director of Missouri Health Services, Offner said he was asked only two questions, one about his sexual preference and another about drug use. Offner said that he also denied ever having used illegal drugs

Offner, 58, who is now married, was subsequently not hired for the position.

Ashcroft, who has been tapped to head the Department of Justice as the nation's chief law enforcement agent, and his aides have denied he ever asked a question about sexual preference to Offner.

"That question was never asked of Paul Offner or anyone else,' Carl Koupal, one of the directors of Ashcroft's gubernatorial transition team, said in an interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Offner, a Democrat, said he decided to come forward with the allegation after Ashcroft asserted in confirmation hearings in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee that he had never used sexual preference in determining of whether or not to hire potential employees.

DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Police investigate homicides

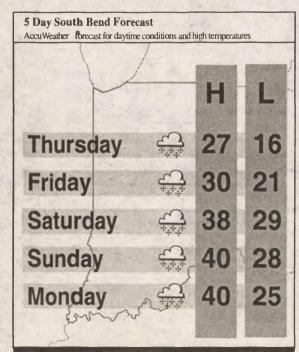
New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin revealed little more about the Zantop murders Tuesday except that an arrest is "not imminent," but deemed the Massachusetts Hall investigation. McLaughlin said the investigation of the bloody handprint in Mass Hall turned out to be unrelated and that, as of now, they "have no idea" who commit-ted the horrendous crime. He refused to comment on any specifics of the crime scene, the killings, or whether the police had potential suspects, but did say the documentation of the Zantop residence would likely be finished Tuesday. He said the residence will continue to remain closed after the documentation is complete. He said the findings from the forensic investigation are being processed quickly, but that the results would not be released to the public. McLaughlin maintained that the investigation team still could not rule out the possibility that the Zantops were victims of a random attack.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

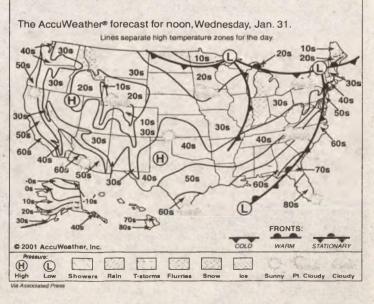
University stops loans

A Princeton University education is about to become a lot cheaper. On Friday the Ivy League university decided that it would no longer require undergraduates to take out loans to help pay for their education. Instead, Princeton will replace all loans with grants and scholarships - an initiative that could make the school more accessible to low - and middle-income students. The decision, estimated to affect 25 percent of Princeton's current undergraduate population, will take effect this fall. The funding for these grants will come from the university's endowment, which posted double-digit gains in the past fiscal year, reaching over \$8 billion. At a meeting on Friday the Princeton Board of Trustees approved a plan to add \$57 million of the university's endowment income to its operating budget — with \$16 million of this amount earmarked for undergraduate financial aid. The decision to end loan requirements is the latest and boldest step in four years of changes to the aid system.

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Profs analyze elections

"Gore won a plurality,

which must make

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Patrick Pierce

political science professor

By NICOLE HADDAD
Saint Mary's News Editor

The emergence of John McCain in the primaries, George W. Bush's better than expected performance in the debates and the history of the Electoral College all led to the strange ending of Election 2000, according to Patrick Pierce and Sean Savage professors in Saint Mary's political science department in a lecture Tuesday night.

At the start of the elections, the economy was doing well, and Clinton had a high approval rating. This would have lead to a victory for Gore but there were weak chal-

lenges in the nomination campaign to Gore and Bush, according to Pierce

One of these weak challenges was "the relationship between McCain and the media," said Pierce. "He's not well known, but gave the media much access to the campaign. He has a progressive philosophy — cleaning up politics."

politics."

"There were not particularly strong preferences and [it was not likely] that large amounts of voters would shift," Pierce continued.

The structure of the debates also led to the extremely close finish.

"Debates are one of the really interesting parts of the process," he said. "They set expectations for how candidates should do."

According to Pierce, because

the debates are time limited, it presents a challenge.

"If Gore was going to win, he had to impress Bush," Pierce said. "And if Bush loses his temper, it was off to the races."

It was this sort of format, where Gore was constantly trying to corner Bush that benefited Bush.

The lack of concrete issues in this campaign led to a focus on the character, honesty and likability of each candidate, Pierce said. The lack of issues in the

> campaign will make it tough for Bush to govern.

ern.
"The problem is there is not much issue content, and if you add

this onto the closeness of outcome," Piece said. "Gore won a plurality, which must make governing harder for W."

Savage discussed the Electoral College in terms of its historical origin. "The last time we had something like this happen was 1888," he said. "If you look at the origins of the presidency, Alexander Hamilton was the creator of the American presidency. The power to pardon was under scrutiny, and you needed someone to protect the rights of the minority. You couldn't leave it to the popular vote, it wasn't a nationwide popularity contest."

"States could come up with whatever methods to choose the electors," Savage continued. "And the idea was that the electors would be like jurors, they would use independent judgement."

History reveals role of women

By KIFLIN TURNER News Writer

The history of the ordination of women requires a long and extensive journey back in time, but even then, the presence of women in the Church was an instrumental and legitimate one, according to Michael Driscoll, associate professor of theology, in a lecture Tuesday night.

Driscoll traced the development of the ordination of women back to the Middle Ages with the aid of historical and religious documentation to reveal the role of women as religious figures in the community.

Religious texts such as the Romano-Germanic pontifical dating back to 12th Century explicitly outlined the consecration and ordination of women to serve as abesesses and deaconesses in the Catholic Church.

"This comes from the mouths of popes, bishops, emperors and rulers," said Driscoll.

These statements made by various authorities in the Church as well as other authoritative documents legitimatize the practice of the ordination of women even in times that were historically apathetic to women. Driscoll said his study of the ordination of women was separated into two, exclusive studies — one historical and the other theological.

"Historical conclusions ought to be keep distinct from theological conclusions as far as possible," said Driscoll. "The method of theology and the method of history aren't necessarily the same."

Historical documentation stating that women were prohibited from speaking in churches and from touching sacred vessels often conflicts with religious texts that provide evidence that women were in fact, religious figures



Sister Annie Dougherty, (center) Rectress of Howard Hall, looks on as Michael Driscoll, associate professor of theology, discusses the presence of women in the Church since the Middle Ages.

in the Church. Many theologians from the Middle Ages assert that because women were often not acknowledged in the Church, the possibility of women to say mass is ruled out of the question.

"The women had the role of being submissive, and so it was based on gender stereotypes," said Driscoll. Early theologian commen-

Early theologian commentaries rarely discussed the ordination of women, as many theologians saw sex as an impediment.

Stereotyping women into submissive counterparts of men were derived by method of sacramental symbolism, in which the roles of women were biblically ascertained.

"As Christ was masculine, so too should the priests be masculine," said Driscoll, expressing the prevailing viewpoints of past theologians.

"There is this whole idea that in a sense women are considered as kind of defective men or not fully formed men," said Driscoll. The woman is seen as a faulty male, where the male is imminent and the woman is submissive.

Consequently, theological commentaries as well as historical text may not be entirely accurate and inclusive of the role of women in the Church.

Driscoll noted that imperial and theological texts demonstrate an understanding of the religious rites of which women were active and accepted participants. This occurrence was not an isolated one as supporting texts show a geographical diversity of evidence.

"There didn't seem to be any problem in referring to the commissioning of deaconesses, and abbesses, and nuns as a kind of ritual ordination," Driscoll said. "No distinction was made between the ordination of women from the ordination of males into imperial states."

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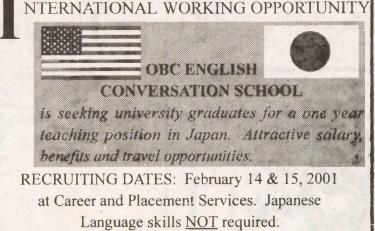


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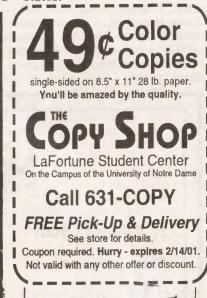
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sure they're not just doing it for the money.

"They provide the resources so you can make your own decision," Sweeney said. "They're not trying to dupe anybody into it, that's for sure."

One of those resources is a retreat held by Campus Ministry each fall for all the freshmen in ROTC. The two-day session gives them a chance to discuss Catholicism and military service, and a lot

of discussion goes on. The four chaplains for the ROTC program also interview each freshman during their first semester, to see how they are adjusting to life at Notre Dame,

and to their military training. Four years later, the chaplains interview every graduating senior, reflecting with them on their experiences.

The students are not without mentors, either. Every professor in the ROTC program is a commissioned officer, and some have spent decades in the service. Over the years, these men have asked themselves many of the same questions which their students ask, and they have found answers which support their decisions to spend a life in uniform.

"America has stood and does stand for things that are just and right and so in that regard I don't see an incompatibility in what I'm asked to do with my Catholic faith," said Major Joseph Thomas, who runs the Naval ROTC's Marine program.

These men, many of whom have served in combat, also have watched as their students have gone off to war. That, said Lieutenant Colonel Doug Hemphill, a former battalion commander for Army ROTC, was the most sobering experience of his 27-year military career.

"The most unnerving thing that I ever witnessed was in 1990-91 when the Gulf War kicked off and young people that I had taught the year before were going over there," he said. "You don't want to see it come to that."

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Edwards, who has been the Army detachment's battalion commander for the last three years, put it another way.

"The greatest pacifists on this campus are the guys wearing military uniforms," he said.

While officers, priests and activists all have something to say, most of the discussion about this is informal, in

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Andrew DeBerry

sophomore Air Force cadet

dorms and dining halls, a m o n g friends who come at the issue from different perspectives.

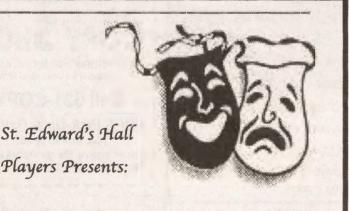
Shawn Storer of Pax Christi has engaged in these discussions fre-

quently. He has several close friends in ROTC and, although he actively opposes the organization, he learns a lot from talking with them about it

"They are good people. They are really concerned with their faith, really concerned with living good lives," he said. "We disagree on how to do that sometimes but we both grow from having that disagreement."

It is that engaging and respectful disagreement that Pax Christi says it wants to have about the place of ROTC at Notre Dame, and many in the ROTC program say they welcome that disagreement. It is part of an ongoing discussion that many people in the military community are having, and, they say, it helps them all to try and discover the best way to a better world.

"The military has a noble cause and direction, as does a group of pacifists," said Andrew DeBerry, a sophomore Air Force cadet who is also involved with Pax Christi. "Both seek peace, they just have different ways to go about it."



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Profs advocate Just War course

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

One way some people have suggested to ensure ROTC students learn about the military from a Catholic perspective is requiring them to take a class which focuses on Catholic Just War Theory.

Theology professor Father Michael Baxter is one who thinks this is a good idea. He says that a ROTC program at a Catholic school must more strictly examine the morality of using force.

"The ethical code of officers, the morality of war, aren't brought with the critical perspective and penetrating analysis that is called for in Church teaching," he said.

Just War Theory is one of two primary
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teachings

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about the use of force - the other is Christian Pacifism. The Theory states that certain

wars can be morally acceptable if a number of conditions are met, including noncombatant immunity and military actions remaining in proportion to the goals of the war.

While many students in

ROTC voluntarily take one of the several classes that discuss Just War, there is no requirement to do so. And creating one, according to Lieutenant Colonel Mike Edwards, who heads the Army detachment,

would open a Pandora's Box.

At present, ROTC curriculum is established by the various armed services and is uniform across all the universities that have programs. If Notre Dame mandated a certain course for its ROTC students, every school could begin to do so, and military education would suffer.

"You don't want that kind of variety in our course of instruction," Edwards said.

Revue ballot lacks real power

By MOLLY McVOY Saint Mary's Editor

Monday's ballot initiative for the Keenan Revue will be used for informational purposes only, according to Saint Mary's Board of Governance.

"Right now, we're trying to gauge how the student body feels so we can relay that to the administration," said Michelle Nagle, current student body vice president and candidate for student body president.

Board of Governance decided during Monday's meeting to add questions regarding the Keenan Revue to the ballot for student body elections. The students will be asked to answer two questions: one, if they have seen the revue and, two, if they think it belongs on campus.

The investigation comes both from student concerns and from the administration, Nagle

"We felt pressured coming into our [Renner and Nagle] administration from the Saint Mary's administration that they don't want it [the revue] on campus," Nagle said.

Nagle explained that they hope this gives them a better feel for what the students think.

Although a survey was conducted by representatives from Keenan, many question the validity of those results. The survey indicated that a majority of Saint Mary's students favored the revue staying on campus.

"I was a little disappointed when I read the letter to the editor from the guys from Keenan saying that very few people on our campus disagreed with the Revue," Kara Kezios, a senior in favor of removing the Revue, said. "I want to know who they surveyed."

Some students are concerned with exactly what effect the survey is going to have on the administration's decision to have the revue on campus.

"They [the administration] are going to do what they want to do anyway, so I don't know what difference the survey will make," Mary Wald, a senior in favor of keeping the Revue on campus, said.

Nagle explained that the results will not be used as the decisive factor in deciding whether the Revue stays on campus or not. It will just be used as another tool for making those decisions.

"There are so many factors to think about," Nagle said. "This will be another measure of how the student body feels."

2001 Transition Retreat: Integrating Service beyond Notre Dame





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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Pakistan aids India in quake relief: Pakistan put aside its bitter rivalry with India on Tuesday and joined earthquake relief efforts, but heavy equipment and explosives brought in to clear debris signaled that hope of finding survivors had all but vanished. Experts say few people could survive more than 100 hours buried in rubble left by Friday's quake. Attention has shifted to getting tents, blankets and medical care to the living. Officials have counted 7,148 bodies, but Defense Minister George Fernandes estimated 100,000 people may have died.

French may have found countess: A woman's body recovered from a French beach was found with a wedding ring that matches one worn by an Italian countess who disappeared three weeks ago.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SF woman dies in dog attack: Diane Whipple, a 33-year-old lacrosse coach, died Friday after she was attacked and killed outside her apartment by two dogs. Authorities said the dogs had been bred and trained to guard illegal drug laboratories. Due to the attack one of the dogs was put to death Friday. The other dog was taken to an animal shelter. No immediate charges were filed against the dogs' owners.

California man arrested: San Jose Police arrested a 19-year-old man on Monday. Al DeGuzman was carrying 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails, and other weapons with a stock of ammunition. Police believe he planned to carry out a "Columbine-style attack" on the De Anza Community College. Police said that DeGuzman attended the college. Police closed the school Tuesday morning, believing DeGuzman planned to blow it up.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Purdue running back charged: Purdue running back Steve Ennis was charged Monday with battery and criminal recklessness in connection with an October attack that left a classmate with a skull frac-

Death row hunger strike ends: Five death row inmates at the Indiana State Prison have ended a hunger strike that began in protest of a guard's assignment to their unit. The inmates had alleged a guard was antagonistic and denied them their property.

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COLOMBIA



Soldiers of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) patrol the streets Jan. 30 in San Vicente in responce to the hijacking of Satena commercial airliner on Tuesday. The airliner had 27 passengers aboard.

Bogotan guerrilla hijacks airliner

Associated Press

BOGOTA

A gunman commandeered a passenger plane Tuesday in rebel territory in Colombia with more than 30 people aboard, forcing it to land in the capital, Bogota.

Gen. Hector Fabio Velasco, the commander of the air force, said the hijacker was a leftist guerrilla. An air force officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the gunman had told the control tower over the adio that he was a rebel

Satena, a national airline, and was hijacked while it sat on the runway in San Vicente del Caguan, the largest town in a rebel enclave in southern Colombia, Velasco said.

Television footage later showed the plane on the tarmac after it landed in Bogota, Colombia's capi-

Velasco said the hijacker was apparently a leftist guerrilla. Other reports said there were three hijackers.

The plane, a Germanmade Dornier turbo-prop, had 27 passengers and talks forward. four crew members The The plane belonged to aboard, said airline recognition of rebel con-

spokeswoman Maria Elena Moreno.

Family members of those aboard watched horrified as the plane took off from San Vicente for destinations unknown.

Just before the hijacking, it had landed on a flight from Bogota, with a stopover in the southern city of Neiva.

The southern enclave was ceded by President Andres Pastrana to rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces Colombia, or FARC, two years ago to propel peace

trol over the Switzerlandsized zone expires Wednesday night, but it has already been renewed several times and is expected to be extended again.

It was the second hijacking in months involving the guerrillas.

In September, a jailed FARC rebel being transported from one prison to another hijacked a commercial flight and forced it to land at San Vicente del Caguan before freeing 21 passengers and crew unharmed. The rebels have refused government government's demands to turn over the

Georgia changes face of state flag

Associated Press

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celled and he spent nearly the next month in the San Diego hospital. He received another round of chemotherapy but the treatment did not work.

Around Jan. 22, according to Notre Dame public relations administrative assistant Jennifer Laiber, Scott's doctors told the family he had "two days to two months to live." He spent the final days of his life in his home with his mother Carmen, father Henry and Eric.

Joey Getherall, a Notre Dame senior football player, spoke with Scott last week on the telephone.

"You could hear how much energy he had (on the

phone),"
Getherall said on
Tuesday. "He
never complained once.
Ever. There's
not too many out
there like him."

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As part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Scott and his family came to campus from Sept. 13-17. He was given a campus tour, visited the College Football Hall of Fame, received four tickets and two pre-game field passes for the Notre Dame-Purdue game and met with two of the most influential people on campus: University President Rev. Edward Malloy and head football coach Bob Davie.

During their meeting, Davie asked Delgadillo if he wanted to speak at that night's pep rally. To Davie's surprise, Delgadillo said "yes."

"I was nervous at first but for some reason it just disappeared," Scott told the San Diego Union-Tribune in November. "I looked all around and saw Rudy. I looked at the players, at the cheerleaders and the band. I kind of took a deep breath and started speaking."

His talk inspired many people in the Notre Dame community. After his memorable speech, alumni, students, faculty and the local community (both in South Bend and San Diego) wrote letters and emails and provided Scott with gifts and memorabilia.

By October, 80 percent of the leukemia had resurfaced but as of Nov. 14, it had been reduced to 16 percent. Also in November, the San Diego-area Red Cross held several blood and marrow drives for Delgadillo.

Delgadillo remained in fair condition and attended the Notre Dame-Southern

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California football game on Nov. 25. He spoke at a breakfast the next morning and then headed back to San Diego.

As of Nov.

30, the leukemia had gone into remission. Eric, Scott's brother, was not a perfect match but the doctors in Boston intended to "treat his (Eric's) donated marrow to try to eliminate complications of a mismatched transplant," according to a Dec. 23 news release by the Sand Diego Blood Bank. Two days later, the leukemia returned and Scott went back to the San Diego Children's Hospital.

Delgadillo's leukemia was first diagnosed on Jan. 20, 2000. Shortly after, the Make-A-Wish Foundation members asked Scott what he wanted for his wish.

"Guaranteed admission to Notre Dame," Scott told them, according to the Union-Tribune.



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visibly moved by the event. Some students sobbed openly, while many embraced each other.

The occasion did not represent the first time the student body has showed its support for Murphy. At Murphy's urging in March, more than 610 people joined the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) at a drive held on campus.

Murphy found a match for his transplant through the NMDP, though not from a Notre Dame donor. Murphy underwent a bone marrow transplant early this Fall, but did not return to campus this August.

Liese said Tuesday that the Murphy family is thankful for the continuing support from the Notre Dame community.

"[She's] been overwhelmed by how much the ND family has proven to be that — a family," Liese said. "... she and her family are so grateful for the love and support that she and Conor have received."

MSA program restructures aim

By KATE NAGENGAST Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame recently restructured its Master of Science in Administration (MSA) program to address the changing needs and experiences of non-profit organizations nationwide.

Currently a part-time evening program aimed at members of the South Bend community, this summer the program's curriculum and schedule will transition to attract professionals from both community-based and nationally prominent non-profit organizations.

"The program's restructuring is focused on social servicing non-profit organizations on the larger end, programs like The Red Cross, NAACP and Big Brothers Big Sisters but on the smaller end we would also target community-based programs like homeless shelters, soup kitchens or even school administrators," said Father Larry Ford, the interim director of the new MSA program and a '96 graduate of the current MSA program.

In his position as interim director, Ford will serve as an advisor to current students while launching the new program. A permanent director will be hired once the specific needs of the position are fully understood and Ford returns to Boston College to complete a doctorate in approximately one year.

"We wanted someone for the transition," said said Edward Trubac, associate dean of the Mendoza College of Business. "Since [Ford] is a graduate of the program we thought he'd be perfect to take care of the needs of the current students and launch the new program. We really feel lucky that he could do this"

Ford agreed that the current students are still a primary issue. "We will continue to offer courses in the tradition the current students are familiar with, but also give them the option of taking classes from the new summer module," he said. "The current students have been accepting of the changes, and many believe it is for the better. I think we've been very attentive to their needs."

The new MSA structure will enable degree completion in 24 to 48 months. Courses will be offered in two intensive two-week segments during the summer, accommodating the full-time work schedules of anticipated students. Each two-week segment will be composed of two courses. Elective courses will be offered via the Internet during the fall and spring semesters.

"After evaluating internal and external research, we have redesigned the MSA program for people who are making a career in the not-for-profit service sector but lack the desired or required business background," said Trubac.

"This change in direction is especially appropriate because the people and organizations involved in such work share the personal and institutional ideals that are coincident with Notre Dame's commitment to social, community and church-based service," he said.

Established in 1954 by then-President Father Theodore Hesburgh, the MSA program began as a graduate study program to provide business skills for religious brothers, sisters and priests involved in Catholic education and later expanded to include religious and lay people working in hospital administration.



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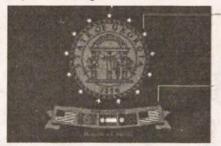
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Georgia senate to shrink confederate emblem in flag

New flag to fly in Georgia

Georgia lawmakers have agreed to reduce the Confederate emblem on the state flag to one of five small symbols at the bottom of the banner, below the state seal. The flag now goes to the governor for approval.

Proposed state flag



The 13 stars surrounding the state seal represent the original 13 states.

The ribbon contains reduced images of five historic flags that have flown in Georgia

A red ribbon with

'Georgia" and a white

shield were added.

The entire state seal

was added at some

time around 1920.

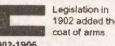
Georgia's flag through the years



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Confederate battle emblem was added

Sources: Georgia Secretary of State: compiled from AP wire reports

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In Mississippi, the only state besides Georgia with Confederate emblem in its flag, voters will decide in April whether remove the symbol.

Civil rights groups promised to call off any boycotts Georgia if the new flag was approved.

As he before a House vote last week, Barnes appeared before the Senate to banner's adoption. Barnes, whose great-grandfather fought for the Confederacy at Vicksburg, Miss., said the debate threatened to distract lawmakers from other issues and endanger Georgia's economy.

"We are one people forever woven together in a tapestry that is Georgia," he said. "We are all one or at least we should be, and it is our job, our duty and our great challenge to fight the voices of division and seek the salve of reconciliation.'

The chamber's highest-ranking black, Democratic leader Charles Walker, the son of a sharecropper, said: "This flag issue has divided us. This vote today is about uniting us."

Supporters feared rural white

proposal, as happened in the Democrat-controlled House last week. But enough Republicans voted for the bill that it passed,

In the Senate, four of the chamber's 32 Democrats voted against the measure, but six Republicans voted for it. Of those six, four are from metropolitan Atlanta, the region that would have been affected the most by a boycott.

Republican Senate leader Eric Johnson said the compromise flag was negotiated among Democrats in secret, sprung on an unsuspecting lawmakers just last week and pushed through in "the most vicious, focused political effort this Legislature has ever seen."

GOP Sen. Joey Brush said his vote against changing the flag was a vote to honor the men of the Confederacy.

"I cannot let those boys who left their homes and fought for Georgia be forgotten or let 'em down," he said. "I don't feel guilty."

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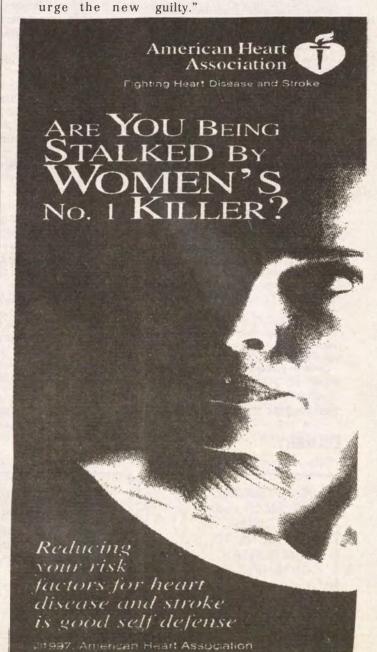
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Officials address diversity issues

Have you ever met James Riley? He's an Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions. Great guy ... and a good person to have on your Bookstore Basketball team. He and his wife, Mirella, both graduated with me in 1994.

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What's Your

Shade?

in 1994.
Mirella is the
Director of Alumni
Clubs and Student
Programs at the
Alumni Association
and just a few
months ago gave

birth to a baby girl.

Jasmine is adorable and I have no doubt she will grow up to be a beautiful, bi-racial woman. You see, James is African-American and Mirella is Mexican-American and I tend to get excited for children like Jasmine who will certainly experience and learn about the two wonderful cultures of her par-

onts.
So if my calculations are correct,
Jasmine will be a member of the Notre
Dame Class of 2022. Well ... maybe.
After all, I probably shouldn't assume
that just because both her parents
attended Notre Dame as students and
are now working at the University as
administrators that little Jasmine is a
Domer-to-be.

However, you might not want to bet against the possibility either. Jasmine may at this very moment be dressed up in Notre Dame gear with the fight song playing in the background. She may even be the star of the next Notre Dame Adidas commercial

If in fact Jasmine is accepted into
Notre Dame and chooses to attend in the
year 2018 she could possibly face challenges that some of today's minority students face at Notre Dame. She may
encounter discrimination, she may feel
isolated from her peers or she might

have difficulties finding other students with whom to identify. And neither her dad nor her mom would most likely deny that possibility. They were once students of color at Notre Dame.

Of course, I would assume that the Notre Dame of tomorrow is going to be much different than the Notre Dame of today. The projected demographics of the future should certainly play a role in the make-up of the University in the next two decades. And while the issues of students of color persist more and more people are working harder and harder so that the discrimination, isolation and separation that students of color experience subsides.

How ironic. James and Mirella are two of those people. The professional work that they do may have a direct affect on their own child's higher education experience. And I thought Jasmine was lucky enough just to have them as parents.

As a member of the Admissions Office, James spends a good portion of his time working on the Spring Visitation Weekend for minority students and has done it for the past three years. I am not entirely sure what James' responsibilities entail for the weekend and during the weekend but I am quite sure he probably doesn't get much sleep.

I see him every place I am that weekend — at the luncheons, the functions and the fairs. He picks the students up at the airport, talks to them, gets to know them a little.

I know this weekend is one of the most important initiatives for the Office of Admissions and James treats it like a baby — literally. He's up late at night, gets very little sleep and tries extremely hard to make sure absolutely nothing goes wrong. Heck, if I ever get married and have a baby, I know who I'm going to call to baby-sit.

I can't say I'm sure that James has

thought it all the way through, but I have a feeling that he knows one of his babies can affect the other. And I would guess that most people in James' situation, with an opportunity to work on things that can directly affect their own child's well-being and success, would never be committed to a project that he or she didn't believe would have a positive outcome.

Surely, James believes that Spring Visitation Weekend is important for the University and is a step in the right direction. Otherwise, he is either going to have to stop working so hard on that weekend or stop singing the fight song to get Jasmine to go to sleep.

For every story about James, Jasmine and Mirella, I'm certain there is another for Dan, Steve, Cindy, Susan, Mike, Rita, Kim, Alisa, Moira, Michael, Felicia, Paul, Carrie, Bob, Belinda, Jesse, Santiago, Arienne and Richie.

I know all of them work extremely hard, believe in what they do and care tremendously about the students that are a part of their lives and work. The Office of Admissions' staff does their job so that students can live their dreams and the entire staff of Multicultural Student Programs and Services have the utmost respect for them, support them in all their efforts and will continue to assist them in any way we can.

So if there happens to be anyone who doesn't feel the same way, you are going to have to bring it up with Jasmine. And don't forget that mommy and daddy are very protective.

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"He who knows only his own side of the case, knows little of that."

John Stuart Mill economist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Graduates express support for Monologues

all-women's campus

I want to commend those ladies at the Saint Mary's College campus who are speaking out in support of "The Vagina Monologues." Saint Mary's claims that they are helping young women develop into independent and confident women. Canceling this play sends the message that they are developing intelligent, sexless and emotionless creatures and not women.

At the "Monologues" last year I sat near President Eldred, who I believe brought her daughter to the performance. She seemed to be enjoying the show as much as everyone else, as was evident by her laughter and applause.

Yet suddenly a letter is written to the South Bend Tribune and people who did not have the experience of being at the performance last year are criticizing it. Saint Mary's is bowing down to the financial supporters and doing a disservice to its students by cancel-

Why not show those who complained that SMC's true mission is to serve the students of Saint Mary's and not the endowment fund?

In my four years at SMC I never experienced such a powerful event on our campus. People came together and laughed and cried about a topic that is a part of every student at SMC. It was the first time that I and many others were so proud to be part of an all women's campus that could experience and share this

Thank you to those who participated in the performance last year. I know I have many friends who were personally touched by your performance and were then given the courage to talk about their own sexual abuse or talk to someone they know that had been abused. No pamphlet or forum could have done what you ladies did last year for them.

To the administration: I urge you not to cancel an event that allows your students to gather in a non-embarrassing way to discuss what they are, women. Do not let the money of those who did not see the good this event did for our campus talk you out of supporting it as wholeheartedly as it was supported last year.

> Erin Donnelly Deschene Saint Mary's class of '00

debate

In recent commentary, "The Vagina Monologues" has been termed blunt, vulgar, simply too disgusting for words. The unspoken accusation seems to be that it is pornography, rather than art.

A feminist definition of pornography articulates the role of "view" in pornography. The viewer, the producer of the scene, has the direct gaze, while the object does not look directly back, is not allowed to form a connection.

The Vagina Monologues" is about allowing women to look back. In the person of the actors, these women who have told their stories to Eve Ensler are finally able to stand on stage and gaze directly back at their listeners,

> who return the gaze and open up communication. This play, direct and blunt as it may be, is also a complex and beautiful celebration of life. It's been said that

"The Monologues" are shocking. I agree. Hearing the brutal rape of Bosnian women by soldiers is shocking. Hearing facts about genital mutilation, still ritually and regularly practiced, is shocking. Viewing and hearing this horrific loss of life is shocking.

Hearing women who enjoy sex is not shocking. Witnessing and sharing in the beautiful birth of a child is not shocking. Using the word vagina, from which comes all life, is not shocking.

'The Vagina Monologues" is from, by and about women. It is a long-awaited forum for some and a celebration for

> Kathleen Crotty Notre Dame class of '00 January 28, 2001

Play inspired pride on | Art encourages | Application of Church teaching is inconsistent

of Saint Mary's College has finally come out. President Marilou Eldred's decision to prohibit the performance of a play on campus of our sister school is the most embarrassing decision yet, outstripping (barely) Notre Dame's intellectually incoherent treatment of

The public rationale for censoring the play is not that it is pornographic; not that it is below reasonable standards of public decency. It's apparently not expensive nor is there any lack of time or space available for the performance. Apparently it's not even a

lousy play. It won't be put on because some people don't like it.

The "not in keeping with the Catholic Faith" doctrine (always selectively applied) that has afflicted the University for at least a decade has now infected the College. Notre Dame supports a "Baptist Collegiate Ministry" and a "United Muslim Association." Have these groups recently resolved their teachings with those of the Mother Church? Better not catch them putting on any of those Muslim plays or we'll run them out of the joint. I presume duLac will be revised to address The Cider House Rules

The position taken by Notre Dame's and Saint Mary's respective administrations that free speech and association may be suppressed when the speech or association "conflicts" with Church teaching would be fine if the administrators were even slightly sincere about it. But the principle is only invoked against ideas and people they find distasteful.

Hence students may gather to discuss pro-death penalty thoughts and watch pro-death penalty plays; and they may gather to discuss acquiring vast wealth. I assume they do that pursuant to Luke, 12:16-21 ("And Jesus said, 'Raise up before me a business school, that we may be highly ranked and profit mightily over the Earth and all her creatures'"). But no gay clubs: this is God's

Marilou Eldred suggested that dialogue occur "without the play." I for one anticipate breathlessly the publication of President Eldred's Approved Methods for Dialogue ("Chapter One: Don't Say 'Vagina'"). The Observer reported Thursday that Eldred would not "approve" a letter from the play's supporters to its detractors. I didn't know she was reading everyone's mail.

Telling students they can't put on a legitimate play is a disgrace humiliating to anyone who cares about out schools. Telling these particular students they can't put on "The Vagina Monologues" because it isn't consistent with Church teaching is a lie that thinly veils the effect this censorship will give to the fear and hatred of certain ideas on the part of those who happen not to share them.

> Christopher James Regan Notre Dame class of '97 Notre Dame Law School class of '00 January 26, 2001

Americans must question veracity of rumors

While I respect Mr. Marchand's right to disagree with Mr. Clinton's politics and to doubt his achievements I have to take issue with the first few claims in his Jan. 29 column. Namely, that the Clintons "shook down Democratic fat-cat donors for more than \$200,000 in housewarming gifts" and "cleverly timed" the gifts to skirt Senatorial regulations on donations. I'm not living in the United States right now, yet even with my meager Internet resources in five minutes I was able to dig up more facts than Mr. Marchand did. Since when does slinging unproven accusations count as journalism?

First of all, that figure. It's a nice, round, scandalous number, isn't it? Of course, it's a slight exaggeration. The actual number, which the Clintons submitted themselves, was \$190,027 — which admittedly is still a hefty chunk of merchandise.

Of course, if Mr. Marchand had done a little more research, he might've also discovered that the previous occupants of the White House, Mr. and Mrs. Bush, pocketed \$144,000 worth of gifts. As Salon.com put it (http://www.salon.com/politics/feature/2001/01/30/clinton/index.html), "Not bad, considering those were recession years. Yet nobody suggests Poppy and Bar lacked a moral compass.'

Good old Mr. Reagan did even better, allowing his wealthy friends to buy him and Nancy a house worth over \$2.5 million two years before he left office. Salon also points out that the Clintons received two pieces from a renowned glass artist (one from the artist himself) that cost a combined \$60,000. That's nearly one-third of their entire take (not to mention the fact that without those two pieces, the Clintons "took home" less

Mr. Marchand (along with several other sources like NPR's Scott Simon) also alleges that the Clintons arranged for the gifts to be given "just before Mrs. Clinton was sworn in, to avoid violating Senate ethics rules." Where is the proof for this? In fact, many of the gifts were given before she even entered the New York race. The Clintons' 2000 Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report clearly states the the \$190,000 worth of gifts included things given to them over the course of the last eight years.

First Families are given many things and always decide at the end of the year which to accept and disclose and which to leave to the archives. Sometimes the decisions get put off, which is why the gift take in the final year is always the biggest. One of those

expensive pieces of art, for instance, was actually given to the Clintons nearly three years ago. Also, if someone actually did want to give Hillary a gift worth more than the regulation \$250, why not just wait a month and give it to her now-private citizen hus-

band, thus rendering the entire "Senate gift ban" issue moot?

Mr. Marchand also refers to Denise Rich, whom he calls "one of the most generous suppliers of the Clinton's gift registry." He links her gift (for the record, \$7,300 for two chairs and two coffee tables) to the pardon her husband recently received. Of course, the New York Post reported that the gifts were given over 10 months ago. One would think that if the furniture was meant as the bribe Marchand wants it to be, Mrs. Rich would've been careful to link the two events more closely.

Why was any of this newsworthy in the first place? Because — as Salon pointed out - both mainstream (and university) journalists' standards seem to evaporate when covering the Clintons, especially when publicly questioning their character. There was absolutely nothing illegal about the gifts the Clintons received, and yet Mr. Marchand wants us to shake our heads and "tsk tsk" simply at the enormity of the figure (which isn't even that large when you put it in context). This was a last, final low blow from bitter and childish members of the media eager to spread more disinformation about the former President.

You know, when friends forward me similarly untrue and wildly inaccurate e-mails, I point them to the Urban Legends website at http://snopes.com. Ooh, and what was added there less than a week ago? A list of the pranks that Clinton staffers allegedly pulled. The site says that the veracity of such accusations is still "undetermined." Perhaps in the future Mr. Marchand should similarly wait to publish his "facts" until doing a little basic research.

> Kristine Howard class of '99 London, England January 31, 2001

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Bacon and eggs finding the balance in relationships

I read somewhere that there are two types of people in this world, and that they are comparable to the traditional breakfast meal of bacon and eggs.

Together they're a wonderful combination. However, when it comes down to it, although the chicken was involved, it was the pig who was truly committed to the

Jacqueline

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project.

As of late, I've noticed that the same can be said for relationships. Everyone I talk to, boy or girl, has the same story.

A certain boy says, "Things are great with us. It's just that she's not as into it as I am." Another girl admits, "We're fine. I just think that he's not ready for anything serious. But I'd like it if he

Is this a growing trend? Do we have to find someone who balances us? Someone who will sit on one end of the relationship seesaw, carrying all the weight, while we dangle in the air, or vice versa?

In some ways, it makes sense. If people become overly committed to each other,

hanging on for dear life, not letting anyone else play with them, the seesaw will eventually snap from the stress being placed on it and everyone will hit the ground, crying.

However, if neither party takes the relationship seriously, both may escape without any bumps or bruises, but they never really got anywhere in the first place.

Back to the chicken and the pig. Which is the better role to play? Involved yet casual or devotedly committed? Can you have both, and most importantly, do you get to choose your position?

I realize that most relationships evolve from the casual meet-me-at-Reckers, to the inevitable SYR invite and, if all goes well, to the eventual meet-the-parents stage.

But no matter what phase two people are merging into, one person always seems to be pushing a little bit harder for com-

Admittedly, for collegiate relationship purposes, people like to take the chicken's point of view. It's easier, leaves you with more options and lets a person be involved without putting in a lot of work or effort.

However, put two chickens together, and all you've got is a

lot of clucking around.

Then there's the pig. Eventually, this is the ultimate goal to find someone, someday, that you can commit to without reservation. Taking the committed route brings more of a substantial connection to someone, and with that connection

But you also have to remember where the pig ended up in the end.

Relationships aren't easy, and rarely are they safeguarded from heartache. But if both parties do somehow find that balance between overly committed and casually indifferent, the

seesaw will be balanced and everybody will go home happy. You can still have your bacon and eggs, but instead of it being a relationship of contrast and disparity, it will be one of combination — and like a great breakfast, something you can really enjoy.

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Don't let words fail you try O'Conner's new manual

"Words Fail Me" stands

as a testament to the

joys of writing and to

the fruits of a labor that

doesn't have to be one.

By KATIE MALMQUIST

At Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, none of us are strangers to writing. Even the business and math majors had to write an essay or two as part of their college applications.

So why the need for Patricia O'Conner's Words Fail Me," an instructional treatise on the art? Perhaps because O'Conner takes an angle that few of our professors or TAs ever have: humor.

In the end, "Words Fail Me" delivers a lesson that is pithy, witty and dripping with years of personal experience.

After several years as editor of the New York Times Book Review and publishing in both Newsweek and the New York Times, O'Conner is certainly qualified to

O'Conner's simple, clear prose exemplifies her expertise, and her experience from a lifetime in the field of professional writing offers a wealth of personal anecdotes, funny enough to keep the read-

er moving while offering hope to even the most frustrated writer.

Humor is key to O'Conner's stories, which discuss everything from friends in the steamy romance novel industry employed to catch details like 15 month pregnancies (details can get tricky) to little-known facts about well-known authors.

Essentially, "Words Fail Me" says many of the same things we've been taught since elementary school - use strong verbs and vivid descriptors, avoid the passive tense - but it does it in a way that doesn't feel like

For O'Conner's collegeage audience, that's the most important thing. Her chapters are short, averaging three to 10 pages, and her examples

Most appealingly, her wit is sharp, refreshing and ever-present.

The reader needn't look beyond chapter titles to recognize the wit contained within.

Subject lines like "Pompous Circumstances: Hold the Baloney" and "Give Me a Break: Thinking In Paragraphs" promise to keep the pages turning.

Of course, behind these titles, O'Conner continues to spoon-feed the humor.

For example, when urging her readers to take notes whenever struck by an idea, however inconvenient, she is quick to interject, "No! Don't take your hands off the wheel. Just do it as soon as you can.'

At the heart of the book, O'Conner's humor gives way to her second strongest point: universality.

As college students, we look to her for tips to dazzle our professors, which she no doubt delivers (not to mention some great commentary on "academic gobbledygook" and the rampant abuse of the English language

that occurs in academia).

But her advice reaches way beyond the scope of academic and even fiction writing techniques, and approaches the realm of everyday usefulness — an area which seems overly accessible but which many writers of O'Conner's caliber tend to neglect.

O'Conner writes for everyone from the novelists to the house wife giving "a talk at [her] local gardening club on repotting bonsai." The majority of her advice applies to the range of writing that falls in between.

O'Conner starts at the beginning and leaves noth-

She instructs on note taking, on subject forming, organization, tenses, grammar, style, rhythm, emotion, honesty and countless other aspects that compose quality writing.

O'Conner goes so far as to use her acknowledgment

section to actually give advice on how to write good acknowledgments at the opening of a book, which "enable you to shamelessly drop names without seeming immodest."

Even in this pre-introductory section of her

book, O'Conner reminds the reader that "Words Fail Me" functions not only as a tool, but as an example of what that tool can fashion, what her knowledge of writing can produce

O'Conner follows nearly every one of her own rules, conscious enough of her reader to excuse herself when she breaks them (but she also notes that justified breaking of the rules is sometimes necessary for great art).

O'Conner constantly points to her own prose and composition to reinforce a concept she is explaining, revealing a gift for teaching that nearly parallels her aptitude for writing.

Ultimately, "Words Fail Me" makes for a much more enjoyable read than anything you would find on a university course list.

O'Conner parallels Bill Strunk's "Elements of Style" in content (a book often seen on requirement lists for Core and other introductory litera-

ture classes within the College of Arts and Letters), but far surpasses it in readability. O'Conner's book has even been used in classes at Notre Dame.

Her advice is relevant, her prose amusing, her scope universal, yet personal at the same time.

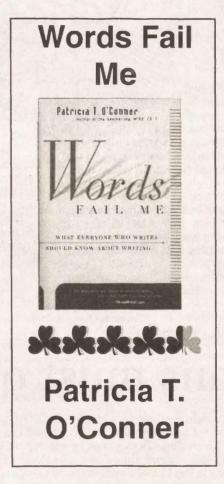
As O'Conner's own counsel goes, "a good writer can find humor in almost every-

By taking a subject that is usually anything but amusing and transforming it into something fun, interesting and animated, she proves

her point beautifully.
"Words Fail Me" stands as a testament to the joys of writing and to the fruits of a labor that

doesn't have to be one.

So to the business student writing study abroad applications or to the English major who has lost passion for the art of articulation, take solace in O'Conner's words — they anything but fail her.



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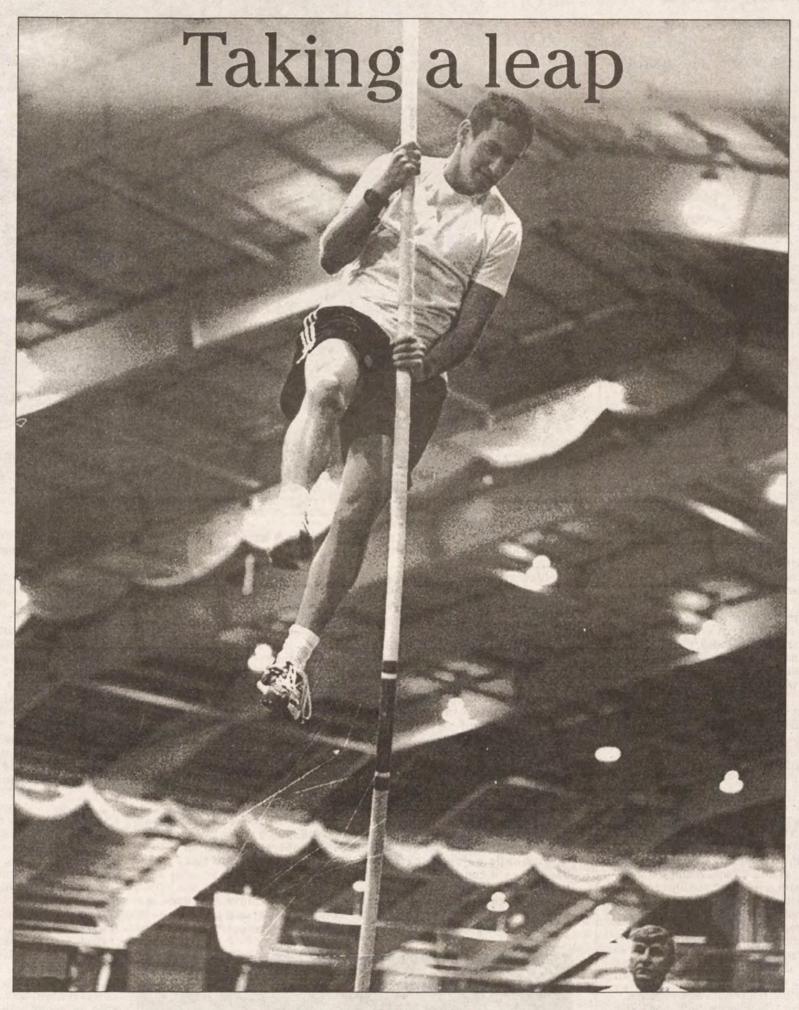
In Focus

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A regular feature of The Observer's News Department.

Going for the win

The Observer looks at the athletic department's plan to give the full number of scholarships to every varsity sport.



With a bold plan to fully fund every varsity sport, AD Kevin White hopes to vault Notre Dame to the very top of NCAA athletics

story by ◆ ERIN LaRUFFA

With less than a year under his belt, new athletic director Kevin White has announced a plan to provide all 26 of Notre Dame's varsity teams with the full number of scholarships allowed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The move will add 16 athletic scholarships each year for the next four years, 64 total, starting with next fall's freshmen.

"To achieve our stated departmental and University mission of providing a high-quality intercollegiate athletics experience for the most academically and athletically gifted individuals available, it's imperative that our programs have access to the full complement of athletic-related financial aid," White said.

The NCAA does not limit spending on certain expenses, such as recruiting and travel, but it does limit scholarships a university can grant in each of its varsity

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♦ Men's coaches predict big changes to come with funding boost

By TIM CASEY In Focus Writer

When asked what effect the addition of 7.9 scholarships will have on his squad, men's swimming coach Tim Welsh offered a quick response.

"I think it will change every single part of our program," Welsh said. "I think it's a dramatic change from top to bottom."

Welsh's enthusiasm is shared by many in the athletic department. His squad is among the biggest beneficiaries of the decision to fully fund every team. The men's swimming team currently has 1.5 scholarships. This money is divided up between several swimmers.

There has never been a swimmer with a

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ONE PERSON'S VIEW

Releveling the playing field

When Title IX was enacted in 1972 the result was supposed to be an equal playing field for men's and women's sports. Women's sports, which lagged significantly behind men's sports in

scholarships, facilities and funding, were supposed to be improved so that all athletes regardless of gender had an equal chance to excel.

Almost 30 years later, however, the playing field still isn't equal, but it's no longer women's sports that are stuck with lower funding and fewer scholarships.

At schools all across the country, men's teams were slashed while women's teams gained more scholarships. Many schools could not afford to add funding, so rather than boosting their

women's programs, the men's programs were slashed while the women's teams were only slightly elevated.

Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

Even Notre Dame fell into this trap. The wrestling program was eliminated in 1992. For years, with the exception of football, men's basketball, hockey and men's tennis, nearly every men's sports has received less funding and scholarships than its female equivalent. Consequently, the women's teams are nearly across the board more successful than the men's teams. Women's soccer and women's swimming are perennial Big East Champions and national powers.

Men's soccer has not qualified for the Big East Tournament since 1998 while the men's swimming team has never finished higher than second

Both the women's and men's team work extremely hard but the men's start with less scholarships and never have the same chance to excel as the women's teams.

This is not what Title IX intended.

Notre Dame currently gives out 98 women's scholarships and 158 men's scholarships. When the 64 new scholarships are added, there will be 136 for women and 186 for men. While this is not an equal distribution of scholarships, there is an important factor which Title IX does not include: Football

There is no such thing as women's football. There isn't a women's sport which requires as many scholarships, equipment and expenses or makes as much revenue for a school as football. If you eliminate football from Notre Dame's scholarship equation, the scholarship levels are 136 for women and 101 for men.

Title IX needs to be re-examined and reassessed. The goals are Title IX are important and should be attained. Men and women should be given an equal chance to excel.

But don't punish the men's lacrosse team because football requires 85 scholarships. If the men's lacrosse team gets 15 scholarships and a new locker room, the women's lacrosse team should get 15 scholarships and a new locker room. If the women's swim team is fully funded, the men's team should be fully funded.

That is gender equity.

Trying to treat all men's athletics as equal to all women's athletics is not only foolish but unfair.

With equal funding, both men's and women's teams can perform at high levels. Both men's and women's basketball are fully funded and both teams are ranked in the Top 25. Both tennis teams are also fully funded and every year the Irish compete for Big East titles in both sports. That is the equal playing field that Title IX was supposed to create.

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Stroking

Women's crew hopes to reap huge benefits from plan

By KERRY SMITH In Focus Writer

With one all-encompassing plan to fully fund all varsity sports, Notre Dame has given the women's rowing program a big boost on its way to becoming competitive in the national arena.

Athletic director Kevin White, proposed the plan, with women's rowing the single biggest beneficiary, on Dec. 21.

Head coach Martin Stone is excited to have the ability to take his team to a higher level.

"It's very exciting for our program to now have the opportunity to go out and recruit on equal footing," Stone said. "The scholarships the University is granting us will allow us to be more competitive than we already are."

A team struggling to attract talented athletes without the incentive of aid money, the women's rowing program has gone from having no allotted scholarships to having the maximum 20 allowed by the NCAA.

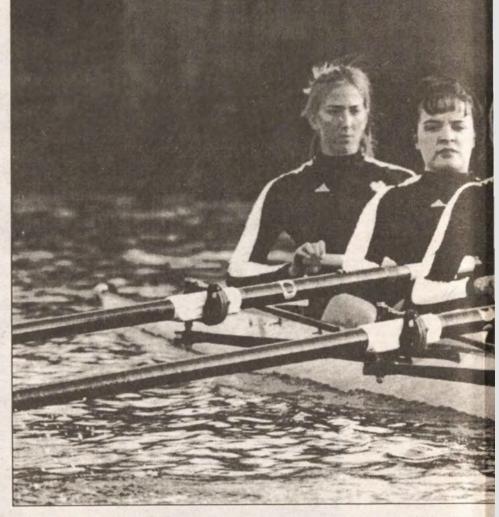
Added gradually over the next four years, the funding will put the program on par with some of the most competitive schools in the nation

"The team was very excited with the news," team captain Claire Bula said. "It's a great opportunity to be given and it will help in recruiting and keeping good rowers. It will make the team more competitive and able to go up against some of the best teams across the country."

The increase in athletic aid is a much-needed boon to a program which often must compete with academically impressive schools for the most talented rowers.

Other programs at Notre Dame previously not fully-funded have traditionally enjoyed the upper hand when it comes to academics, but rowing has not.

Most of the country's rowing powers hail from institutions which place a great deal of impor-



Notre Dame women's rowing hopes to pull ahead with the addition of 20 scholar but they hope that the new funding will help them compete with the nation's elite

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tance on academic excellence, causing Notre Dame to have to compete with the likes of Duke and Princeton for athletes.

"Without scholarships, it is very challenging to recruit rowers because schools that our academic peers are also good in rowing," Stone said. "They have great programs. So trying to convince a very smart, bright woman rower to

come to Notre Dame and pay about \$30,000 when they could go to a comparable school for less or even nothing is a hard task."

That task just became a lot easi-

With only about 10 recruited athletes possessing previous rowing experience, currently the pro-

gram must rely on filling its roster with inexperienced Notre Dame students.

While the on-site recruiting will

still play a large role in creating the novice program, Notre Dame's dramatically improved ability to recruit at the high school level will be pivotal to strengthening the varsity

squad.
"It will make a significant differ-

ence for the team since most schools and the Big 10 schools have gone varsity and are providing scholarships to their rowers," varsity rower Maureen Carr said. "Our recruiting will become a lot more effective."

The effectiveness of the scholarship money will have dual results.

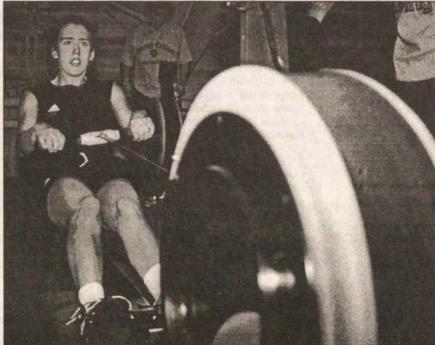
"The benefits will be two-fold,"
Stone said. "We will get some of
those kids who are heavily recruited, while our competitor schools
won't. We will be even and will be
able to recruit in a whole new
way."

That whole new way of recruiting will change not only the level of competition between Notre Dame and its adversaries, but will also the level of competition within the team. Irish rowers will no longer just be competing as a team against other teams, but as individuals trying to earn one of several available scholarships.

"It will probably increase the competition among people on the team," Carr said. "But I don't foresee it as a problem necessarily. Although I think it will be a hard transition."

Just how that transition will work is still unclear. The logistics of allotting scholarships has yet to be worked out by Stone and his staff.

"We're not sure [how the scholarships will be distributed]," Stone said. "What we're doing now is we



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

All winter long, the rowing teams work out on ergometers getting ready for the upcoming season. While the women's program, a varsity team, will pick up 20 scholarships in four years, the men will stay a club.

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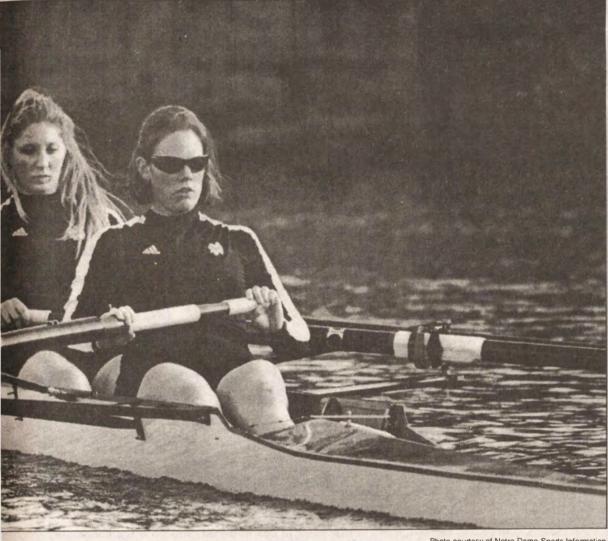


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rships over the next four years. The three-year old team does not have any grants to give right now, e programs.

are in the process of recruiting people. And then we'll see and determine within the team how to allocate the money. It seems simple, but it's really a complex process. We're limited to 20 scholar-

ships. If someone is already receiving aid from h University, \$20,000 want give them \$500 grant, then

\$20,500 athletic scholarship and if we're not careful in that way we could go over out limit.

While Stone grapples with the problem of scholarship distribution, Notre Dame men's rowing team is still dealing with the frustration of not only no scholarships, but no varsity status.

And while their female counterparts are enjoying the perks of varsity status, the men are not as lucky.

"While we're not varsity and only a club, we're trying to build a program that is just as strong and competitive," club captain Sam Wang said. "That's one of the things we pride ourselves on — the fact that we practice just as much as the women's program. Plus we have to do all our own fundraising. Rowing is an expensive sport, so if we're not practicing we're trying to raise money.

The disparity the men's and women's programs is not unique to the Notre Dame campus; it is a continuing

trend across the country. With the advent of Title IX,

which requires roughly equal funding for men's and women's athletics, schools have used women's rowing as a balancer to fall into compli-

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lauded for its results in improving athletics 0 women, Wang and his teammates have felt its affects in a different

look around the country, a lot of men's programs are in the same situation," Wang said. "With Title IX, women's programs are being built up quickly because school's football programs are so big. I think its good to see women's sports advance, but when you're on the other end and see all their equipment

they're given and then we have to raise our own money, you feel that effect. [Title IX] is really important but it might need some modifica-

Using women's rowing as a way to

balance larger men's sports is becoming more popular. Currently, the Big Ten, a conference known for strong football programs, is working to increase its rowing programs. Six schools - University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Ohio State

A Growth Sport

Women's rowing is growing at big football schools, including:

- **◆ Clemson University**
- **♦ Iowa University**
- ◆ University of Miami (FL)
- ◆ University of Michigan
- ◆ Michigan State University
- ◆ University of North Carolina
- **◆ Stanford University**
- **◆** University of Tennessee
- University of Texas
- ◆ University of Washington
- ◆ University of Wisconsin

University, University of Iowa, Indiana University and University of Wisconsin have fully funded programs and University of Minnesota is developing its program for the coming season.

Women's crew is now the 25th sport in which the Big Ten competes. Thirteen of those 25 are women's sports.

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> "It's great for them," Wang said. "I think whenever one of the teams finds success it's a good thing."

The funding of 20 scholarships for the women's program will go a long way in helping the program find that long-term success.

Plan will impact Title IX compliance

By CHRISTINE KRALY In Focus Writer

With 36 of the 64 new scholarships going to women's sports, the University has decided that it's time for its female athletes to wear the pants on this campus.

Gender equality has become a big concern for many people in college sports, especially at Notre Dame, a school with a massive football program and a growing respect for its women's athletes.

"We will be providing significantly more opportunities for women's and Olympic sports as a result of these additions," athletic director Kevin White said in a prepared statement. "We also will be strengthening our gender equity numbers as we look forward to going through the NCAA certification process again next year.'

"Title IX was always a part of our discussions during our decision," said Missy Conboy, associate athletic director for athletic department legal

Instituted in 1972, Title IX of the Education Amendments prohibits sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal funding. Though it does not require a school have

a male-tofemale athlete participation equal to that of enrollment, the University must striving for a 'pattern of

growth" expansion and towards equality, said Sandy Barbour, associate athletic director for compliance and administration.

Women currently constitute 45 percent of Notre Dame's enrollment, but only 38 percent of the varsity sports scholarships. By the time the scholarships are in place, that number will rise to 42.

"To some degree, it's [Title IX] a moving target," Barbour

Complying with Title IX happens in one of a few ways, Conboy said. It could mean that a school's athlete participation mirrors its enrollment percentage or that a school is looking to increase the number of its women's programs. In the case of Notre Dame, though, she said, it means always attempting to meet student interest in the athletic program.

"With the sports that we've added and the scholarships we've awarded ... we feel that we have continued to make historical strides toward [Title IX compliance]," she said.

When deciding to create more scholarships, athletic department representatives worked with the Office of Admissions and other administrators to project future enrollment, financial need and athletic participation.

With administrators and athletic officials mulling over the legal and financial issues dealing with the scholarships, coaches and athletes are excited about the possibilities.

"It will have a profound impact with our success in the Big East," said Joe Piane, head coach of women's cross country/track and field. Six of the 36 scholarships will go to Piane's female athletes.

The scholarships will no doubt aid in his recruiting efforts, Piane said. "Now we'll be getting to a level playing field with [our competitors]."

"Of course in the long run it will help us, that's for sure, said Yves Auriol, head coach of the women's fencing team.

The women's team has nearly 25 players, Auriol said, and three scholarships split among five or six fencers.

Sometimes you are stuck looking at two great athletes and you can just recruit one because you don't have enough financial help," he said.

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type of school when you're able to bring recruits, your team will be more wellrounded, s a i d Tameisha King. sophomore

member of the women's track and field team. "We can recruit better by having more money to work with.'

Attempts to achieve Title IX compliance have led the athletic department to make some sacrifices, including disbanding the men's wrestling team in 1992, but administrators say that won't likely happen again.

'I think we're going to have to be more concerned with if we're ever going to need to increase more women's sports," than with reinstating or adding men's sports, Conboy said

For the last two years the admissions and athletic departments have surveyed recently enrolled students asking them about their athletic interests.

"It's really an effort to monitor if there are unmet needs out there," Conboy said. "That could give us an idea if we're meeting the interest of [undergraduate students]. I think we need to survey more [before thinking of adding women's

Balancing the scales

Scholarships awarded in 2000-2001:

To men — 158 To women — 98 TOTAL — 256

Scholarships to be awarded in 2004-2005:

To men — 186 To women — 134 TOTAL — 330

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programs. Currently, Notre Dame fully funds grants-in-aid for 10 teams, including football, men's and women's basketball, and women's soccer.

Women's rowing, which will go from offering no scholar-ships to doling out 20, will benefit the most from the additional funding. Men's lacrosse, another sport currently without grants-in-aid, will gain 12.6. Men's swimming will pick up 7.9 and women's cross country/track and field will add six.

Other sports to benefit will include baseball, men's and women's fencing, men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's soccer, men's swimming, and men's cross country/track and field.

Once they are in place, the additional scholarships will cost the department \$1.2 million a year, according to Sandy Barbour, associate athletic director for compliance and administration. The athletic department, which operates under a different budget than the rest of the

University, must raise money absorb the additional costs.

"We are allowing [White] embark on

additional fundraising to enhance his operating budget,' said University executive vice president Father Timothy Scully.

The decision to increase athletic scholarships was independent of the \$13 million the school received from the football team's appearance in the Fiesta Bowl, Scully said. That money, Scully said, will enhance general undergradu-

Notre Dame's Sears Cup Finishes

'93 - '94	#11
'94 - '95	#30
'95 - '96	#11
'96 - '97	#14
'97 - '98	#31 tied
'98 - '99	#25
'99 - '00	#21

The Sears Directors' Cup is an annual all-sports competition among Division 1-A schools.

ate financial aid.

This proposal was made well before the Fiesta Bowl," Scully said. "We would have done this without the Fiesta Bowl.

The athletic department based its decision to add 64 scholarships on several factors, ranging from helping teams become more competitive to increasing opportunities for female athletes.

The additional scholarships are particularly significant resource to coaches. "At a place like Notre Dame with high tuition costs and a tremendous academic tradition" coaches must find athletes that not only meet the school's high athletic standards, but also that meet its high academic standards, she added, making recruiting a "tricky game," said Barbour.

You have to give coaches the ability to go out and recruit these athletes," Barbour continued. "When you're going up against other schools that are offering scholarships ... it is very difficult.

While many of the programs benefiting from the scholarships are already nationally competitive, Barbour said

insufficient financial aid hasbeen holding teams back. Overall participation probably will not increase, but Barbour anticipates that the quali-

ty of the athletes will improve. "Watch out," Barbour said. "They're going to do phenome-

nal things.

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Sandy Barbour

associate athletic director

One of the "phenomenal things" the University is hoping for is improved standing in the Sears Directors' Cup, a competition that ranks colleges by the combined performance of all their varsity teams.

The athletic department would like Notre Dame to finish in the top five of that competition, according to Barbour. In the final fall standings for 2000-2001, released on Jan. 9, Notre Dame was ranked eighth among Division I schools.

Scully, however, wants more than just a top five finish in the Sears Cup.

"I'd really like to see Notre Dame win that," Scully said, adding that he would also like for Notre Dame athletics to become known for more than just an outstanding football program.

Being a "superb university" and having great athletics is possible, according to Scully, who added that athletics can

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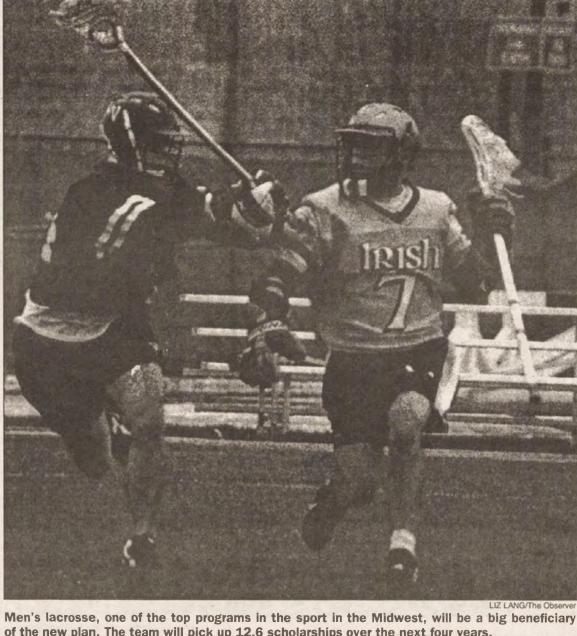
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of the new plan. The team will pick up 12.6 scholarships over the next four years.

help create excitement among students and alumni.

He pointed to Stanford University, which maintains high academic standards and has numerous successful varsity sports teams. Stanford was second in the most recent Sears Cup final rankings.

Why bother doing it if you're not going to do it with excellence?

Barbour said. Gender equity was another factor behind the decision to increase scholarships, according to Barbour, adding that the additional funding will

enhance [Notre Dame's] gender equity position.'

The plan to fully fund all varsity athletics involves adding scholarships to men's pro-

grams, but the majority of the 64 new scholarships will be dedicated to women's sports. Women's sports will gain 36 grants-in-aid, while men's teams will gain 28.

"It's the right thing to do," Scully said. "We are currently not meeting Title IX require-

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female athletes receive 38 percent of the athletic department's scholarship resources. With the additional scholarships, that figure will increase to 42 percent, more closely reflecting the 45 percent of student who are women, according to Barbour.

"That takes us from being close to compliance to being in compliance," she said. "We have to close the gap.

Next year, Notre Dame will go through the NCAA's certification process again, and one area the NCAA looks at during the process is gender equity. However, Barbour said that Notre Dame did not have to add the scholarships for that reason.

"We're not worried about certification," Barbour said. "We believe we provide in all the areas certification encompass-

In fact, gender equity is only one of the benefits the University considered while considering whether to add the additional grants-in-aid.

That is not the full reason we're doing it," Barbour said. "The University did this because they believed it was the right thing to do."

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full scholarship. But that may change by the 2004-2005 season, when the team will reach the NCAA's maximum allowance (for men's swimming) of 7.9 scholarships. In the next few years, the

scholarship money will increase gradually until it reaches the maximum.

For the past five years, the Irish have gone from seventh to second in the Big East, and have faced several teams with more scholarship money.

"Certainly announcement is a strong show of support by the

University," Welsh said. Joe Piane agrees. The women's track

and cross-country coach will have an extra six scholarships by 2004-2005. Both teams presently share a total of 12 scholarships but that will increase to 14, 16, 17 and then 18. Piane mentioned that Villanova, Seton Hall, St. John's, Boston College, West Virginia, Miami, Connecticut and Rutgers all currently have the maximum number of scholar-

The cross-country team finished sixth in the 2000 Big East Championships while the track team placed sixth in the indoor championships and third during the spring season.

"It puts us on a level playing field," Piane said. "This is a major, major plus. This is a

major shot in the arm. "It will make us a perennial power in the Big East. We've always had elite ladies but what we haven't had is sufficient funds to entice more. Those six extra scholarships can equate to 16 outstanding ladies.

While the extra money may attract better athletes, Welsh maintains that the admissions standards will remain the same. He hopes to coach the first

Notre Dame men's swimmer who qualifies for the NCAAs, but he does not want to sacrifice the University's values.

"I don't want a guy to come to Notre Dame for money, that's not why you come to Notre Dame," Welsh said. "You come to Notre Dame because it's Dame Notre and

because we're interested in athletic excellence, because we're interested in academic excellence, because we're interested in good human beings,

because we're interested in values, and because we're interested in getting bet-

"When those things are in place and we can help you pay for it? That's great. If those things aren't in place, Notre Dame's not the right school for you. Don't come here because we now have

a checkbook. Come here because you want to be a Notre Dame man and do it the Notre Dame way.'

For now, the coaches remain optimistic that they can achieve even more success.

"Providing that people want our athletic department to be as good as it can be, it's long overdue," Piane

said. "We wouldn't have it if it wasn't for [athletic director] Dr. White. He's fired up, he's ready to go.

So are the coaches and athletes.

He shoots, he scores, he hits the slopes

Scene reviewer Jose Cuellar compares the latest in sports video games

All right kids, the people at 989 Sports and Idol Minds have released a couple of new titles for the avid sport video game enthusiast. Be warned, sport video games are not my specialty, but I was determined to give them a shot. If a good chunk of the student population plays these games, then I should too. Here are some categories that all four games can be graded on. Enjoy.

	FACEOFF 2001	SHOOT OUT	FINAL FOUR	PlayStation
TITLE	NHL Faceoff 2001	NBA Shootout 2001	NCAA Final Four 2001	Cool Boarders 2001
SPORT	Hockey. All teams plus the two new expansion teams: Minnesota Wild and Columbus Blue Jackets	Pro Basketball.	College Basketball.	Snowboarding. Ten snowboarders for you to command through 20 huge courses. Be prepared for blisters.
CONTROL	Special features are easy to use.	Can be somewhat confusing, but works pretty well.	Better than NBA Shootout.	Combinations are the key.
MULTI-TAP?	Yes. One to eight players.	Yes. Up to eight players can join the fun	Yes.	Nope.
GRAPHICS	Somewhat polygonal but expected. The game is designed for the original Playstation. The action is fast and looks great.	Polygonal. But for the Playstation 1 the graphics are pretty good.	Very similar to NBA shootout, seems like the programmers decided to cut some corners.	Nice. Not the best but the programmers did a great job. What else can you expect from a snowboarding game?
VIEWS	Pretty standard for a hockey game. Good control of the instant replay with many angles to choose from.	Standard. The instant replay gives great angle options.	Again, similar to NBA shootout.	Stuck behind the snowboarder. Very standard position.
FEATURES	Enhanced shot option gives you control of the puck. Very nice for enthusiasts.		They add some eye candy, playbooks, and my personal favorite, the "6th" Man meter.	Create a snowboarder and pick his board and gear from sponsors like Vans.
OVERALL	Decent but not the best game out there. Stick with the Playstation 2 counterpart, but if you are like me, waiting for a console to be available, this game is a good bet for gaming experience.	Nice features, but I was neither amused nor surprised.	Between this game and NBA Shootout, I like this one. I don't know why, but I just have more fun with this game.	Very cool. Now I know what snowboarders do in the summer when they can't go to the mountain.

by Jose Cuellar, Scene Video Game Reviewer Special thanks to Brian Lanktree for his help

NBA

Bryant, Lakers beat Cavaliers without O'Neal

Associated Press

Cleveland

Kobe Bryant scored 47 points - 23 on free throws - and Horace Grant had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers survived another night without Shaquille O'Neal and beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-96 on Tuesday

Bryant took over when needed, driving the lane for short jumpers and pulling up over Cleveland's overmatched guards, who at times could do nothing but foul.

Bryant went 23-of-26 from the line and scored 14 points in the third quarter when the Lakers opened a comfortable 19-point lead.

But the Cavs, who can't seem to put four good quarters together, rallied from 21 down to get within 100-96 with 51 seconds remaining on a threepoint play by Bimbo Coles.

The Lakers, though, made sure the ball stayed in Bryant's hands and he hit two more free throws with 17 seconds left to make it 102-96. Bryant shot 19 free throws after halftime and the Lakers shot 32 of 38 from

Los Angeles snapped a threegame road losing streak and won for just the second time in five games. And with Grant and rookie Mark Madsen playing with energy and controlling the boards, the Lakers played as if they truly cared about defending their NBA title.

O'Neal missed his second straight game with an injured foot and didn't leave the locker room, staying behind to receive treatment while watching on

O'Neal has a tendon ailment in his right arch. He has difficulty pushing off the foot and is being re-evaluated on a day-today basis. O'Neal will travel with the Lakers to Minnesota but will probably sit out Wednesday night.

Grant matched his seasonhighs in points and rebounds and Madsen finished with a career-high 10 rebounds in 28

A lingering feud between O'Neal and Bryant over who should be the go-to guy has contributed to the Lakers funk the past few weeks. But with the floor all to himself, Bryant made sure the Lakers didn't lose to another team they should beat.

Andre Miller scored 25 points and Coles had 16 for the Cavs, who lost their third straight and for the 16th time in 21 games. Cleveland was without Lamond Murray, its second leading scorer, who was a late scratch with a sprained left ankle.

Raptors 96, 76ers 89

The Philadelphia 76ers road winning streak is over, and the Toronto Raptors didn't even need Vince Carter to end it.

Carter played less than four minutes before aggravating a knee injury, but Morris Peterson scored 22 points as Raptors ended Philadelphia's 13-game road winning streak.

The 76ers had not lost on the road since Dec. 5 against the

Dell Curry scored 17 points, Alvin Williams had 16, Mark Jackson 15 and Antonio Davis 11 for the Raptors, who also beat the Sixers in Philadelphia on Jan. 21

Iverson led the 76ers with 38

Carter, the leading vote-getter for the All-Star Game for the second straight year, has been bothered by "jumpers knee" since November. Just before the game, Carter said he couldn't push off on it. He started but left with 8:22 remaining in the

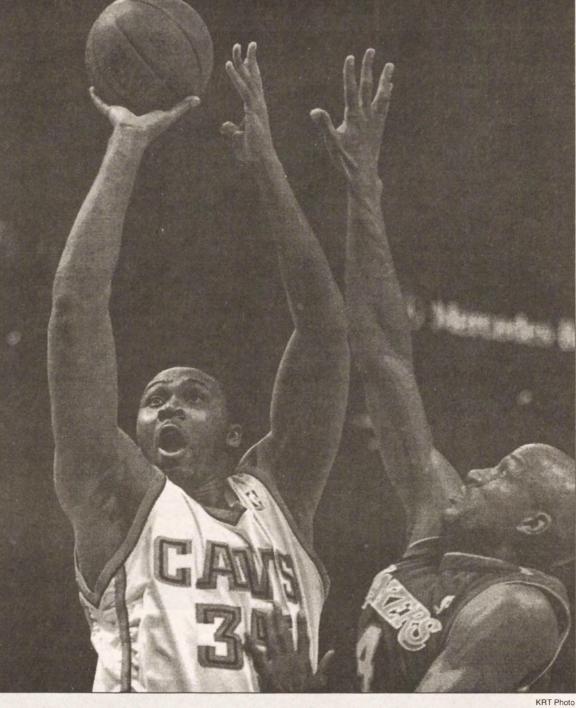
Philadelphia's Tyrone Hill made two free throws, narrowing Toronto's lead to two points with 2:53 remaining, but Peterson followed with a layup. After Williams made one of two free throws, Iverson made a layup and Davis had a layup, giving Toronto a 92-87 lead with 1:10 remaining.

Hill followed with an 18-foot jumper, but then missed a wide open 3-pointer — his first attempt from behind the arc all season.

Jackson made two free throws, giving Toronto a 94-89 lead with 16.6 remaining, and Curry made two to seal it with 11.6 seconds left.

Magic 93, Pacers 86

Darrell Armstrong had 23 points to pace three starters in double figures and Orlando stopped a two-game losing



Cavaller forward Clarence Weahterspoon is shown going for a jump shot against Laker guard Ron Harper. The Lakers got the best of the Cavs 102-96.

streak by defeating Indiana Tuesday night.

John Amaechi had 16 points and seven rebounds and Tracy McGrady had 19 points. Armstrong added nine assists and seven rebounds. Orlando also got a boost off the bench from Michael Doleac, who had eight points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

Orlando played without forward Bo Outlaw, who was suspended for one game without pay and fined \$10,000 for intentionally making physical contact with a referee during the Magic's last game against

The Pacers, who have dropped their last three games, had four players reach double figures. Reggie Miller had 18, Bruno Sundov 17, Jalen Rose 16 and Jermaine O'Neal 14. O'Neal added 12 rebounds and four blocked shots.

A basket by Miller cut quarter.

Orlando's lead to 74-72 with 6:50 remaining, but Doleac made back-to-back shots and Armstrong followed with a 3pointer that put the Magic ahead 81-72.

Orlando led by at least six points the rest of the game.

McGrady's basket to start the third quarter put Orlando ahead, 46-36. The Pacers went on to shoot 12-of-20 to lead 66-64 heading into the fourth

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hurricanes look for new coach after losing Davis

Associated Press

There seems to be plenty of interest in Miami's head coaching position.

Athletic director Paul Dee responded to dozens of phone messages, faxes, and e-mails Tuesday, one day after the Hurricanes lost coach Butch Davis to the Cleveland Browns.

"There's always a group of

people have in mind," Dee said. "But you never know where interest may from. come We've had some pretty interesting inquires, let me put it that way.

Like years past, Dee said

he may seek advice from some of the nation's premier coaches. Dee talked to Bobby Bowden, Lou Holtz and Joe Paterno before hiring Davis.

He did the same thing last year when basketball coach Leonard Hamilton left Miami for the Washington Wizards. Dee consulted Rick Pitino before hiring Tulane's Perry Clark.

Bowden, Holtz, and Paterno may get calls again.

"Certainly they're still the people that are the senior people in the profession and we

probably will talk to them if it's possible. They are recruiting now," Dee said.

Though Dee would not reveal any of the interested parties, he said interviews could begin as early as Wednesday.

"We're getting started," he said. "We've got our legs down, we dusted off the rule book — the how-to, the idiot's guide to hiring coaches.

Some of the coaches thought to be on Dee's list include: Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, former Georgia coach Jim Donnan, Colorado State's Sonny Lubick and Marc Trestman, a former Miami assistant who spent the last three years as the Arizona Cardinals' offensive coordina-

Alvarez might be Miami's No. 1 choice.

He interviewed for the job in 1995, but Miami hired Davis instead. Since then, Alvarez

has led the Badgers to two Rose Bowl berths. In addition, Donna Shalala, who will become Miami's president this summer, was Wisconsin's chancellor when the Badgers hired Alvarez to rebuild the program in 1990.

"He is a terrific coach; he's done a lot of good things," Dee said. "Usually, when you think of the Big Ten, you think of Ohio State, Michigan and Penn

"There's always a group

of people you have in

mind. But you never

know where interest may

come from."

Paul Dee

Miami Athletic Director

State. But they've become a player that conference, and c o a c h Alvarez has done an outstanding job there.

"Whether he would be the person that would turn

to is something we would want to take a look at.

Dee scoffed at the notion of bringing back retired coach Jimmy Johnson, who coached the Hurricanes from 1984-88 before leaving for the Dallas Cowboys. Two other possible replacements also were dismissed Tuesday.

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said he has no interest in coaching at Miami, where he was an assistant during 1986-93. "I've got a better job than that now,' Tuberville said.

And former Auburn coach Terry Bowden was not among the 60 or more calls Dee has received in two days.

We haven't (talked) and I don't know that we would at this point," Dee said, sounding like he might have a short list in place.

Dee said he would like to have a coach in place before next Wednesday's national signing day. But he also will not rush to hire someone without an extensive search.

The search could end down the hall at offensive coordinator Larry Coker's office. Coker was named interim coach Monday but probably would join Davis in Cleveland if not given the head coaching job at

After weeks of repeatedly insisting that he would stay at Miami, Davis signed a fiveyear contract with the

"There's a little bit of sadness in the sense that there's

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some great kids in the program," Davis said. "But that program will survive. They've gone through this transition. There will be another good

coach. It's a great university with great academics. There's not a good time to ever to make a change. You have to make the change when the change is right to make.

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NBA

New York trades versatility for power

Associated Press

In a trade that adds size and depth to their frontcourt, the New York Knicks acquired power forward Othella Harrington from the Vancouver Grizzlies on Tuesday for guard Erick Strickland and two draft picks.

picks.

Harrington, the starting power forward for the Grizzlies for the past 1 1/2 seasons, averages 10.9 points and 6.6 rebounds. He will give the Knicks another big body to back up starters Larry Johnson and Marcus Camby.

Strickland, acquired by the Knicks from Dallas last summer for John Wallace, appeared in only 28 of 42 games this season and averaged 4.3 points and 1.9 assists.

A versatile guard who can play the point or the shooting guard spot, Strickland was stuck behind Allan Houston, Latrell Sprewell, Charlie Ward, and Chris Childs on the Knicks' depth chart.

With the Grizzlies, Strickland will be able to back up Mike Bibby at point guard and Michael Dickerson at shooting guard, or could move in as a starter if Dickerson is moved to small forward and Shareef Abdur-Rahim is shifted to power forward.

The trade was the first for the Knicks since last September's blockbuster that sent Patrick Ewing to Seattle and brought Glen Rice from Los Angeles. Aside from Strickland, New York will give Vancouver the Lakers' first round pick in 2001 and a second-round pick.

With a record of 26-16 head-

ing into Thursday night's game against Philadelphia, the Knicks have the second-best record in the Eastern Conference. But they also have shown themselves to be vulnerable against teams with big front lines, a problem that was highlighted during the recent five-game suspension of Camby.

For the Grizzlies, the move was the first in what could be a series of trades. Vancouver has been receiving inquiries from several teams regarding the availability of Abdur-Rahim and Bibby, although the Grizzlies would be much more inclined to trade center Bryant Reeves

Vancouver owner Michael Heisley addressed the mediabefore Monday night's game against New Jersey, admitting his team lacks chemistry but would only make a trade if it got equal value back.

"If I went out and traded Shareef and Bibby and all I got back was Joe Shmoe, I think the fans would be even more disappointed in us," he said.

Harrington had career-high averages of 13.1 points and 6.9 rebounds last season but said he did not enjoy playing in Vancouver

The Grizzlies, with a record of 12-32, felt they could afford to move Harrington because they already have several other power forwards, including rookie Stromile Swift and veterans Grant Long and Tony Massenburg.

Strickland, who spent his first four NBA seasons with Dallas, had career-high averages of 12.8 points and 3.1 assists last season. He can opt out of his contract and become a free agent at the end of this season.

Malone named to All-Star team

Associated Press

Karl Malone won't be going fishing on All-Star Weekend — he'll be going to Washington instead.

Stephon Marbury and

Antonio
McDyess
a r e
going,
too, but
Antoine
Walker,
Steve
Francis,
a n d
Latrell
Sprewell



Malone

are not — at least not yet.

The NBA on Tuesday announced the results of the coaches' voting for the All-Star reserves. Picked as the Western Conference reserves for the Feb. 11 game were Utah's Malone, Denver's McDyess, San Antonio's David Robinson, Seattle's Gary Payton, Dallas's Michael Finley, Portland's Rasheed Wallace and the Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett.

The Nets' Marbury, 76ers' Theo Ratliff, Knicks' Allan Houston, Hornets' Anthony Mason, Pistons' Jerry Stackhouse, and Bucks' Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson were chosen for the East.

Two spots remain open on the East roster because Alonzo Mourning and Grant Hill, chosen as starters in fan balloting, will not be able to play.

Commissioner David Stern will choose their replacements Wednesday.

Stern may get an additional pick if Shaquille O'Neal is unable to play. He was expected to miss his second consecutive game Tuesday night with an inflamed arch on his right foot.

For now, there are five first-timers — Marbury, McDyess, Mason, Ratliff and Tracy McGrady — among the 24 All-Stars.

"When I came in this morning and Dan [Nuggets coach Dan Issel] told me, he was excited but I was WAY excited," McDyess said. "I jumped up and down about two or three times.

"I was kind of shaking, shivering. A chill came through my body when I got the good news," McDyess said.

Previously announced as All-Star starters are the Magic's Hill, Heat's Mourning, Magic's McGrady, Raptors' Vince Carter and 76ers' Allen Iverson for the East; Lakers' O'Neal, Spurs' Tim Duncan, Kings' Chris Webber, Suns' Jason Kidd and Lakers' Kobe Bryant for the West

Malone will be making his 13th appearance, while Robinson was picked for the 10th time, Payton for the seventh and Garnett for the fourth.

Allen, Finley, Houston, Robinson and Stackhouse were selected for the second time each.

Among the league's top 20 scorers, Antawn Jamison (25.1 points per game) of Golden State, Walker (22.4)

and Paul Pierce (24.0) of Boston, Dirk Nowitzki (21.5) of Dallas and Elton Brand (20.8) of Chicago were left off.

"I'm not disappointed at all. I'm disappointed more in the lack of winning of the team," said Brand, co-winner of the Rookie of the Year award last season. "I'm sure if the wins were there, the accolades would be there also."

"I understand everyone on here, but I can't understand Anthony Mason," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said as he looked at the list of the reserves.

Also notable by their absence were Sprewell, who has helped the Knicks to the second-best record in the East, Jamal Mashburn of the Charlotte Hornets, who do not have any All-Star representatives, and Francis, who leads Houston in five offensive categories

Robinson leads the Bucks in scoring, rebounding, blocks, and minutes. His rebounding and assist averages are career bests.

"There's not a small forward in the NBA who's playing better," coach George Karl said.

Allen, a fifth-year pro, owns the longest current starting streak in the NBA at 327 games. He leads the team in 3-pointers made and attempted, free throws made and attempted and minutes.

"Last year our record wasn't as good as it is this year, so a lot of people questioned that we had two players," Robinson said. "Now they can't say that."



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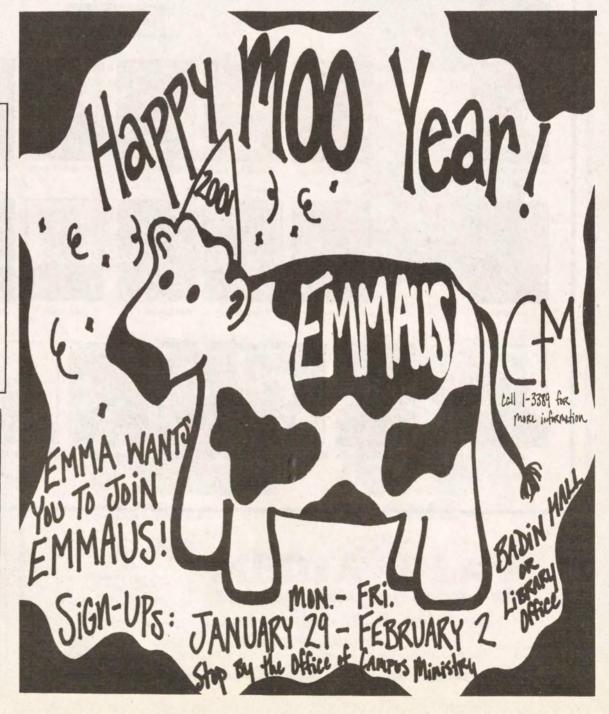
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Women

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ward Jen Gombotz leads the Friars in scoring with an average of 12 points per contest. Fellow senior Monika Roberts, the other forward, averages 11.6 points and a team-high 7.4 rebounds per game for Jim Jabir's team.

The Friars are coming off of a tough 72-71 overtime loss at Georgetown on Saturday - a game that followed the Irish men's upset

Despite Providence's record, McGraw's team is approaching the game seri-

ously.
"Tomorrow we need to make sure we are focused and we are ready to play," said Ivey. "Any day some team can come in here regardless of their record and come in and play good against us.

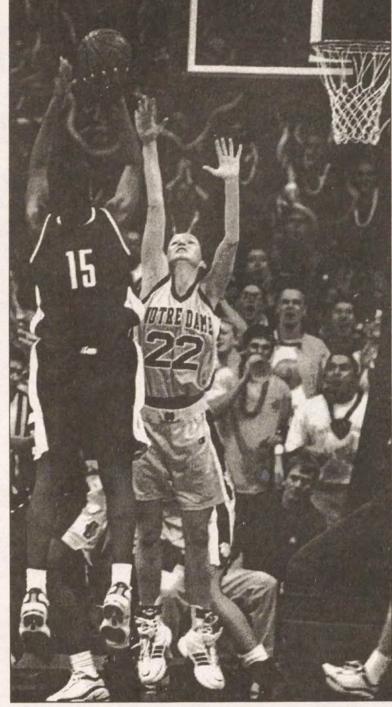
The Irish have not played since topping West Virginia in Morgantown a week ago. The team must avoid showing rust on the court.

"We'll probably be a little complacent at the beginning," said Ivey.

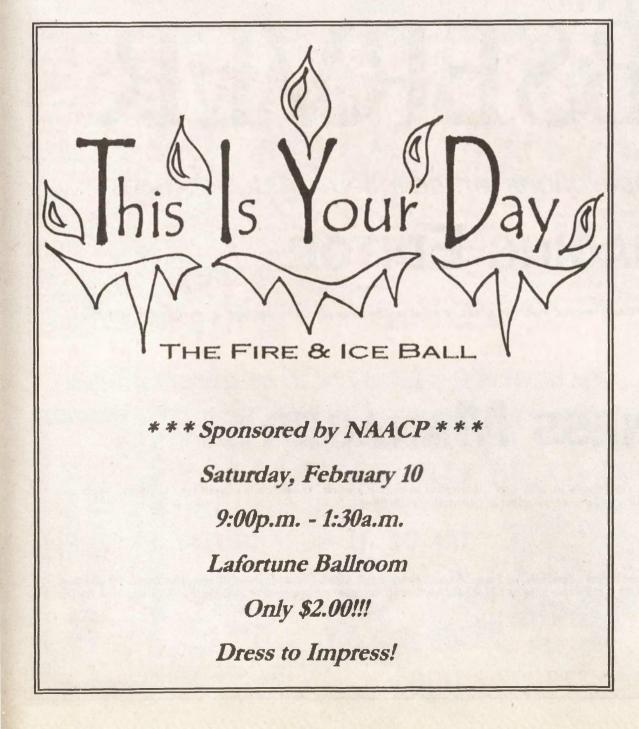
Playing at home I think we should be fired up and ready to go.'

Fans will also have the opportunity to celebrate Milk Mustache Night. The first 300 children through turnstiles can have their picture taken with a cardboard cut-out of McGraw sporting a dairy flavored brow. Other fans can bring their cameras to the upper concourse and join in on the celebration.

Tip-off is tonight at 7 p.m.



Sophomore guard Alicia Ratay puts her hands up to block a shot during a recent Irish basketball game.



MVP not as valuable as some might say

Sunday night, between watching Bob Dole hawk cola products and seeing an unfortunate spill of a BudLight ruin an otherwise romantic

night, I was able to take in

Kevin Berchou

Ravens' demolition of the Giants in

Irish Insider

Super Bowl XXXV. In a game that was about as enthralling as the Fiesta Bowl, I only kept watching to see who would be named the game's MVP.

Much to my dismay, the honor went to Ray Lewis, Baltimore's star middle linebacker and anchor of the Ravens' killer defense. Greg Gumbel, CBS' lead play-byplay man, only added to my exasperation when he took a timeout from promoting Survivor II to call Lewis a great individual following a post-game interview

Now, I'm one of those people who wince at the overuse of the word great. I like to reserve such superlatives for Jesus Christ, Joe Montana, and maybe Britney Spears' performance at the American Music Awards, but calling Lewis great, that's like saying Lucifer was a good angel, or that Scott Norwood was a good placekicker.

If Ray Lewis is a great individual then Saddam Hussein ought to be canon-

This is the same Ray Lewis who, just a year ago while attending the Super Bowl as a spectator, was involved in a fight which ended in the death of two men. While no one will ever know if Lewis actually inflicted the fatal wounds or not, it is certain that he fled the scene with his friends, both suspects.

It is also quite true that Lewis refused to cooperate with a police investigation, and during his double murder trial avoided a stiff jail sentence by copping a plea with a prosecution no more competent than the one that tried to squeeze The Juice.

One might surmise that Lewis would be humbled by this experience, that he would realize how lucky he was to be on the field for

this Super Bowl instead of behind bars. But not this Ray Lewis. This Ray Lewis views the whole incident as a nuisance, and had even the gall to complain to a popular magazine that last year's trial forced him to miss the Pro Bowl.
You might think that

Lewis would have apologized to the victims' families until he was blue in the face. Any great man would have, right? Not Ray Lewis.

He's never spoken with the families of either of the victims. Ray Lewis doesn't even consider them victims. He claims he was victimized, and "wrongly imprisoned." Obviously Lewis failed to schedule the classes at his alma mater, the University of Miami, that covered the accessory to murder section of the law.

OK, so maybe he's no humanitarian but it would probably be a safe bet to say that Lewis, given where he was a year ago, would shun the spotlight and let his play on the field speak for itself, right?

Nope, not Ray Lewis, owner of perhaps the planet's largest ego, who, while being introduced to the world before the game, launched into a foolish dance routine that resembled Ricky Martin in spasm.

Adding to Ray Lewis greatness are the four illegitimate children he has sired. But don't worry, Ray is a "great" father. In a recent article that appeared in ESPN The Magazine, Lewis proclaimed, "Friday night is family night.'

That's one night out of seven that the great Ray spends with his children. That's barely enough time to teach them to breakdance.

In the end, things worked out for the incomparable Ray Lewis. He didn't lose the game, and it doesn't bother him that two families lost loved ones. But what Ray Lewis did lose is my

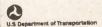
One night a week with the kids? Who knows what goes on the other six nights? Well, the families of two men do.

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Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to.
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Belles

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players missed Monday's practice due to sickness, swapping time that could have been used for team play for weight training and shooting drills. Post players Elizabeth Linkous and Katie Gamache are still questionable for play tonight.

"We're excited to play," Christiansen said. "But our bodies have been run down."

The last time these two teams faced off, Saint Mary's came close to defeating then first place Alma, dropping the game by

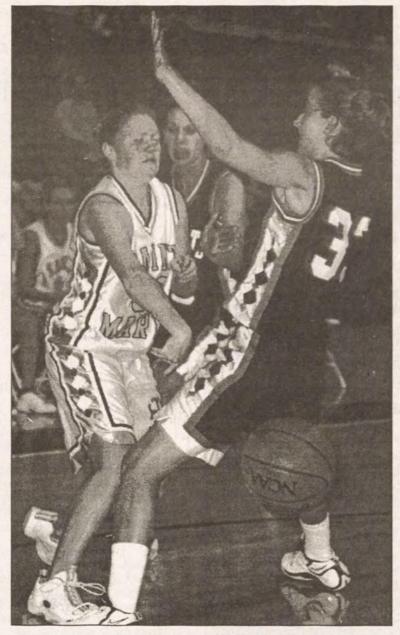
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"I think the Alma game was so close last time that we really want to win this," Smith said.
In order to win, Saint Mary's

will have to shut down Alma's sophomore leaders Shelly Ulfig and Janell Twietmeyer. Starting forward Twietmeyer dominates on offense and defense with 14 points a game and nine rebounds. Ulfig, the starting center, joins Twietmeyer averaging 11 points and five rebounds.

Smith will be looking to a strong zone defense and an aggressive press to cool off the hot Alma offense.

"Their post players are very good," Smith said. "We're working on shutting them down."

Stealing the ball from the Scots will be up to starting guards Christiansen, Mary Campione and Julie Norman. Christiansen led the Belles on Saturday with four rebounds. Joining them will be post players Anne Blair, who has been leading the team in scoring, and Kelly Roberts.



Saint Mary's guard Katie Christiansen bounces a pass past a Kalamazoo player during last week's loss.

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God for all the nice people I have met at Notre Dame like Joey Getherall, Shane Walton, Coach Bob Davie, Father Edward Malloy, Rudy Ruettiger, the entire football team and Jennifer Laiber. These people in some way have made my wish an ongoing process and have affected my life in a positive way. These people as well as the whole ND family, in some way made me feel like I was a special kid.'

On Monday night, sports and the real world intertwined.

On Monday night, Scott Delgadillo died.

He was 14. Fittingly, the acronym for his disease was ALL, because Scott affected everyone. Including those who knew him simply through another source.

Mention Scott Delgadillo and grown men cry, "tough" people suddenly let down their guard and subway alumni from Bangor to Baton Rouge relate numerous "Scott" stories.

In a society criticized for insensitivity, ignorance, and individualism, Scott provided a uniting force. He brought out the best in people, especially Notre Dame people.

Joey Getherall was one of Scott's closest acquaintances. The senior flanker and the teenager met when Scott visited in September. They immediately became friends and shared e-mails, phone calls and letters.

In fact, they spoke on the phone last week.

"You could hear how much energy he had (on the phone)," Getherall said Tuesday. "He never complained once. Ever. There's not too many out there like him. He always had a positive outlook. He would say 'yeah, I can't wait to do this, I can't wait to do that.' I remember him saying, 'I can't wait to go to college.

I never met Scott. I never talked to Scott. I did not hear him speak at the Purdue pep rally.

But last week, I was assigned to write a feature on Scott that would appear in the Feb. 5 edition of The Observer.

While Scott spent his last hours with his family, I spent those hours in the Bond Hall computer cluster, searching the Internet for articles written about Scott.

I intended to chronicle Scott's battle with leukemia and provide an update on his condition.

Instead, I write this column.

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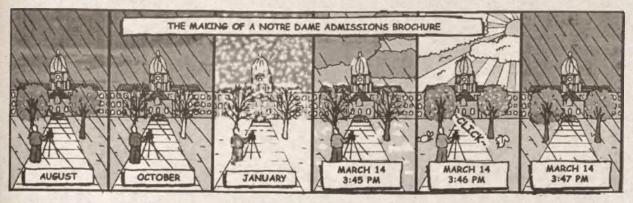
Applicants should have strong editorial and journalistic skills and be comfortable in a management position. A basic understanding of newspaper production and experience with the Macintosh system is helpful

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Any sophomore or junior business major at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross interested in valuable work experience is encouraged to apply. Applicants should have strong interpersonal and organizational skills and a basic understanding of accounting principles.

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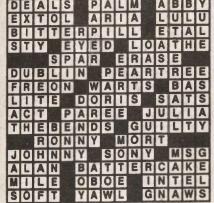
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Happy Birthday: You can take control this year. Be strong and force issues that you believe in. Nothing will stop you if you are determined to accomplish your goals. People from your past will probably try to come back into your life. Be cautious; you don't want anyone to slow you down or stand in your way. Be honest with yourself and you won't be

led astray. Your numbers: 9, 13, 22, 28, 32, 41
ARIES (March 21-April 19): New romantic partners are likely if you take the initiative at group functions. Make sure you check out their credentials before you become too attached. They aren't likely to be as they appear. Don't let others cost you dearly. OOO TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your jealous nature get

the better of you. Arguments with your partner will lead to estrangement. You need to be more tolerant when your mate wants to spend time with others. GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Someone you meet while travel-

ing will intrigue you. Don't be afraid to make the first move.

Regardless of how far this connection goes, it will be well worth your while. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Investments will not be clear-cut. Do research if you want to spare yourself a financial loss. You need to be careful not to take on too

many responsibilities. **9000** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Depression has been getting you down. It's time to make changes that will help you eliminate the

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things that make you sad. Join groups that will promote new friendships. OOO VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Don't believe everything you hear at work. A co-worker may just be trying to upset the rest of you. Go to the source if you really want to find out what's going on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't overspend on entertainment or luxury items. Difficulties with older individuals will make you angry. Put in extra time if you have fallen behind in your duties, 000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Coarse language in your home will not be acceptable. You will feel like getting out and away if the tension escalates. You are better off doing things with friends than with family. OCCO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): Social activity with friends and relatives will be most successful. Get involved in the activities of children. They will teach you far more than you imagined

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a greater concern with financial matters. Use your creative ability to come up with ideas to bring in extra cash. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your dramatic approach to emo-

tional matters may alienate you

from the ones you love. Don't let

others blame you for things you didn't do. Control your reactions. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Deception involving in-laws or so-called friends may be somewhat upsetting for you today. You will do well if you put your thoughts into organizational functions. OOO

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Zooperstars watch for Irish victory

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◆ Animal-impersonators to entertain fans at Lady Irish basketball game

By NOAH AMSTADTER Assistant Sports Editor

When a team is No. 1 in the country, even the celebrities come out to the games.

As the top-ranked Irish women's basketball team hosts the Providence Friars tonight in the Joyce Center, fans will be entertained during halftime and timeouts by the Zooperstars, a group of athletic animal-impersonators.

The group includes two "athletes" that may have escaped from Chicago's Brookfield Zoo. Following the end of the Chicago Bulls' title run, Mackerel Jordan and Dennis Frogman have been garnering much attention. Frogman should prove to be a crowd favorite.

"He's a huge frog with tattoos and pierced nipples," said women's basketball marketing coordinator Heather Maxwell.

Also appearing will be Dick Flytale, who promises to bug fans even more than his ESPN likeness. Two baseball-playing mammals round out the troupe — Ken Giraffey Junior and Cow

On the court, the Irish will once again play without the services of starting power forward Kelley Siemon. Siemon, who injured her hand Jan. 13 versus Virginia Tech and hasn't played since Jan. 15, had been expected to return tonight. Instead, she is hoping to make her return to the court on Saturday at Boston College.

"She's taking a little time to heal," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We're taking as much time as we can.'

Although the Irish have easily won both games during her absence, senior point guard Niele Ivey misses her teammate on the court.

"It's evident she's not there in practice with her voice, her leadership and her physical play," said Ivey. "We need her; I think it's evident that we

The Friars bring in a 7-10 record, including a dismal 1-6 mark in Big East play. Senior for-

Senior center Ruth Riley goes up for a shot. The Irish will face off against the Providence Friars tonight at the Joyce Center.

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Destination victory: Belles take to road

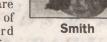
By KATIE MCVOY Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles are hoping to strike out on the road to victory today following a 0-3 home stand. They will take on the Scots of Alma at 7:30 p.m. in Cappaert Gymnasium at Alma.

"I think we focus a lot better on the road," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "It could be good to get [the team] away from home and build some team unity."

Saint Mary's will need focus

team (12-5) that holds second place in the MIAA with a league record of 7-1. The Scots, who are 10-1 at home, are coming off of their third straight vic-



tory after defeating Adrian 73-59 on Saturday.

The Belles are trying to recovdeteat after a crushing loss to Albion on Saturday, 69-56. The loss dropped them to last place in the MIAA.

"We're just going go out there and play and try to win," sophomore guard Katie Christiansen said.

After starting the season with a 4-2 record, the Belles have recently fallen prey to some confidence problems. A victory tonight would mark only the second MIAA win all season.

"I think right now we're playand unity to defeat an Alma er from their seventh straight ing against ourselves," Smith said late last week.

> Tonight, however, the Belles will be facing more than just emotional blocks. Leading post player, Kristen Matha, who sat out the last three games due to a hip flexor muscle injury, is still questionable for play.

"I can see her getting in there," Smith said. "But it might just be for a few minutes."

To add illness to injury, four

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Scott taught about life

On Monday night, sports and the real world intertwined. On Monday night, Scott Delgadillo died.

He was These stories rarely make it to the back of this

paper, or in any sports page in the coun-

Assistant Sports Editor It's a

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funny business, sports journalism.

We spend countless hours typing, talking and traipsing around, trying to analyze athletic achievements. We treat games as somehow significant. We criticize coaches, put down players, ostracize owners. We glorify coaches, praise athletes, adore owners.

In reality, very little of this has any relevance to the important things in life.

Then along comes someone like Scott.

For over a year, Delgadillo battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia. In those 12 months, he went from your typical teenager to a Notre Dame icon.

Scott had become a symbol here. A symbol of hope, of determination, of dedication, of strength, of character. For many, his speech before the Purdue pep rally was the most memorable moment of this football season.

Following the short soliloquy, several major newspapers profiled Scott's story. In the past three months, The Observer published letters from coach Bob Davie, San Diego Children's Hospital pediatric oncology nurse Meredeth McNamara, and Notre Dame public relations administrative assistant Jennifer Laiber regarding Scott's condition and inspiration.

Then, Scott's words appeared in the Jan. 17 edition of The Observer.

Every night I thank God for all the nice people that have sent me their prayers, Delgadillo wrote. "I also thank

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