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Eldred requests apology from CARE leaders

♦ 'Monologues' performance nets officers reprimand

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

College President Marilou Eldred sent a letter to Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination officers Wednesday requesting a letter of apology to the Board of Trustees for their individual involvement in a student reading of "The Vagina Monologues" Feb. 19.

CARE officers Ang Romano, Emily Koelsch, Julie Frischkorn and Katie Poynter may have been singled out for punishment because they wrote a letter to the Board of Trustees with Eldred's permission. In that letter, the officers outlined why they believe the "Monologues" should be performed. They also wrote: "The [C]ollege has decided it will not support a performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' this year, and out of respect for this college, we will abide by that decision."

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Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's president
in letter to CARE officers

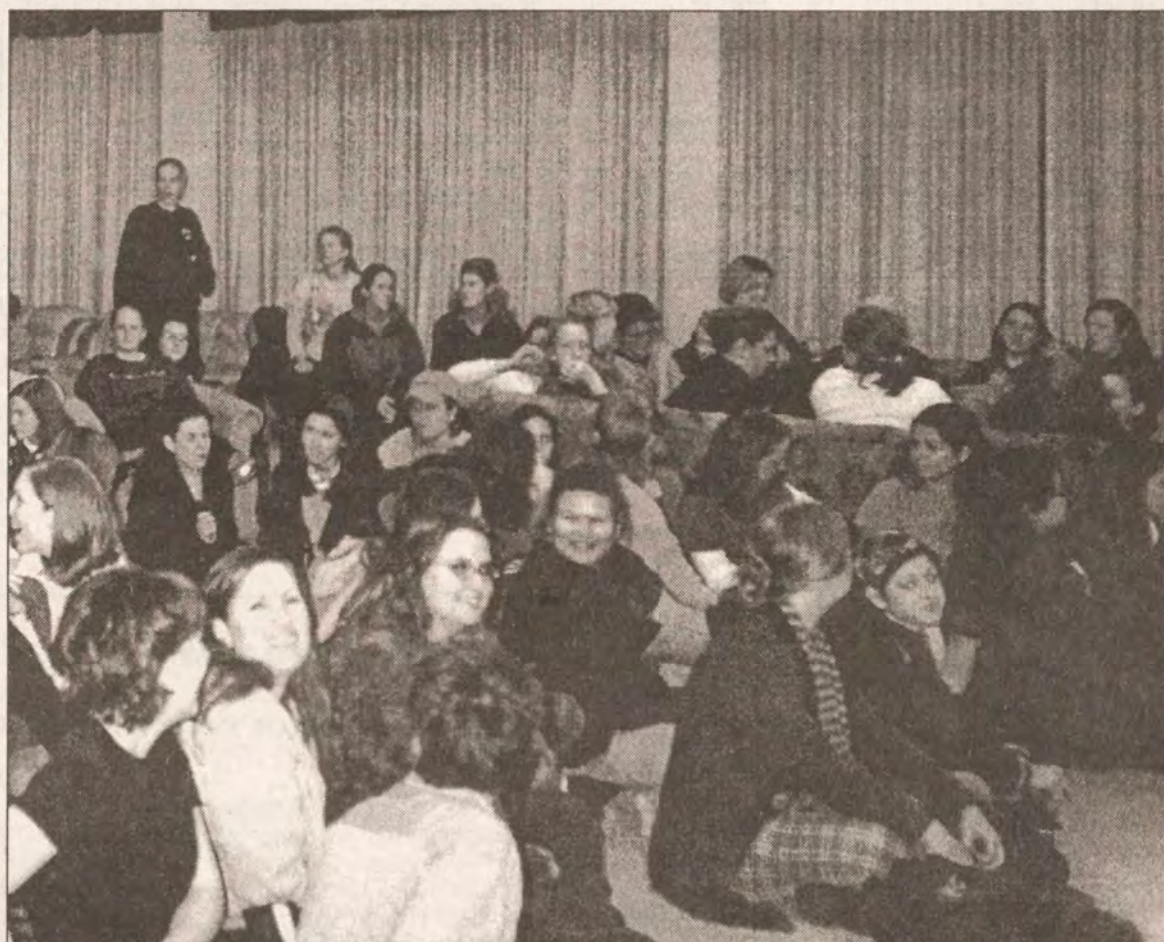
In Eldred's letter to CARE officers, she wrote that the Board of Trustees felt deceived by an alleged discrepancy between their letter to the Board and the students' actions.

"At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, members were dismayed that they were blatantly misled by your letter," she wrote.

None of the other students who participated in the reading of the play have received a letter from Eldred. Approximately 20 students, including athletes, student government members, Feminist Collective members and Student Diversity Board members participated in the reading, according to CARE officers.

"She has refused to acknowledge that anyone but CARE could have organized this," said Cassie Carrigan, a student who participated in the reading but did not receive a letter from Eldred.

Eldred decreed earlier this year that CARE could not sponsor the "Monologues" and said the four officers participating in the reading constituted "overt support" for the reading. The officers said they promised Eldred that CARE



MOLLY McVOY/The Observer

Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred on Wednesday requested that officers of Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination write a letter of apology to the College Board of Trustees. The move follows a Feb. 19 performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in Regina Hall for an audience of about 150.

would not sponsor the readings of the play but did not promise it would not be performed at the College.

"It was made very, very clear

[at a meeting between the officers and Eldred] that students might take the initiative to put on the play," Frischkorn said. Frischkorn said the four offi-

cers never said they would not participate in an independent reading of the play as individ-

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ND alum Kelly, wife receive 2nd annual Hesburgh Award

By GEOFF BRODIE
News Writer

The second annual Hesburgh Award for Business Ethics was presented on Wednesday evening in the Jordan Auditorium to Daniel Kelly, a 1957 alumnus, and his wife Rosemary, founders of a center for the seriously mentally ill.

The award was presented by Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, on behalf of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious values in Business.

The ceremony also included a lecture, "The New Role of Business in Society," given by the Kellys and John Boatright, professor of business ethics at Loyola University in Chicago. The lecture was the third part of the Frank Cahill Lecture Series, which was established to honor 1959 Notre Dame alumnus Cahill and his commitment to ethical behavior and integrity.

The Kellys received the Hesburgh Award for starting and founding the Rose Hill Center. Located in Holly, Mich., the Rose Hill Center houses 51 adults who need

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Notre Dame grad missing in Bolivia

♦ Peace Corps worker Poirier missing 2 weeks

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

Walter Poirier, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate serving in the Peace Corps in Bolivia, has been missing for two weeks, U. S. officials and colleagues said Wednesday.

Poirier, 22, was last seen by fellow volunteers on Feb. 22 in La Paz, Bolivia's capital. He had been working in tourism development in the nearby Zongo Valley since August 2000.

Government officials are trying to find Poirier, an embassy official told the Associated Press. They

put out public service announcements on radio and television, and set up a hotline for people with information on his whereabouts. Similar announcements, and a picture of Poirier, will appear in Bolivian newspapers today.

Friends at Notre Dame remembered him as a good kid, with a mischievous streak.

"He was unique. Everyone knew who Wally was," said Joe Priest, a 2000 grad who lived with Poirier in Zahm Hall. "It's obvious what a good person he is."

Poirier was briefly the president of Zahm Hall, before having to leave the dorm, and he ran for student body president twice, in 1998 and 1999. He also encouraged other Zahm residents to run for president, usually on irreverent platforms that gently mocked the typical student government priorities.

But he had a serious side, too. Poirier was heavily involved in community service while at Notre Dame, friends said.

"He was always volunteering," Priest said.

Poirier worked with Habitat for Humanity on campus and spent a semester living in Dismas House — a home where college students and former convicts Live together in community.

He also volunteered at "There Are Children Here," a camp for Chicago inner city youth. Camp director Jim Langford, a core professor, remembers him as a dedicated and energetic.

"Wherever he was, there was a kind of buzz," Langford said. "He's a leader and a person that enjoys life."

Father Jim Lies, who was rector in Zahm when Poirier lived there, said the young man was a model for his dorm.

"He was the quintessential Zahmbie," Lies said. "He has more spirit than any youth I've ever worked with, with more energy than anybody I know. It didn't surprise me at all that he wound up in the Peace Corps and helping others."

Poirier got in his share of trou-

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Poirier

INSIDE COLUMN

Hatching

I got the privilege of ducksitting today. No, not babysitting — ducksitting.

My friend is a teaching assistant for an animal behavior class and is training a duckling. I got to take care of the duck this afternoon.

After watching the duck for several hours, I began to see that he feels very much like I do right now.

Sammy the duckling hatched yesterday and left the warm familiar place that was his shell. Now, he's not quite sure what to do. The new place he has entered is exciting and full of possibilities, but it's much bigger than his shell and it's very scary.

Sammy sort of waddles around unsure of who to trust. When someone holds him tightly, then he relaxes.

Although I am definitely not a newly hatched duck, I know just how Sammy feels.

I am beginning the process of hatching out of my shell that is Saint Mary's and I'm not sure how I feel about leaving.

Although it's several months until graduation, I've started "hatching" already. This week is my last week as an editor for The Observer, my senior comp is submitted, and I'm accepted and planning for medical school.

The walls of my shell are beginning to crack already.

There are so many people and places that are a part of this shell; I can't imagine not being a part of them. The people who I live with at Saint Mary's are my family away from home. They have seen me develop and grow up. They love me in spite of all the stupid things that come with four years of college. I have come to depend on their opinions, senses of humor and their always-available shoulder to cry on. The idea of not seeing them everyday is ridiculous - it's like not seeing your brother or your sister. They're just always there - how exactly do I deal with the fact that they won't be next year?

My colleagues at The Observer have been a surprise addition to the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's shell. When I started working at the paper, I only wanted to write occasionally. I needed to "focus on my classes." Well, that didn't work out the way I planned. For the past two years, I have spent as much time at the Observer office as I've spent in the chemistry department. Thank goodness I got over-involved. These people have seen me at my best and, most definitely, at my worst. I have made some of my dearest friends in the late-nights spent pouring over pages and edits. I wake up in the morning and wonder if there is a story I should cover. This is a shell that's going to be hard to shake off.

I feel like Sammy. I'm starting to leave my shell and wander about in a bigger world. Who will I trust? The bubble that is this community will definitely not be found at my future medical school. Yes, it is exciting with all the amazing possibilities of being a doctor. But, like Sammy's new world, medical school is bigger and scarier one.

I guess, until I finish hatching out of Saint Mary's, and once I've finished hatching and really started to wander aimlessly, someone will have to hold me tight. Maybe then I will relax.



Molly McVoy

Saint Mary's Editor

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ Lecture: "Violence, Politics and Collusion: The causes behind Northern Ireland's Worst Tragedies," 4:15 p.m., Room C-103, Hesburgh Center	♦ SUB spring break shuttle: Transportation to the Chicago airports, tickets cost \$8, purchase at LaFortune info desk. Departure times: O'Hare: 10 a.m., 3 p.m. Midway: 12 p.m.	♦ Mass: Sacred Heart Basilica, 5 p.m. ♦ Confession: Sacred Heart Parish Crypt, 4-5 p.m.	♦ Mass: Sacred Heart Basilica, 10 a.m., 11:45 a.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Protesters denounce U. Wisconsin newspaper

MADISON

Numerous University of Wisconsin student organizations gathered Tuesday to voice their displeasure with what they labeled "racist propaganda" printed in The Badger Herald. After the rally, participants marched to the Herald's office, demanding an apology and the resignation of Herald Editor in Chief Julie Bosman.

Bosman said she would not apologize for publishing a cartoon and a book advertisement that have been the center of recent controversy. The cartoon featured a meeting of Ku Klux Klan members, with a swastika.

The book, by David Horowitz, is titled "The Death of the Civil Rights Movement."

The ad lists 10 reasons why reparations for slavery are a bad idea.



In a response to this material, which it deemed offensive, the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) submitted an advertisement to the Herald, condemning the paper for its "attacks" on students of color and its promotion of "racist ideology" and destruction of the "morale of students of color who have attended this university."

The ad labeled the Herald "UW-Madison's Racist Propaganda

Machine."

After reviewing the proposed publication, Paloma Wright, advertising director for the Herald, said it would be improper to publish the MCSC ad in the Herald. She wrote a letter to the MCSC stating that the newspaper "inadvertently" published the Center for the Study of Popular Culture's advertisement for Horowitz's book.

The MCSC ad ran Monday in The Daily Cardinal.

Printing the Horowitz ad was the mistake of an advertising account executive who did not follow standard procedure of bringing all questionable material to her attention, Paloma wrote. She added that the advertising director reserves the right to refuse any advertisement, and would have "under normal circumstances."

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Students fight for education funding

TUSCALOOSA

College students and faculty from universities across Alabama united in front of the Statehouse on Tuesday to voice opinions in an education funding war that is far from over. About 200 University students took the eastward trip to the capital in Student Government Association buses to join political and business leaders in voicing their concerns about Alabama's 6.2 percent proration of the Education Trust Fund. A pep rally atmosphere encircled the crowd of more than 2,500 people at the fourth annual Higher Education Day in Montgomery. Alabama State University marching band members and Troy State University cheerleaders fired up a raucous assemblage whose signs spoke their opposition to Gov. Don Siegelman's education plan as loudly as their cheers. "Hey Don, did it hurt when you fell off the education platform?" asked one sign. "I'm Voting Don off the Island," read another. "Anything they cut is too much," said Nia Pauliukonis, a University biology graduate student.

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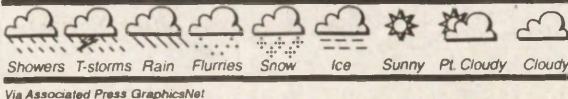
RU-486 causes debate at universities

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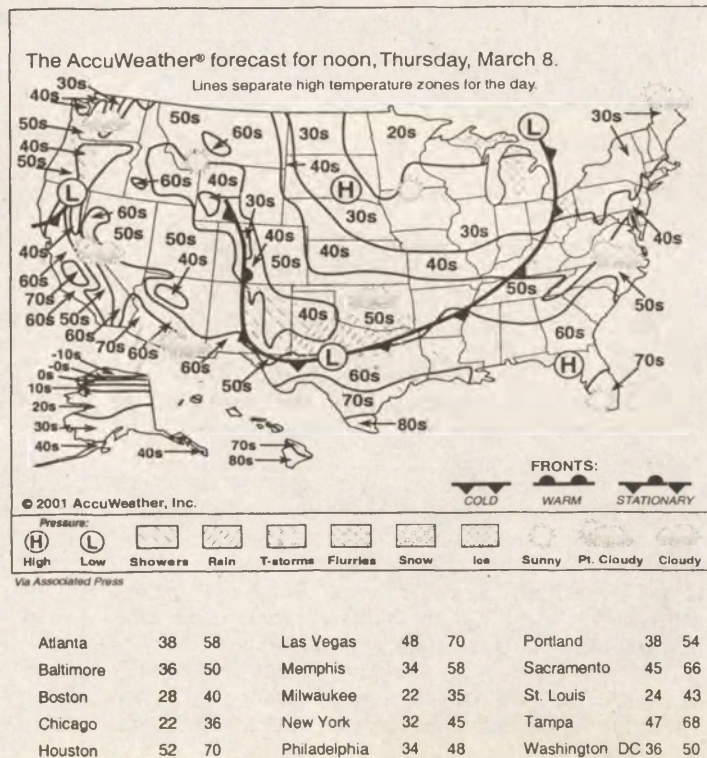
While officials at many universities have made the decision not to carry RU-486 on campus for medical reasons, this decision has been taken out of the hands of health care providers at the University of Pennsylvania. Physicians at Penn Student Health Services were recently informed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that the state's Abortion Control Act prohibits distribution of RU-486 at any site not already registered to provide surgical abortions. The approval of RU-486 for a U.S. market in late September sparked a flurry of debates. "I am less enthusiastic about [RU-486] for a Penn population ... because we have excellent access to competent surgical-abortion providers. We don't have the facilities to provide for the complications," Janice Asher, medical director of Women's Health Services, told The Daily Pennsylvanian. Although Penn's forced deference to state law is unusual, the FDA's stringent requirements for the dispensing of the drug have helped convince many schools to exclude the option in their health programs.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



Longtime ND coach, prof dies at age 92

♦ Mass to honor Walter Langford today in Basilica

Special to The Observer

Walter Langford, a member of the University of Notre Dame faculty for 42 years and a longtime coach of the University's varsity tennis and fencing team, died Feb. 28, in St. Louis after an illness. He was 92.



Langford

A 1930 graduate of Notre Dame, Langford began teaching at the University a year later, specializing in Spanish and Portuguese instruction and Mexican literature. He served as chair of the modern languages department from 1946-59 and was the author of "The Mexican Novel Comes of Age."

From 1961-63, Langford organized the United States' first overseas training program for Peace Corps volunteers, serving as director of the new agency's Chilean program. He also served for a year as director of Notre Dame's Sophomore Year Abroad Program.

In addition to his teaching and research, Langford coached the varsity tennis team at Notre Dame from 1940-53, compiling a record of 95-30 and earning a three-way share of the 1944

NCAA championship. He also coached the Irish fencing team from 1940-43 and again from 1951-61, with a record of 155-35. Langford was honored twice for his multiple contributions to Notre Dame, in 1959 with the Lay Faculty Award for distinguished service and upon his retirement in 1973 with a Presidential Citation from the University's then president, Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Langford earned a master of modern languages degree from the National University of Mexico in 1937. He served as president of the Catholic Association of Foreign Language Teachers in 1957-58 and was active in the Modern Language Association, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and the Central States Modern Languages Teachers Association.

Langford's wife of 44 years, Alice, died in 1975. He later married Mary Goebel, who survives, along with four children. His son Jim is director emeritus of Notre Dame Press, and his daughter Lois is married to William Berry, professor of electrical engineering at Notre Dame.

Father Hesburgh will celebrate a memorial Mass for Langford at 3:30 p.m. today at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Walter and Alice Langford Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame or to There Are Children Here, a camp for at-risk children directed by Jim Langford and his wife, Jill, at 21550 New Road, Lakeville, IN 46536.

Diversity Board officers elected

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board will continue in its campaign to help under-represented groups at Saint Mary's with the election of Lily Morales as the new president and Cyd Apellido as vice-president.

Morales and Apellido, who ran uncontested, were notified Wednesday evening that they had been elected. The elections committee was unavailable for specific election results.

Morales will follow former president Akmaral Omarova, and hopes to build on the work the Student Diversity Board did this past year.

"[Our ideas] are really a lot of expanding on projects we

did this year," Morales said.

This year, the Student Diversity Board has worked to increase campus awareness of the variety of women that are part of the Saint Mary's community.

Morales and Apellido have several ideas to continue to increase respect for under-represented groups on Saint Mary's campus. These groups include racial groups, religious groups, ethnic groups and several others.

They haven't yet made specific plans.

"Nothing is set in stone," Morales said. "These are just ideas."

Their ideas for the coming year at Saint

Mary's include working with the racial discrimination policy, allocating more funds to under-represented groups on campus and working with admissions and intercultural

studies.

"We want to have a big sister/little sister program for non-Catholics," Morales said. "We also want to have disability awareness week."

Apellido was elected to the vice presidency earlier this semester and will, therefore, continue in the position. Morales served as the secretary on the Student Diversity Board this past year and saw the presidency as a way to make her voice stronger.

"I was ready to have a bigger voice on the board," she said. "The secretary does a lot of writing but I wanted to be able to say more."

Morales and Apellido will take over responsibility immediately following spring break. The term of the current Student Diversity Board ends on April 1. Morales' and Apellido's first task will be to compose next year's board.

"We're starting to put the board together and send out applications right after spring break," Morales said.

"[Our ideas] are really a lot of expanding on projects we did this year."

Lily Morales
Diversity Board president-elect

ND alum set for space flight

♦ Wetherbee lifts off to International Space Station today

Special to The Observer

Veteran astronaut and Notre Dame alumnus James Wetherbee will be in command when the Space Shuttle Discovery makes its scheduled liftoff today for the second expedition to the International Space Station.

During the mission, Discovery will carry the Expedition Two crew — Russian commander Yuri Usachev and American flight engineers Jim Voss and Susan Helms — to

the orbiting science outpost.

At the end of the flight, Discovery will bring the Expedition One crew back to earth. American commander Bill Shepherd and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev return after a pioneering four-month mission that prepared the space station for scientific research.

Wetherbee will be joined by pilot Jim Kelly and mission specialists Andy Thomas and Paul Richards on the mission.

Discovery's flight also will feature the debut of the Italian-built, NASA-owned Leonardo Multi-Purpose Logistics Module (MPLM), the first of three cargo-carrying vessels containing scientific racks and other supplies for the space station.

Discovery is scheduled to land March 20 at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

Wetherbee earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering from Notre Dame in 1974. He

received his commission in the United States Navy in 1975 and was designated a naval aviator a year later.

Selected by NASA in 1984, Wetherbee became an astronaut in 1985. A veteran of four space flights, he has logged more than 955 hours in space. He also serves as director of NASA's Flight Crew Operations Directorate.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kevin Ford, a 1982 Notre Dame graduate with a bachelor's degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering, and Air Force Major Michael Good, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace and mechanical engineering from Notre Dame in 1984 and '86, respectively, were named to the astronaut corps last year.

Annette 2051/Hasbrook, a 1985 graduate with a bachelor's degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering, recently was appointed a flight director at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Shuttle Launch

Wetherbee will travel to space for the fifth time in his career.

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♦ Returns on March 20

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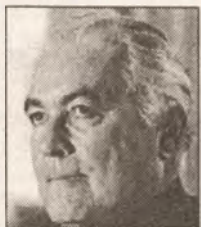
Founded in 1992, the center has aided around 400 troubled adults into new lives of self-reliance. Based on a four part program of work, clinical and social support, and an independent skills program; individuals learn how to gain the skills, qualities, and confidence necessary to live life successfully on their own.

The center, which is also a farm, provides five-hour-a-day jobs, social functions, medical attention, support groups and psychology classes to all of its guests. The busy schedule allows the guests little time to dwell on their illness and instills a feeling of individual importance.

The idea to start the Rose Hill Center would never have materialized if it was not for the Kelly's son, John, who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia in 1986.

"Mental illness is like a robber, a thief in the night," said Rosemary Kelly. "It came and took over my son. Something just clicked in his mind that changed him forever. It was horrible."

Knowing that the treatment John needed was not available in their home town of Detroit, the



Hesburgh

Kellys sent their son to a specialized hospital in Connecticut. He had improved so much from his treatment that the doctor's recommended he not go back home because he could end up relying too greatly on his parents. The only other option was a group home, which after some research, proved to be a bad idea.

"Most of the group homes we visited I would not leave my dog there, let alone my son," said Rosemary Kelly.

This is when the idea formed to start their own treatment center. And not just one for John, but for anyone like him who needed special help. With some extensive planning, and much financial pooling, Rose Hill Center was born on 370 plus acres of rolling hills and a beautiful lake in the surreal countryside just north of Detroit.

One might wonder how graduates from the center actually end up.

To find out, one needs to only look at Mike Kelly himself. He now is staff member at the Rose Hill Center, lives on his own independently, and has his own car.

The Kelly family could have just worried about their own son's treatment, but they were just as concerned for anyone with similar mental problems. They now have an \$2.5 million endowment fund for scholarships to the Center, which they hope will eventually reach \$10 million.

Why would a family take so many risks for others when they have what seems an overbearing amount of problems on their own?

"The daily love of God's work," said Rosemary Kelly.

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ble with the University, leading fellow Zahm residents in pranks and North Dining Hall antics.

Punishment was usually volunteer work, and that was fine with Poirier.

"It was kind of funny," said Brian Clemency,

one of his friends. "They always had him do service, but he was doing it already."

Poirier, from Lowell, Mass., majored in history and government at Notre Dame. His upbeat attitude and playful streak made him a memorable figure to those who know him.

"He got into some difficulties I know at Notre Dame but he has a great spirit," Langford said. "His true spirit came through when he decided to join the Peace Corps and go help other people. He's a great person."

Eldred

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ual students.

The officers claim they were not the organizers of the reading, only participants.

"We weren't the ringleaders of the reading," Poynter said. "We were just people involved in the reading."

Eldred alerted the Saint Mary's community Wednesday in an e-mail explaining her reasons for taking disciplinary action against alleged organizers.

"Last month my decision was disregarded, the students broke their word not to perform the play, and the play was performed," she wrote. "I find this lack of respect for me, the administration, members of the Board of Trustees and for

many of our campus colleagues quite serious."

Eldred requested in her letter to CARE officers that the students write a letter of apology to the Board of Trustees and deliver it to the Office of the President by 4 p.m. Friday. If they do not write this letter, they will be placed on College probation. This probation will not affect their academic status but will not allow the four seniors to graduate in

"I find this lack of respect for me, the administration, members of the Board of Trustees and for many of our campus colleagues quite serious."

Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's president
in letter to SMC students

"good disciplinary standing."

By not writing the letter, Eldred said the officers will violate a clause in the handbook stating "It is expected that students will show respect for all College employees and will comply with their reasonable requests when acting in their official job capacity."

The officers had not decided if they would write the letter on Wednesday night.

In a later e-mail from Eldred Wednesday, CARE officers learned that if they were placed on probation, they could only appeal to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Normal punishments can be appealed through Student Affairs and then to the president. Because this punishment will originate from the president, it can only be appealed to the higher authority of the Board of Trustees.

Eldred's decision to punish the officers of CARE came as a surprise to student body president Crissie Renner. Renner met with Eldred on Feb. 26 to discuss the "Monologues" but, according to Renner, Eldred had no comment because she said the issue was closed. Renner believes Eldred's letter and e-mail re-open the issue.

"That is what is so ironic," Renner said. "They are rehashing the issue."

Repeated attempts to contact Eldred for comment Wednesday evening were unsuccessful.

Need a ride to a Chicago airport on Friday, March 9th?

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Leader accuses Milosevic: Opposition leader testified Wednesday that he believed former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic was behind an assassination attempt against him. Vuk Draskovic made the charge during questioning by public prosecutors in an investigation of Milosevic's former state security chief, Rade Markovic. Markovic was detained last month in connection with an apparent attempt to kill Draskovic in October 1999. Four of the opposition leader's associates died in a car crash that appeared to have been staged.

German railroad board head quits: The head of the national railroad's supervisory board resigned Wednesday over differences with Deutsche Bahn AG's chairman. Dieter Vogel's resignation was a new embarrassment to the government as it tries to put the company on a commercial footing.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lawmakers review death penalty: Congressional lawmakers on both sides of the death penalty issue on Wednesday renewed their call for greater protections for defendants in capital cases. The group of Republicans and Democrats unveiled a bill similar to one introduced last year. It widens defendants' access to DNA testing that could prove their innocence and aims to ensure they are represented by qualified attorneys. The lawmakers tinkered with the original legislation to address concerns it would have allowed too much federal meddling in what is primarily a state issue, since the majority of death-row cases are prosecuted in state, not federal, courts. The bill provides incentives for states to reform their justice systems. It does not call for a moratorium on executions. "An issue like this takes a long time," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., a death-penalty supporter and one of the chief sponsors. "The truth is, no one up here knows if it's going to pass this year. But we're going to stick with it until we pass it."

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Fort Wayne teen arrested after gun found: Days following a school shooting in California, a student at a high school in Fort Wayne was arrested after police found a semi-automatic handgun in his locker. The 16-year-old Elmhurst High School student, whose name was not released, faces a felony charge of possession of a handgun on school property. He also is charged with possession of a controlled substance. Under the school's zero-tolerance policy, he could face a one-year expulsion.

Eighth-grade girl shoots classmate

Associated Press

A 14-year-old girl shot a female classmate in the shoulder Wednesday in the cafeteria of their parochial school but dropped the gun at the urging of another student, authorities said.

A witness said the shooter fired at the floor and the bullet ricocheted into the victim, a classmate she had feuded with in the past.

"This is a situation of a student who was upset with another student," police officer David Ritter said. "This is not a random act of violence and as far as I understand there are no other targets for this violence."

The shooting happened around noon during lunch in the cafeteria filled with about 120 students at Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High, a Roman

Catholic school.

Police said freshman Brent Paucke, 14, was able to persuade the girl to drop the gun. Paucke said he ducked under a lunchroom table when the girl came in screaming and fired two shots, but then recognized her from his school bus.

"She was saying, 'I don't want to live. I should just commit suicide right here.' And she pointed the gun at her head," Paucke said. "I got up and started talking to her. I didn't want anyone to get hurt."

Paucke said the girl pointed the gun at him from about five feet away, and his principal told him to back away. But he said he kept talking because he feared more people would be hurt.

"You could tell she was really mad and she looked like she was about to go off

on everybody," Paucke said. He said the girl eventually placed the gun on the floor and he kicked it away.

Ritter called Paucke "very courageous."

"We were very proud that a student would take such a serious risk," Ritter said.

Freshman Andrew Miller, 16, said the girl's second shot had hit the victim.

"I saw her holding a gun, but I didn't really know it was a gun," he said. "She told everyone to get down. She fired towards the ceiling, then fired into the ground, which ricocheted and hit the girl in the shoulder."

Kimberly Marchese, 13, was in stable condition at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, authorities said.

The shooting suspect was in police custody within four minutes, Ritter said. The girl in custody was being

questioned and police said they did not yet know where she got the gun.

Authorities would not say if they planned to charge the girl as an adult, but said they would need to petition a court before they could do so.

After the shooting, all students at the school were taken to the auditorium and patted down by police in a search for weapons, Lycoming County District Attorney Thomas Marino said. Students were later taken to a nearby school for questioning, he said.

The violence came two days after two people were killed and 13 wounded in a high school shooting in Santee, Calif. A ninth-grader was arrested. Santana students returned to the campus Wednesday, with counselors available in each classroom.



AFP Photo

Napster founder Shawn Flanning walks out of a federal courthouse with attorney David Boies after a hearing. Lawyers from the music industry and Napster clashed on how the website should stop illegal transmission of songs.

Napster lawsuit lingers in court

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.

Napster's future as a legal online service lies not in filters that block the free exchange of copyright songs but rather in an advanced system that can lock up tunes and set limits on their use.

The lawsuit-besieged Internet music clearinghouse announced last month that it was working with a subsidiary of its record industry ally, Bertelsmann AG, on technology that would limit usage of files swapped on the network.

Essentially, music files would not be usable outside the Napster program unless the copyright holder allows it, said Johann Butting, chief executive of Digital World Services.

Other rules also could be placed on the file, including whether the song could be burned onto a CD, or transferred to an MP3 player. Limits on fidelity also could be set.

"The Napster client is where it's going to be determined what is possible and what is not possible," Butting said. "The security wrap around the file is what makes sure those rules are stuck to."

It was not clear whether Napster's secure file-sharing system could allow users to pay for more flexibility. But many other companies, including the record labels, are scrambling to create a digital rights management system that would be as convenient and allow payment.

Until the pay services are widely available, Napster is attempting to stay alive by screening the file names that pass through its computers in an effort to block the exchange of pirated tunes.

That process continued against the backdrop of a court ruling posted Tuesday that effectively gives the recording industry control over Napster. A federal judge gave Napster three business days to remove copy-

right songs once record labels provide Napster with lists of those songs, along with proof of ownership.

Screening is not a long-term solution. Each file name can have dozens of variations in spelling or could be coded beyond recognition. Napster's attempt, launched Sunday night, has been less than successful at blocking top tunes of major artists.

It's also not clear whether the record companies have a complete list of their songs.

One solution would be to use data compiled by Gracenote, a privately held company that has been compiling an online database of song and album titles since 1995.

Anyone who has loaded an audio CD into a computer and watched the track titles magically appear has used the company's CDDB system, which automatically downloads the information to Internet-connected PCs. The data were compiled over the years by users entering unmatched titles.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senators consider three topics for spring BOT report

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate approved three possible topics for the spring Board of Trustees report. BOT committee chair Tyler Jackson informed the senate that the committee will either report on social space on campus, faculty service, tenure and promotion, or the idea addressed by the Trustee's agenda.

If the committee chooses space on campus, it will look into a Recker's type cafe in North Dining Hall, use of Washington Hall once the new fine arts building is constructed, and renovations of LaFortune.

"We also want to address the issue of overcrowding in the residence halls' social space," Jackson said.

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue said the committee on social space will also look into library renovations and other 24-space available on campus.

The second issue the committee could address — faculty service, tenure and promotion — investigates the issue of faculty and student relationships.

"We want to encourage faculty and student interaction outside class because it will improve the learning inside the classroom," Jackson said.

O'Donoghue said emphasis is

often put on research, being published and grants for faculty to received tenure.

"We want to look into changing the tenure process," O'Donoghue said, "so emphasis is put on interaction with students not just researching and being published."

The third issue the committee could address is the topic the Board chooses to address in the spring. The committee will receive word from the Board about three weeks before the meeting on what issue they will address.

In other senate news:

♦ The nominations for the student business board managers were presented to the senate: Stephanie Lee for student business board manager, Melissa Gormley for Adwork, Rebecca Kiefer for Irish Gardens, and Matt Wilkerson for Dome Designs.

♦ The senate passed a resolution which creates an advisory committee for the enhancement of the First Year Orientation (FYO) program. The committee will meet each year and make recommendations to student activities about the Freshman Orientation weekend and how it could be improved.

♦ Mike Pfaff said the Financial Management Board approved scholarships in honor of Brionne Clary and Conor Murphy, two members of the



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Brooke Norton, student body vice president, led the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night where members approved three potential topics for this spring's Board of Trustees report: campus social space, faculty service, tenure and promotion or the Trustees-chosen issue.

class of 2002 who died from leukemia. Each scholarship will be worth \$25,000. Welsh Family and Zahm Hall will each sponsor the respective scholarships in honor of their former residents. Pasquerilla West senator Audra Hagan said there will be a race in

honor of Murphy, Clary and Miranda Thomas on April 22 and details will be available in the weeks after spring break.

♦ The WRC committee conducted research last week and would have recommended that the senate support Notre Dame joining the WRC, but Malloy

announced Tuesday that the University has already joined. "We did a lot of research and found we were really proud of what the University was already doing," said Pangborn senator Kaitlyn Dudley. "There was a lot we learned on the committee that we didn't real-

ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, March 8

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance

Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131

5:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Michigan, Eck Tennis Pavilion (Matches start at 4:00 p.m.)

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8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

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CLC bickering subverts mission

Notre Dame's Campus Life Council should be lauded for succeeding, to a high degree, in seeking out and targeting campus concerns. As a governing body which brings together students, faculty, rectors and administrators, the Council has the unique ability to look at issues from multiple perspectives of the university experience.

But when it comes to implementing policy and effecting change, the CLC continues to fall far short of its promise. The source of this failure has made itself evident at biweekly CLC meetings: Council members bring personal problems to the conference table every fortnight and lack even a basic ability to respect one another as colleagues or members of the Notre Dame community.

At the group's most recent meeting on Monday, seven student members of the

CLC recognized this shortcoming. Through a letter they had drafted earlier, the students challenged their adult counterparts to quell "longstanding feuds, bickering and name-calling."

"Without a basic sense of respect for one another and a willingness to listen with an open mind, the Council loses its potential for greatness," the students wrote. "At the current time we feel that we are not only far from achieving this greatness but also far from being even productive."

The letter was a bold and courageous statement by the students, who demonstrated more tact and maturity than the older Council members with whom they serve. The students had it right on Monday: The obvious distaste and disrespect among other CLC members for each other weakens the Council's poten-

tial. Rectors, for example, do not want faculty involved in campus-life issues outside the classroom. Faculty members call into question the scope of administrators' authority. And each side would just as soon not have the other at the meeting table.

Yet the varying backgrounds and viewpoints of its members is certainly one of the Council's strongest assets.

CLC meetings provide an ideal forum for these different segments of the Notre Dame community to gather, debate and, in the end, reach reasonable compromises.

The CLC remains the only body of its type with the express purpose of making policy recommendations directly to the Office of Student Affairs.

Members would do well to realize that their childish wrangling does not threaten to undermine the Council's mission — it already has.

The Observer Editorial

Remember: Pets aren't people

If you live in West Hollywood and go home on break, be nice to that dog you used to own. The City Council has decreed that you are no longer a "pet owner" but a "pet guardian." It's the latest ordinance," said the L.A. Daily News, "from a city ... in the vanguard of liberal causes, from homosexual rights to condom distribution to animal cruelty laws."

"The resolution," according to Mayor Jeffrey Prang, "has a symbolic purpose" as a reminder that animals have rights.

Questions arise. Can a "guardian" sterilize his or her "ward" without that ward's consent? A new breed of "doggie lawyers" can be counted on to make something and contingent fees out of that. Harvard last year started the nation's first law school course in Animal Rights Law. Princeton's Peter Singer, the father (sorry, parent) of the animal rights movement, attacks "speciesism," which is prejudice against persons of another species. He defines a person as "a rational and self-conscious being." Singer regards "newborn infants and some mental defectives" as nonpersons. But chimpanzees, dolphins, dogs, cats, bears and even chickens can make the personhood cut. For Singer, "killing ... a chimpanzee is worse than the killing of a ... defective human who is not a person."

Thus he concludes that "parents of severely disabled babies ... should be allowed to kill a child whose prospects for a minimally decent life are very poor." The animal rights movement has a lighter side. Fluhund, a German "canine travel agency," specializes in dream vacations for pets, including dog-

gie cinemas (Lassie films are the big favorite), dog restaurants and massage parlors. "People would be surprised," said Fluhund's director, "at the range of dog-related holidays ... around the world."

Let's look at some basics. We know from reason that humans have a spiritual soul because we can engage in the spiritual activities of abstraction and reflection. The nature of a spiritual being is that it will not die, since death is the breaking up of a thing into its parts and a spiritual entity has no parts. Therefore we are immortal. Dogs, other animals and plants have souls because the soul is the life principle of something that is alive. The soul of a dog, however, is material. This means that the animal soul is dependent for its existence on the matter of which it is the life principle. We know by observation that animals have no spiritual intellect. They cannot form abstract ideas or reflect on themselves. Have you ever seen a bird on a tree branch scrutinizing a set of plans? Birds build nests according to the instincts programmed into them by their designer, i.e., God.

In the nature of things and in God's design, animals themselves have no rights. We can own animals because they are things and not persons. As Thomas Aquinas noted, "The rational plan of divine providence demands that the other creatures be ruled by rational creatures." "[T]he order of things," said Aquinas, "is such that the imperfect are for the perfect. ... [I]t is lawful both to take life from plants for the use of animals, and from animals for the use of man." Vatican II described "man" as "the only creature on earth that God has wanted for its own sake."

"Use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe cannot be divorced from ... moral imperatives. ... [S]cientific experimentation on animals, if ... reasonable ... is ... morally acceptable. ... It is contrary to human dignity to

cause animals to suffer or die needlessly. It is ... unworthy to spend money on them that should ... go to the relief of human misery. One can love animals; one should not direct to them the affection due only to persons." (Catechism, nos. 2415, 2417, 2418.)

In short, man owes a duty to God to make reasonable use of animals. The animal rights movement, instead, in Singer's words, treats "ethics as entirely independent of religion" and rejects "the idea that human beings are a special form of creation, made in the image of God ... and ... possessing an immortal soul." Our elites foster a culture that rejects God and therefore views man as nothing special. The implicit legitimization in our law of euthanasia of some patients by "terminal sedation" validates a process that is really no different from putting a dog to sleep.

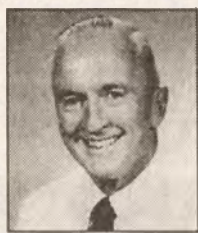
"When the sense of God is lost," said John Paul, "there is also a tendency to lose the sense of man, of his dignity and his life." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 21.)

Every culture has to have a god. Ours rejects the real God and deifies material nature, inanimate as well as animate. It is a new, but old, pagan religion. As an ideology, it tends to apply its principle with rigorous logic. In England the Animal Liberation Front has gone to war in defense of fish and cockroaches. This recently came to light when letter bombs packed with nails exploded in a fish-and-chip shop and in the offices of a pest-control firm.

So when you go home, be nice to Rex, or whatever your "ward" calls himself. He has friends. And if you are nice to him maybe he will take you along on his next vacation to Maui.

Prof. Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column usually appears every other Tuesday.

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



Charles Rice

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Odd things animals. All dogs look up to you. All cats look down to you. Only a pig looks at you as an equal."

Winston Churchill
British statesman

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avid Catholics respond to Inside Column

Writer's image of Christ is flawed

I would like to respond to Colleen McCarthy's Inside Column from March 6. She attacks Giuliani for his condemnation of the artwork that is displayed at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. First, I think it necessary to delve into the motives behind the painting of this work rather than the motives behind the denunciation of it.

McCarthy claims that, "Christ looks like whatever I want her to look like. For me, Christ is a woman because I can relate best to that image."

She then defends this by saying that Christ is portrayed as being black in primarily black churches. I do not know where Miss McCarthy was taught but Catholicism generally can not be warped to make you feel more secure about your relationship with God. First of all, if you have to change the sex of the Son of God to be able to pray then there is something a lot more fundamentally wrong with your belief. If I had great relationships with juggling monkeys, should I envision Christ as a monkey juggling two loaves of bread and the Holy Grail at the Last Supper in order to better understand Him?

Secondly, it is conveniently skipped over that

Christ is nude in the painting. The objectification of the female body in contemporary society is attacked often. In using a nude woman to portray God, how does this help you relate to Him? It has another motive. The portrayal of Christ as a woman is anti-Catholic. The reason that priests are male is because Jesus and the apostles were all male. The painting in question is an attack on the Catholic Church and this policy in particular.

I completely agree with the mayor. The painting is disgusting because Christ is nude. It is anti-Catholic because Christ is a woman.

And it is outrageous because its sole purpose is to create shock and arguments, not to further religion. I do not condemn people for praying in any certain way. I do not condemn ways of thinking. But when people condemn my way of thinking, I, like Mayor Giuliani, get a little upset.

Shawn Newburg
sophomore
O'Neill Hall
March 7, 2001

Interpretations of Christ creative in art, not in fact

"I've always been taught that Christ looks like whatever I want Her to look like." Oh really! Is this kind of feel good nonsense taught here at Notre Dame? Or if this is part of the writer's elementary and secondary religious education, has basic catechesis been reduced to a new low?

"For me, Christ is a woman because I can relate best to that image." God have mercy on this kind of nitwittery! If I could best relate to an image of Christ as a shillelagh swinging son of the old sod who wouldn't hesitate to administer a love tap to the empty skull of a fool, is that an acceptable image to hold because it somehow makes me feel better about myself?

De gustibus non disputandum may be applicable to individual tastes in art, but it has no place in

judging either historical fact (Jesus of Nazareth was a first century Jewish man) or theological orthodoxy (He is the Son of God in a hypostatic union with a male human body, now in resurrected glory).

There is nothing misogynist about noting these realities. They just happen to be the truth, the understanding of which seems to be in short supply in the minds of some writing for The Observer from a misdirected heart, but apparently not a fully engaged brain. Have a blessed Lent as the Church reflects more deeply on the paschal mystery of Christ. God knows who He is. He really does.

Rev. John Patrick Riley, CSC
pastor
Sacred Heart Parish
March 7, 2001

O'Neill secretary explains shirt

This letter responds to the letter printed in the March 2 edition of The Observer, "Letter erred on the facts, hurt reputation," submitted by Patrick Miller, Mike Scharpf, Charlie DeRubeis, Bill LaFleur and Walter Pruchnik. First of all, let me say that I am O'Neill Hall's Merchandising Commissioner, the person at the center of this controversy. I have held that position for the last two years and have served O'Neill as its Secretary for the past year. I want to clear the air about the facts of the entire situation and hopefully bring closure to all of this.

The argument of the aforementioned five men is centered on the premise that they are "giving the facts." The men state, "We also suggest that in the future, the authors of any letter make sure they have collected all of the facts regarding their issue before sounding off and attacking someone else's reputation and good name." While I agree with this statement, I find it humorous that these men do not practice what they preach.

These men never spoke to me to hear exactly what happened in the process of approving and ordering the shirts. That is a pretty big factual omission. Men, if you are making an argument based on fact, then perhaps you should have all the facts first.

Now, let me give people the clear sequence of events, from my perspective. The first shirt idea thrown on the table at our hall council meetings back in January was that of having a beaver on the back, with the slogan, "More Beavers than at the Fiesta Bowl." I discussed this with Father John, and he did not like the saying, understandably. My understanding the whole time was that he disagreed with the slogan, but did not have a problem with the artwork of a cartoon beaver. This was the first miscommunication between he and I. We changed the slogan to "More than at the Fiesta Bowl," less blatant, but still questionable to Father John.

Since we were running out of time to get a shirt approved so we would have them by Mardi Gras, the Hall Presidents and I sat down and had a brainstorming session to come up with an idea. We settled on the slogan, "Show Me Something," just bland enough that it would be ok. We decided that the beaver did not really go along with this saying, so we were going to put a "fleur de lis" on the back instead. I took this design to

Father John and he signed on it. At the next hall council meeting, many brought up the idea of still putting the cartoon beaver on the shirt, with the "Show Me Something" slogan. I had no problem with this and Father John, who was in attendance at this meeting, did not object. I made an assumption at that point that the shirt design with the cartoon beaver and "Show Me Something" was OK by him and had it approved by Student Activities.

I ordered 175 T-shirts, nearly \$1700 worth of them. This was the second breakdown in communication. My mistake was that I made an assumption, an incorrect one at that and when the shirts arrived and Father John saw them, he was upset. He met with me that evening and told me he felt I deceived him, which was never the intention of anyone involved. I explained my thinking to him just as I have to everyone else just now, but it was not enough to convince him. He decided to keep the shirts. He would not let them be sold for the dance and was going to have them donated to some charity in Zimbabwe.

Bill, Walter, Charlie, Mike and Patrick, now you have all the facts and I would encourage that in the future you have all of them before you write letters. The last point that I would like to make is in response to the criticism of the T-shirt design made by these five men. They state that not all men in O'Neill support the content of the shirt. I would ask that if they are in disagreement with the decisions made by our hall council, that they come to our hall council meetings and give their input. Anyone in O'Neill can come to these meetings. They are held at 10 p.m. on Tuesday nights in O'Neill's 24 hour lounge.

Bill, Walter, Charlie, Mike, and Patrick, your ideas and input would be more valuable there than in the Viewpoint section of the Observer.

Kevin Sarb
junior
O'Neill Hall
March 2, 2001



Noiseless JACC is every fan's fault

I agree with alumnus Kevin Kelly's letter on March 4 pleading for more enthusiasm from Joyce Center crowds. Unfortunately, senior Ryan Dick's response attempting to shift the blame away from the student body misses the point. From my observations, students, alumni and all other Notre Dame fans who attend home basketball games are guilty.

While the JACC has been absurdly quiet all season, the disappearing act by all types of fans at the end of last Sunday's season-ending game against rival Georgetown was especially disrespectful to the team and embarrassing to Notre Dame faithful. With approximately four minutes left in the game and Notre Dame trailing by 8 to 10 points, people started heading for the exits. With two minutes to go and the game still within reach, the center was 25 percent empty.

By the time the game ended and Georgetown was awarded its first Big East division trophy, the arena was more than half empty. If this had been a November game against LIU, I can understand fans leaving early. However, I was angered at the premature exodus at such a momentous game. I wonder how the team felt as they tried to make a late charge and the seats were emptying.

Furthermore, last Sunday's game might have been the last for one of the best players in Irish history, yet few were there to give him the applause he and his team so deserved.

Ironically, as I was standing in an almost empty student section at the end of the game, a group of Georgetown fans were cheering their team's victory. At the Big East Championship this weekend, I expect to see that type of enthusiasm from our subway alumni. Hopefully, the fans watching from South Bend will observe and learn about real enthusiasm.

Jay Gallagher
MBA student
off-campus
March 7, 2001

MOVIE REVIEW

'The Mexican's' star power doesn't f

By GUNDER KEHOE
Scene Movie Critic

With "The Mexican," Hollywood came close to making something memorable and different but, like Brad Pitt's character, they took a few wrong turns and ended up stranded on a desert wasteland, choking on dust.

The film, starring Pitt and Julia Roberts, leaves the viewer thinking about roads not taken: If only DreamWorks had trusted their offbeat idea and not had their direc-

tor, Gore Verbinski, polish the edges off something so rugged. While "The Mexican" might suffer from a case of failed potential, there's still value in its original concept, which juggles separate storylines and wavering tones.

Pitt plays Jerry, a loveable klutz, who's gotten mixed-up with a gangster. Jerry's last job is to head for the borders of Mexico and retrieve a valuable pistol, aptly named The Mexican. Unfortunately, Jerry has his own problems, namely a girlfriend with the unpleasant demeanor of a palm-sized dog. Julia Roberts plays this girlfriend,

Samantha, and despite the importance of Jerry's mission, she wants him to nix his trip and move to Vegas with her. Considering Jerry's trip is do or die, Samantha has no reason to complain. But when Jerry leaves, she flips out anyway and each party heads down their own separate road: Jerry to the Mexican desert and Sam to the Las Vegas strip.

The ancient pistol is like a bar of wet soap, constantly slipping through Jerry's fingertips. He stumbles through heat and dust, meeting trigger-happy locals and corrupt lawmen, all the while searching for a pistol.

Meanwhile, back in Vegas, Samantha is kidnapped by a rival hit man who thinks she knows the pistol's whereabouts. Even though both love birds are in different nations, their dilemmas turn out the same and, while they've fought like alley cats, Jerry and Sam still dream of being each other's arms.

The makers of "The Mexican" did their best to keep Jerry and Sam's separate journeys under lock and key. Even though the movie's poster contains a romantic image of Pitt and Roberts nearing a loveable embrace, the two actors barely share the screen. When they do, the romantic sparks are overshadowed by Sam's constant bickering, frustrating the audience as much as it does Jerry.

Roberts does, however, generate some splendid chemistry with her kidnapper,

played by James Gandolfini. Gandolfini's hit man subverts the norm in a "Pulp-Fiction"-esque rendition of a killer with a conscience.

The strength of "The Mexican" is its ability to balance characters and their many personalities. Gandolfini's hitman vacillates between the light-hearted commentary on the nature of love and the cold-hearted ability to riddle men with bullets. This blend of tones keeps the audience on edge and some of the violence drifts into the exciting realm of dark humor.

The screenplay by J.H. Wyman deserves a lot of credit because he takes the typical scenario of impossible love and sends it to Mexico. Besides the exotic locale, Wyman writes witty dialogue and keeps the audience guessing, constantly switching between humor and bloodshed.

Instead of rehashing the typical plot, Wyman keeps the lovers apart and spins the movie around an ancient pistol. The story of the gun is a tale in its own right and the filmmakers use segments of grainy footage to unfold its past.

Between the two storylines, Jerry's rendezvous in Mexico is more entertaining simply because Pitt can blend rugged masculinity and bumbling charm. Indeed, Jerry's struggle with a rabid dog and his stolen "camino" has more appeal than watching Roberts kick and scream.

The film would've been better had a less-



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks

Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts play a bickering couple in "The Mexican." Despite the marketing, Roberts and Pitt only appear in a few scenes together.

MOVIE REVIEW

Two lesser known actors shine in the character-driven



Photo courtesy of Paramount Classics

Laura Linney is up for an Academy Award for her subtle, touching performance in "You Can Count On Me."

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

Simply put, "You Can Count on Me" represents, on many levels, the direction feature films should be heading toward. Written and directed by Kenneth Lonergan, the film throws its audience into a finite time in the lives of two main characters, magnifying their situations and producing a poignant story about the bonds of family.

"You Can Count on Me" does not overindulge itself on the melodramatic mire that consumes so many films that try too hard. Instead, it turns in some witticisms, some heavy moments and an extraordinarily well handled ending to provide the strength behind its message: When life gets tough, it is important to remember who you can count on.

The drama in the movie unfolds when Sammy Prescott (Laura Linney) receives a letter from her brother Terry (Mark Ruffalo). Terry informs Sammy that he is coming to visit her in Upstate New York. Sammy has never moved out of the house where she and her brother grew up (they were willed the house when, as children, their parents died in a car accident).

Terry, on the other hand, is a vagrant; he roams to Alaska, Florida or Massachusetts on whims, relying on an unharnessed sense of calling to guide his travels. Terry's main purpose in visiting Sammy is for money, which she can provide from her paychecks as a loan officer at a small bank in town (which, incidentally, has just been taken over by an anal retentive manager named Brian, played by Matthew Broderick).

Terry ends up feeling guilty for taking the money and running back to Massachusetts, but Sammy needs someone to watch over her eight-year old son, Rudy (Rory Culkin). Therefore, Terry stays in Sammy's house to watch over Rudy. The movie explores the possibilities of

new friendships emerging between Terry and Rudy, and a reinvestment in Terry's current relationship with Sammy.

The main strength of "You Can Count On Me" is clearly its two main actors: Linney and Ruffalo. George Lucas once bragged, "I don't cast stars. I make them." As the movie progresses, it becomes increasingly more difficult to wager who is turning in the better performance.

Linney has received an Academy Award nomination, but Ruffalo's performance has even more merit. Since they are both virtual unknowns, and because of their familiarity not only with their lines but also with each other, they could easily convince an audience that they are real life siblings.

Credit goes to Lonergan's writing as well because he developed the brother-sister dynamic so vividly, composing dialogues with injections of humor, frustration and sometimes humor embedded in frustration (consider, for instance, Linney's enraged demeanor in reaction to Terry's stubbornness, which leads her to exhort, "You suck!").

Linney's Sammy is one of the best-written characters of the year. It was fascinating to hear her mode of operation for life: Upon asked why she is entangled in so many dead-end situa-

tions with men, she admits, "It's because I feel sorry for them."

Lonergan plays this angle well. The frustrations build when Linney can no longer multitask a fling with an old boyfriend, her relationship with Ruffalo and a sexual liaison with Brian. She seeks advice from Father Ron (played by Lonergan himself) who offers a fresh look at the classic priest stereotype. He does not have all the answers; in fact, he has none of them.

"Can't you tell me I'm going to burn in hell for what I am doing?" a charged Linney screams. However, Father Ron represents the modernity of priests: part psychologist, part emotional healer. Throughout "You Can Count On Me," the metamorphosis of Linney's character is exciting

"You Can Count On Me"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Kenneth Lonergan
Starring: Laura Linney, Mark Ruffalo, Rory Culkin and Kenneth Lonergan

ulfill its potential



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks

In "The Mexican," James Gandolfini kidnaps Roberts' Samantha in hopes of obtaining a legendary pistol.

er-known actress replaced Roberts because, somehow, a film can't star Julia Roberts and still feel offbeat. Even though Pitt is a true movie star, unlike Roberts, he has the unique ability to be edgy and accessible.

The real fault with the picture is that it fell into the wrong hands. Gore Verbinski might be a whiz with television ads, but there's not much crossover between selling a copy-machine and bringing an elusive concept into the mainstream.

"The Mexican's" potential was endless as its screenplay is home to ideas and images galore. Verbinski filters it through his eyes, but his final product is too cartoon-ish. And it doesn't help that the car-

nival-esque score sounds like a broken harmonica

All in all, "The Mexican" is worth a look because it still eludes categories — there's a romance but it's not a romantic comedy. The tones range from fluffy humor to sadistic cruelty. It was rather amusing seeing older audience members looking innocently at the screen, expecting lively fair from beautiful movie stars. Their look of whimsy abruptly switched to horror as characters repeatedly took bullets in the face.

Not that violence is necessarily amusing but it's always fun to see expectations thrown into a glass and mixed like a good martini.

n 'You Can Count On Me'

to behold.

Towards the end of the film, Terry decides he cannot be constricted, and his drifter habits compel him to leave Sammy and Rudy behind. Lonergan has craftily set up an impending doom: will this be the last contact between Terry and Sammy since she was not able to convince him to stay in town? What follows is a well-handled exchange that flaunts the talents of Linney, Ruffalo and Lonergan. The main thrust of the conversation is its none-too-subtle message: Terry assures Sammy that she can count on him. The conversation builds to the point where the movie's

title would be invoked, but the film does not slip into the overly melodramatic. The audience can fill in the rest, whispering to themselves, "you can count on me," without Lonergan having Terry do the honors himself.

"You Can Count on Me" was one of the best original screenplays of 2000. The film didn't flash any stylistic motifs or rely on big name stars for its marketing power; it simply did not have to. The futures of screenwriter Lonergan and actors Linney and Ruffalo should be jumpstarted by such a complete and wonderful output.



Photo courtesy of Paramount Classics

Newcomers Mark Ruffalo and Rory Culkin star in director Kenneth Lonergan's directing debut, "You Can Count On Me."

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of The Shooting Gallery

Clive Owen gives a Bond-like performance in Mike Hodges' "Croupier."

British 'Croupier' is a sure bet

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Editor

One can't learn much about director Mike Hodges from reading his resume. His debut, "Get Carter" (1971), is considered a gangster-thriller cult classic (the Sylvester Stallone remake was mediocre at best), and since then his choices have been curious, to put it politely. He has directed the campy "Flash Gordon" (1980), numerous TV movies and an odd collection of titles including "A Prayer for the Dying" and "Morons from Outer Space." One wonders what "Get Carter" fans thought when Hodges wrote the script for "Damien: Omen II."

As Hodges approaches his 70s, though, there's finally a new ace up his sleeve: "Croupier," a sharp, perplexing character study that may gain its own cult status. Based on Paul Mayersberg's script and made two years ago in the UK, "Croupier" is a hip noir redux, full of shady and shadowy characters, gambling scams, duplicity and mysterious plot twists.

The croupier of the title is Jack Manfred (Clive Owen), a thirty-ish wannabe novelist with addiction in his enigmatic past, as we learn from his deadpan voiceover. When his pushy father gets him a job as a croupier (or dealer) in a UK casino, he returns to the smoky, mirrored atmosphere of his weakness. Was he a gambler? A scam artist? Why did he quit? Hodges and Mayersberg keep Jack and his details at arm's length, creating an engaging mood of edginess and mystery.

Once Jack throws the tuxedo on and returns to the pit, "Croupier" unfolds a full hand of supporting characters, fleshed out just enough to drive storylines while creating ample puzzlement. There's the cheating co-worker who runs with a hard drinking, womanizing crowd; the sluttish femme fatale; and the beautiful South African gambler with big cash (Alex Kingston from "ER"). Add in the requisite cheats and tantalizing, seemingly throwaway bits of dialogue, and you've got a vague mystery framed within an intriguing look at small-time casino gambling.

The details of the casino alone are exciting and enlightening. The filmmakers pare down the polish and glitz of Martin Scorsese's "Casino," providing a bare bones look at real particulars. Forget the "eye in the sky" and the location of the pit boss, Hodges shows us the blackjack deal, the art of stacking chips and the ability to size up players around the table.

The incisive script begins this analysis during Jack's job interview, with his voiceover illuminating not just his knowledge and skills, but his ability to survey the boss, whom he's figured out instantly. Owen's voiceover has even more panache and insight than De Niro's readings in "Casino."

In fact, Owen is perfect casting as Jack. His slight, confident look is an odd cross between Michael Stipe and Nicolas Cage, with a neat show of quiet distrust. Although Jack is obviously brilliant, and craves being a popular novelist, Owen plays him more as an existentialist. He keeps his emotions tight, even when upset, reacting to his life's twists with a dose of matter-of-fact attitude true to the film noir protagonists to which the script pays homage. Indeed, Owen's performance is smooth enough to warrant the rumors that he is being considered to take over the Bond mantle.

Gina McKee is also solid as his mixed-up girlfriend, frustrated over his new line of business, and Alex Kingston makes her cryptic character engaging, even if her work on the mucho-popular television series is actually a little better.

"Croupier" is at its best when Hodges treats the typical scene with an unconventional approach. When an apparent heist takes place at the casino, there are few Hollywood-style close-ups and no urgent cutting to telegraph the suspense; the action just sort of happens. There's an odd wide shot, a single quick cut, and the viewer wonders what they just witnessed.

What happened was Mike Hodges crafted yet another sequence that completely contributes to the alluring, complex style of "Croupier," a film that is a sure bet to spiff up that resumé.

"Croupier"

Director: Mike Hodges
Starring: Clive Owen,
Alex Kingston and Gina
McKee

MEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Villanova relies on streaks to beat West Virginia 82-71

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Villanova blew most of an 18-point first-half lead, then rebuilt it on two big runs led by Michael Bradley and Derrick Snowden to defeat West Virginia 82-71 in the opening game of the Big East tournament.

The victory put the Wildcats (18-11) in the quarterfinals on Thursday against Boston College, probably needing one more win for an NCAA bid. West Virginia (17-11) is a likely NIT pick after bowing out of the Big East in the first round for the fourth straight time.

Villanova opened fast and had a 29-11 lead with seven minutes left in the first half. West Virginia cut that deficit to 10 points, 37-27, at the half and got within 41-38 early in the second half.

Bradley had five points in an 11-0 run that pushed the lead back to 14 points. Then, Snowden scored seven points in a 9-0 run that got it back to 18. Villanova coasted after that.

Bradley led four Villanova scorers in double figures with 19 points and missed just two of 10 shots. Gary Buchanan had 11 points; Snowden, who was scoreless in the first half, finished with 13; and Jermaine Medley scored 11.

Lionel Armstead led West Virginia with 14, while Calvin Bowman scored 12 and Brooks Berry and Chris Moss added 10 apiece.

Seton Hall 78, St. John's 66

Freshman forward Eddie Griffin scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half and also had 12 rebounds and five blocked shots to lead Seton Hall to a victory over St. John's in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The Pirates (15-13), who have won two straight after losing eight of nine, will play 18th-ranked and second-seeded Georgetown in Thursday's quarterfinals.

St. John's (14-15) will not par-

ticipate in any postseason tournament after finishing with a losing record, the first in Mike Jarvis' 16 seasons as a Division I head coach.

Ty Shine had 22 points to lead the Pirates, who didn't clinch a berth in the conference tournament until beating Connecticut in the regular-season finale last Saturday.

Darius Lane added 17 points for Seton Hall, while Andre Barrett had 12 and center Samuel Dalembert had 10 points, eight rebounds and seven blocked shots.

With Griffin, who leads the nation in blocked shots at 4.5 per game, and Dalembert, who averages 1.9, dominating inside, the Red Storm shot 31.5 percent (23-for-73) as they lost their fourth straight, sixth of seven and eighth of 10.

Barrett made two free throws to give Seton Hall a 60-47 lead with 9:05 to play, and St. John's took advantage of an offensive dry spell by the Pirates to get within 60-51.

Griffin then nailed a 3-pointer with 6:22 left — and just three seconds remaining on the shot clock — to make it 63-51. The Red Storm never got closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Anthony Glover had 14 points and 13 rebounds for St. John's, while Omar Cook had 14 points and eight assists.

Freshman Willie Shaw, the team's second-leading scorer at 14.1 points, had just five on 2-for-11 shooting. He was coming off a 25-point effort against Syracuse on Sunday.

The Red Storm, who missed 22 free throws in the two-point, double-overtime loss to Syracuse, were 17-for-34 against Seton Hall.

Jarvis, who has a career record of 320-173, coached at Boston University for five seasons, was at George Washington for eight and just completed his third at St. John's.

Syracuse 86, Connecticut 75

Preston Shumpert scored 31 points and No. 17 Syracuse beat



DUFFY-MARIEARNOULT/The Observer

Irish forward Troy Murphy is hacked by a St. John's defender in a game earlier this year. St. John's was eliminated in the Big East Tournament by Seton Hall Wednesday, 78-66.

Connecticut to advance to the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The Orangemen (23-7) will play Providence on Thursday — the first meeting of the teams this season.

Shumpert, who had 34 points in Syracuse's 65-60 victory over the Huskies in their only meeting of the season, had 21 points at halftime — just as he did in the first game.

Connecticut (19-11) will now have to wait until Sunday to find out if it will receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Combined with defending

champion St. John's 78-66 loss to Seton Hall earlier in the day, it marked the first time the teams from the previous year's title game were both eliminated in the opening round. The Huskies had become the first team to play four games in the tournament when they made their runner-up run last season.

Syracuse shot 56 percent from the field (11-for-26) in taking a 47-38 halftime lead. The Orangemen extended the lead to 66-49 with 10:24 left on a dunk by Damone Brown. The Huskies were able to get within 66-55 with 8:13 to play on a driving

layup by Taliek Brown.

Allen Griffin, who had a career-high 31 points on the same Madison Square Garden court in Sunday's double-overtime win over St. John's to close the regular season, then hit a 3-pointer from the left side. Brown scored again for the Huskies, but Shumpert then hit a dead-on 3 from beyond the NBA line to give Syracuse a 72-57 lead and Damone Brown made two free throws with 6:29 left to restore the 17-point lead. Connecticut never got closer than 11 points until the final 3-pointer with nine seconds left.

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NHL

Carolina beats Columbus 2-1 with 2 Brind'Amour goals

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C.

Rod Brind'Amour scored two goals, his second coming 4:52 into the third period, as the Carolina Hurricanes edged the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Hurricanes almost let two crucial points slip away against the expansion Blue Jackets, but Brind'Amour helped Carolina improve to a season-high five games over .500.

The win also pushed Carolina two points ahead of Boston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with 16 games left.

The Blue Jackets had won three straight — all by 5-2 scores — but managed just 17 shots after coming off their best offensive streak of the year. Columbus had a four-game winning streak in November.

Niclas Wallin blocked a shot in Carolina's end to start the game-winning rush, feeding Martin Gelin as for an odd-man break with Brind'Amour. The veteran center didn't get good wood on his shot from the slot, but it fooled Ron Tugnutt and slipped between his legs.

Brind'Amour, who got off to a slow start, has 34 points in his last 29 games.

Brind'Amour scored his 15th of the season midway through the first period with eight seconds left on Carolina's first power play.

Sandis Ozolinsh faked a shot from the left point and found a wide open Brind'Amour to the left of Tugnutt, who was defenseless.

Ozolinsh, who has slumped during much of an injury-riddled season, has five points in his last five games.

The Blue Jackets tied it at 1 just 32 seconds into the second when Alexander Selivanov rifled one off the left post past Arturs Irbe.

Sharks 3, Panthers 3

San Jose's Scott Thornton scored a career-high three goals, including the tying tally with 1:36 left as the Sharks and Florida Panthers tied.

Len Barrie had a goal and two assists for a career-best three-point game, but it wasn't enough as Florida extended its winless streak to a season-high eight games (0-5-2-1).

San Jose extended its season-worst winless streak to 0-4-1-1.

Florida trailed 2-1 after two periods before Pavel Bure scored his league-leading 45th goal on a power play at 14:22 of the third.

Robert Svehla beat rookie goalie Evgeni Nabokov from the slot at 17:36 to give Florida a 3-2 lead. Joey Tetarenko earned his first NHL point on the play.

But Thornton streaked up ice, and despite defensive pressure from Svehla, muscled it off goalie Roberto Luongo and into the net for his 17th goal and first career hat trick.

One night after losing its first overtime game of the season, San Jose failed to hold a lead after two periods for the first time this season (16-0-1).

Mike Ricci assisted on all three of Thornton's goals, while Brad Stuart had two assists.

With the game tied at 1, Luongo got his glove on Ricci's initial back-hander from the slot, but a wide-open Thornton swatted in the rebound at 17:27 of the second period.

San Jose has never won a road game from the Panthers (0-2-5).

Capitals 4, Penguins 3

Jeff Halpern scored the game-winning goal with 3:20 remaining after Mario Lemieux-led Pittsburgh rallied from two goals down in the third period, as the Washington Capitals beat the Penguins.

Richard Zednik had a goal and two assists as the Capitals opened a seemingly safe 3-1 lead in the third, squandered it as the Penguins scored twice in 3 1/2 minutes, then rallied themselves to improve to 8-0-1 on the road since Jan. 27.

The Capitals not only beat the Penguins for the second time in five days to go to 13-1-2-1 in their last 17 games, they won in Pittsburgh for the first time in eight games since Nov. 12, 1997.

Lemieux, angry after drawing a goal-producing penalty in the third period, scored

his 25th goal and set up Alexei Kovalev's 40th to quickly make it 3-all.

But Halpern won it with his 17th of the season, taking advantage of goalie Jean-Sebastien Aubin's ill-advised sprawl even before the puck was shot to flip a wrister into the top of the net.

Sergei Gonchar and Zednik scored second-period goals to give Washington a 2-1 lead, and Adam Oates' power-play goal at 9:17 of the third period put the Capitals two goals up.

That goal resulted from a roughing penalty on Lemieux, who complained earlier to the referees about several infractions he felt weren't called.

Lemieux came flying out of the penalty box and quickly helped set up Kovalev's goal at 10:27, then scored the tying goal at 13:57 by one-timing Martin Straka's pass by Olaf Kolzig. Both Pittsburgh goals were on the power play.

Before that, the Capitals appeared to turn the game around by scoring twice in just over 2 1/2 minutes of what lately had been the Penguins' most dominant period, the second. Pittsburgh outscored opponents 27-6 in the second period of their 12 most recent victories, during a span in which the Penguins won 12 of 18.

James Black faked a shot from the right circle, only to slip the puck through the slot to Gonchar for his 16th goal, at 8:45 of the second.

With the Penguins' Darius Kasparaitis off for interference, Zednik put the Capitals ahead 2-1 with a power-play goal at 11:24, taking Glen Metropolit's pass from behind the net and wristing it by Aubin from just in front of the crease.

Kevin Stevens somehow steered a back-hander with his back turned to the net to put Pittsburgh ahead 1-0 in the first.

Oilers 4, Maple Leafs 0

Tommy Salo made 25 saves for his sixth shutout of the season as the Edmonton

Oilers beat Curtis Joseph and the Toronto Maple Leafs for the first time in nearly three years.

Ethan Moreau opened the scoring at 8:40 of the first period, while Todd Marchant, Dan Cleary and rookie Mike Comrie also scored for the Oilers, who won their sixth straight game.

The Oilers had lost eight in a row to Toronto, with Joseph, a former Oiler, in goal each time. Edmonton's last win against Toronto was a 4-3 victory at Maple Leaf Gardens on April 18, 1998.

Moreau got his eighth of the season when Marchant kept the puck in the Maple Leafs zone and found Moreau open in front of the net. He snapped a shot past Joseph.

Comrie's goal came after he took a feed in front and held on to the puck until Joseph went down. Comrie then roofed the puck over him to put the Oilers up 3-0. Joseph robbed Comrie moments before by getting his glove on a similar high shot.

Marchant made it 4-0 on a fluky play at 11:58 of the third period. The puck slid along the boards and hit Ryan Smyth's helmet on the ice, bouncing right to Marchant for an unassisted goal into an empty net. Joseph vacated the crease to play the puck before it bounced off the helmet.

Coming off a victory at Calgary on Tuesday, Toronto looked tired against a well-rested Edmonton squad. The Oilers were off since defeating Minnesota on Friday, and consistently beat Toronto to the puck.

Edmonton took 27 shots in the first two periods alone. Joseph finished with 31 saves.

The Maple Leafs appeared to score a goal in the closing minutes of the second period, which would have put them within two, but Gary Roberts was called for goaltender interference after Janne Niinimaa pushed him into Salo. Roberts argued vigorously, and was given a 10-minute misconduct.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Selig: Blue Jays' trade for damaged Sirotko, Wells, will stand

Associated Press

DUNEDIN, Fla.

The Toronto Blue Jays are stuck with Mike Sirotko's bad left shoulder.

In a 14-page decision, commissioner Bud Selig ruled Wednesday the six-player trade that sent David Wells to the Chicago White Sox for Sirotko will stand.

With Sirotko injured and unable to pitch for the foreseeable future, the Blue Jays asked that the deal be reworked — or possibly even rescinded.

Instead of awarding compensation, Selig bluntly told the Blue Jays "buyer beware." As in, they should've fully checked out Sirotko before making the trade Jan. 14.

"After careful consideration of all the information before me, I uphold the transaction and deny the Toronto club's claim for relief," Selig said.

"Although there is a dispute about whether certain facts about Sirotko's condition were disclosed before the clubs agreed to the trade, the Toronto club talked directly to Sirotko about his health on the day of the trade and believed it had the opportunity to make the trade conditional," Selig said. "The Blue Jays never elected to do so."

Blue Jays president Paul Godfrey said he was "quite disappointed" by the ruling, but added there would be no appeal or legal action.

Toronto general manager Gord Ash did not mention rookie White Sox GM Ken Williams by name, then said, "to me, the most important element is trust and the code of honor."

As for future deals, Ash said, "I can no longer accept anybody's word."

Said Williams: "Obviously, I'm pleased with the outcome."

"When I was engaged in conversations prior to the trade, I never imagined we'd be at the point we are today," he said at the team's spring training camp in Tucson, Ariz.

NFL

Aikman released by Cowboys

Associated Press

DALLAS

He came to the Dallas Cowboys a top overall choice in the draft and immediately was labeled the franchise's savior.

Twelve seasons, 10 concussions and three Super Bowl championships later, fans of star quarterback Troy Aikman agreed that a recent string of injuries and poor performances meant it probably was best that he was waived by the team Wednesday.

"An era has come to an end and a future Hall of Famer is no longer on the team," said Bob Keith of Dallas, sitting at a table at a bar with friends. "He's at the end of his career. He's pushing the envelope a lot."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had two choices: waive the 34-year-old Aikman by Thursday or pay him a \$7 million bonus and extend his contract through 2007. Either way, Aikman still will take up

\$10 million of Dallas' \$67.4 million salary cap this season.

Others blamed Jones for Aikman's departure.

"The wrong guy left," said Cowboys fan Chris Coker. "Be the owner, but if he wants to coach, go down on the field and coach. If not, stay up in the owner's box and stop meddling."

Aikman, a six-time Pro Bowler who holds practically all the Dallas passing records, sustained two concussions in 11 games last season and twice needed epidural injections to relieve back pain.

He called Wednesday's decision "mutual and amicable."

Rex Walcher of Henryetta, Okla., said it was time to let Aikman go.

"I think they probably made the right decision, though I hate to see it," said Walcher, who knew Aikman in high school. "Put in their position, I probably would have made the same decision. You have to put the company and the team ahead of what you think personally."

Aikman, once the highest-

paid player in NFL history, is coming off his worst season since the Cowboys went 1-15 his rookie year. He was the lowest-rated starting quarterback in the NFC and threw a career-worst five interceptions against the New York Giants. He missed five games with injuries and was knocked out of three more, all in the first quarter.

It was a sharp contrast to his earlier success, during which he compiled impressive numbers: 2,898-of-4,715 (61.5 percent) for 32,942

yards, 165 touchdowns and 141 interceptions.

Despite his injuries, other teams could

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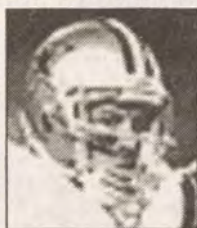
Bob Keith
Dallas fan

pursue Aikman.

"I'd like to play somewhere. Whether that's able to work out or not, I don't know. There's nothing definitive," Aikman said.

Still, some wanted Aikman to remain in Dallas.

"I hope he'll stay with the Cowboys, maybe as a coach," said Shannon Widney of Frisco.



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IDITAROD

Lead narrowing for Fiedler

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TAKONTA, Alaska — Defending champion Doug Swingley closed in on leader Linwood Fiedler Wednesday, while tired dogs forced many mushers in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race to give their teams a break here.

Fiedler, competing in his 13th Iditarod, rested his team for just a half-hour at Ophir, a gold-mining ghost town 443 miles from Anchorage, before pressing on toward Iditarod, 90 miles away. Iditarod is roughly the halfway point in the 1,100-mile race.

"It looks to me like he has a thunderbolt by the tail and he's hanging on," said three-time champion Jeff King of Denali Park, who decided to give his team a long rest at Takotna.

Fiedler, a Willow musher who finished 19th last year, placed in the top 10 in 1990 and 1998, finishing eighth both times. Swingley has dominated the race for two years. Last year he set the race record, reaching Nome in nine days, 58 minutes.

Sixty-eight teams began the trek from Anchorage to Nome on Sunday. Two mushers have scratched: Chuck King of Tempe, Ariz., who has AIDS and was competing as an inspiration to others, and Mike Nosko of Willow who withdrew after a snowmachiner hit and injured his team.

Swingley gave his team no rest at Ophir, pushing through at 7:35 a.m. and gaining on Fiedler, who had left at 7 a.m. Mitch Seavey of Seward reached Ophir at 9:40 a.m. and settled in, followed by John Baker of Kotzebue at 12:43 p.m. Both are apparently taking their required long rest there.

Rick Mackey, the 1983 winner, came through Ophir at 2:10 p.m., heading out eight minutes later to join the two leaders on the trail to Iditarod.

Mushers are required to give their teams a 24-hour rest at some checkpoint on the trail. Teams also are required to take an eight-hour rest along the Yukon River and at White Mountain near the finish.

King said better-trained teams are allowing more mushers — not just the top racers — to go further before taking the mandatory 24-hour rest, increasing the competitiveness of the race.

That worked to Swingley's advantage in 1999, King said. Swingley was just two hours ahead of him when a storm separated Swingley from the other teams.

"It was just divine intervention in '99 between us," King said.

The weather worked to King's advantage in 1993. He was between Safety and Nome that year when a storm separated him from the others, he said. He pulled into Nome about an hour and a half in front of DeeDee Jonrowe of Willow to win the race.

Swingley could be making a mistake this year by pushing his team too far before resting them, King said.

"Those dogs aren't made of steel," he said.

King and Martin Buser will have a chance to over take

the leaders, since they'll head out 20 or 21 hours after Fiedler, but with the 24-hour rest already behind them.

Three-time cham-

pion Buser said every musher tries to keep to his game plan, but ultimately it's the welfare of the dogs that dictates.

Mushers use the long rest not only to catch up on sleep but to spend more time tending to their dogs. Routine care involves putting ointment between the pads of their feet to keep them from splitting, and massaging sore muscles. Veterinarians also check the dogs at each checkpoint before allowing them to continue.

"It looks to me like he has a thunderbolt by the tail and he's hanging on."

Jeff King
musher

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Crum retires after loss in conference tourney

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

LeAndrew Bass scored 16 points and Will Campbell added 13 as UAB beat Louisville 74-61 in the opening round of the Conference USA Tournament Wednesday.

The loss ended the 30-year career of Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum, who ranks 15th among Division I coaches with 675 victories. Crum, who led the Cardinals to six Final Fours and two national championships, announced his retirement last Friday.

"It's been a long career," Crum said. "All I can say at this point is I wish it hadn't ended here tonight. I think that at this point I'm happy that I'm going to get to do some things and spend some time with my family and friends. This job is very demanding. I've given my life to it. But I don't regret anything."

Crum will continue to serve the university in various projects.

"It's been a 30-year love affair (with the University of Louisville) that is not going to end," he said. "I intend to still work at the university, but the basketball part for me is over, and that's OK."

David Walker, P.J. Arnold and Eric Batchelor each added 10 points for the eighth-seeded Blazers (17-13), who advanced to take on top-seeded

Cincinnati at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Senior Rashad Brooks scored a career-high 21 points in his final game to lead Louisville (12-19), which finished with the second-worst record in Crum's tenure. Senior Marques Maybin added 12 points in his final game.

UAB outrebounded Louisville 41-38 and shot 56 percent to the Cardinals' 31 percent.

UAB led by four at halftime and increased the margin to 40-35 at the 13-minute mark. A 9-1 run put the Blazers up 49-36 with 9:40 to play and ended the Cardinals' hopes of extending Crum's career at least one more day.

Louisville pulled to within seven down the stretch but got no closer. Following the game, the Freedom Hall crowd gave Crum a lengthy cheer and standing ovation as he took one final bow at midcourt.

Both teams came out cold as UAB struggled to an 11-10 lead midway through the first half. After a handful of lead changes, Ball's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave the Blazers a 27-23 lead at halftime.

UAB did most of its damage from the inside, hitting 8-of-14 from 9 feet and closer. Offensive rebounding and long-range shooting kept Louisville close as the Cardinals pulled down 12 offensive boards and shot 4-of-13 on 3-pointers.

For the half, UAB shot 46 percent to Louisville's 28 percent, and each team grabbed 20 rebounds.

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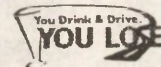
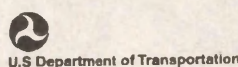


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NBA

Sprewell lights up Pacers for 26 points in 79-75 Knick win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Latrell Sprewell scored 26 points, including the go-ahead basket with 14 seconds left, as the New York Knicks scored the final 10 points and beat the Indiana Pacers 79-75 Wednesday night.

The victory snapped a seven-game road losing streak for the Knicks and stretched Indiana's losing streak to four games.

The Pacers led 75-69 after Al Harrington's two free throws with 4:11 to go. But Sprewell and Glen Rice then hit back-to-back 3-pointers to tie the game and the Pacers didn't score again.

Indiana had two chances to go back in front, but Jermaine O'Neal missed two free throws with 1:14 to go and Jalen Rose lost the ball out of bounds with 32 seconds left.

Sprewell then hit from 14 feet to give the Knicks their first lead since midway through the second quarter. Travis Best, who started in place of the suspended Reggie Miller, missed a 20-footer and Rice rebounded with three seconds to go.

Rice, who finished with 16 points, was fouled by Rose and hit two free throws for the final points of the game.

Rose led the Pacers with 21 points, while O'Neal finished with 17 points and 14 rebounds and tied his career high with seven blocked shots.

Miller was suspended for one game by the NBA for throwing a wad of chewing gum that hit an official late in the Pacers' 97-83 loss at New York on Tuesday.

New York led by six points late in the first quarter, but Rose pulled the Pacers within one with a basket and an off-balance, desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer. A layup by Best gave Indiana its first lead early in the second quarter.

There were four more lead changes and six ties before the halftime break.

Six straight free throws by Rose put the Pacers up 37-35. After another tie at 41, Rose scored again and O'Neal hit two free throws with 21 seconds left to put Indiana up 45-41 as the first half ended.

The Knicks pulled within one with a basket and free throw by Kurt Thomas, but Indiana quickly pushed the lead to seven on consecutive 3-pointers by Sam Perkins and took a 64-57 lead into the final period.

Bucks 101, Celtics 94

Sam Cassell scored 24 points and Tim Thomas came off the bench to add 22 points and 10 rebounds, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to victory over the Boston Celtics.

Antoine Walker had 36 points and 11 rebounds and Paul Pierce had 30 and 10, but Boston's three other starters were held scoreless as the Celtics, who had a chance to move into a tie for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot, lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Glenn Robinson had 10 points

and 10 rebounds, and Cassell added seven assists for Milwaukee, which won despite Ray Allen's 1-for-10 shooting from the field. Allen went 11-for-13 from the free-throw line with nine rebounds and six assists.

The game was close most of the way until Milwaukee went on an 8-1 run — including a 3-pointer, a slam dunk and a free throw by Thomas — to turn a five-point game into a 92-80 lead with 3:30 to play.

The Celtics cut it to five points on a pair of 3-pointers by Walker and a long 2-pointer by Pierce. But they turned the ball over the next time down, then Walker missed a 3 off the front of the rim and the Bucks hit enough free throws to ice it.

Walker went 7-for-14 from 3-point range, hitting two in the first quarter to break the team record for 3-pointers in a season. He now has 156, surpassing Dana Barros' total of 149 in 1995-96.

Milwaukee had four technical fouls in the game, and Boston had one — a double technical on Walker and Scott Williams in the second quarter. Williams fouled Walker in the lane, then Walker came up and leaned on him until Williams pushed Walker away, drawing the technical.

Walker was whistled moments later for no apparent reason while he was walking toward the scorer's table.

Later in the second, Darvin Ham was called for a technical for hanging on the rim, pulling himself up and slapping the backboard with both hands.

76ers 102, Nets 94

Allen Iverson had 38 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, as the Philadelphia 76ers rallied for a victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Sixers guard Allen Iverson shoots around Nets forward Aaron Williams in the third quarter. The Sixers scored the first basket of the game and then trailed until the fourth, when they outscored the Nets 27-15. Iverson was 13-for-14 from the foul line, making all six of his attempts in the fourth quarter.

Tyrone Hill had 13 points and 14 rebounds, Aaron McKie scored 12 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the 76ers, who have won three in a row and

nine of their last 11.

Keith Van Horn scored 21 points, Stephon Marbury had 20 points and tied a season-high with 14 assists and Kenyon Martin added 14 points for New Jersey, which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

With the Sixers holding a 91-90 lead, Iverson scored five straight points to give them their biggest advantage, 96-90. After Aaron Williams hit two free throws, Philadelphia scored seven of the next nine to open up a 102-94 advantage with 35 seconds left. The run consisted of a three-point play by Mutombo and jumpers by Iverson and Eric Snow.

A 3-pointer by Iverson with 8:23 left in the fourth quarter gave Philadelphia an 85-83 lead, its first advantage since making the first basket of the game.

The Nets held onto a lead for most of the third quarter, going ahead by as many as seven. The Sixers tied the game at 62 but New Jersey retained a 79-73 advantage after three.

New Jersey led by as many as 12 in the first quarter and eight in the second, but the Sixers scored five of the last seven points of the half to pull to within four, 56-52.

Each team shot the ball well in the half, with Philadelphia making 21 of 38 (55 percent) and the Nets hitting on 21 of 39 (54 percent).

Rockets 104, Hawks 98

Steve Francis made a 3-point basket with 25.3 seconds left and the Houston Rockets came back from two 23-point deficits to beat Atlanta and send the Hawks to their season-high ninth straight loss.

Francis, who scored 17 of his 31 points in the final period, hit his 3-pointer to put the Rockets ahead 100-98 after Atlanta, which lost its seventh in a row at home, had taken a 98-95 lead on a free throw by Lorenzen Wright with 1:17 left.

The Rockets won for the 11th time in 14 games in their late-season rush for a playoff spot.

Houston's Walt Williams, who had 17 points, added two free throws with 16.8 seconds remaining and Francis made a pair with 3.4 seconds left as Houston scored the final nine points of the game.

With Toni Kukoc scoring 23 first-half points, hitting on eight of his first nine shots including

four of five 3-point baskets, the Hawks built a 23-point lead twice, the last with 5:08 remaining before halftime on a dunk by DerMarr Johnson.

Kukoc, however, managed only three points in the second half to finish with 26.

The Rockets got within four points, 75-71, on a three-point play by Shandon Anderson with 47 seconds left in the third period and went ahead on a 3-point basket by Cuttino Mobley that made it 84-83 four minutes into the final period.

Mobley finished with 21 points, Anderson added 15 and Kelvin Cato had 14 for Houston.

Atlanta went back ahead on a basket by Wright at 94-92 with 3:06 left in the game and held in until Francis' 3-pointer.

Wizards 88, Cavaliers 83

Mitch Richmond scored 17 points and the Washington Wizards rallied in the final four minutes to snap a seven-game losing streak with a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Cavs have dropped 18 of 20 and 31 of 38 to put coach Randy Wittman's job in serious jeopardy. Cleveland followed up a loss Tuesday in Chicago to the lowly Bulls — the NBA's worst team — with another dud against the league's second-worst squad.

The Wizards trailed 79-70 with 3:54 left and scored just three field goals in the fourth quarter. But they made 14 of 16 free throws in the final period to win for just the second time in 16 games while handing Cleveland its sixth straight loss.

Richard Hamilton scored 17 points, Hubert Davis 14 and Jahidi White had 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who didn't score their first field goal of the fourth until 4:34 remained when Michael Smith hit a scoop underneath.

Davis, forced to play some point guard with Chris Whitney injured, scored 10 straight points in a 1:43 span as the Wizards grabbed an 80-79 lead with 2:11 left on two free throws by Hamilton.

Richmond's two free throws put Washington ahead 84-81 with 18 seconds left, and after Lamond Murray missed a 3-pointer, Courtney Alexander and Richmond made two free

throws each to seal the win.

Washington finished 20-of-22 from the line.

Murray scored 21 points — 17 in the second quarter — and Chris Gatling 13 for the Cavs. Cleveland's second unit outplayed its starters and was the reason the Cavs seemed in control at 79-70 on Murray's layup with just under four minutes left.

The Wizards couldn't do anything right in the first six minutes of the fourth period, making seven turnovers and missing their first four field goals as the Cavs opened their lead.

Murray, who didn't play in the first quarter and has been coming off the bench lately, scored 17 points in the final 8:23 of the second period as the Cavs' second unit overcame a 12-point deficit for a 50-49 half-time lead.

Cleveland scored 11 straight points in an 18-4 run and made 14 of its first 18 shots while shooting 67 percent (14 of 21) from the floor in the quarter. Murray was 7-for-9.

Mavericks 93, Heat 86

Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 points and Michael Finley hit a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Miami Heat.

The Mavs won for the fourth time in five games and handed the Heat only their third loss in their last 17 home games.

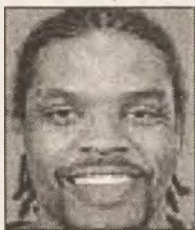
Nowitzki shot 10-for-16 from the floor and 5-for-8 from 3-point range as the Mavericks shot 54.5 percent. Steve Nash added 19 points and seven assists, and Finley and Juwan Howard each added 16 points.

Anthony Mason led Miami with 25 points and Brian Grant scored 23. The Heat were playing for the first time without leading scorer Eddie Jones, who dislocated a shoulder Monday against the Pistons and might not be back until the playoffs.

Nash's layup put Dallas ahead for good, 75-74, with 6:56 left. Finley hit a pair of 3-pointers, the second one putting the Mavs up 86-78 with 3:20 left.

Dallas led 46-40 at halftime behind Nowitzki's 17 points.

The Heat used a 12-4 run in the third quarter to tie the game at 54-54 on Mason's jumper with 6:46 left.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Belle will probably end career

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Albert Belle and the Baltimore Orioles agree that it's "highly unlikely" he will ever appear in another baseball game, according to a source familiar with his conversations with the team.

Belle, who hasn't played in any spring training games because of his injured right hip, was examined Wednesday by two team doctors.

Belle, Orioles owner Peter Angelos and the players' association had conversations about how to proceed with the outfielder's departure, said the source, who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

"Everyone has agreed it is highly unlikely he will play baseball again," the source said.

Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, spoke with his client Wednesday but not with the doctors and didn't want to discuss their diagnosis. Tellem said Belle has a severe case of degenerative arthritis.

"He's considering what the doctors had to say and trying to make the best decision for himself," Tellem said.

A decision on Belle's future could come as early as Thursday, Tellem said.

Baltimore owes Belle \$13 million in each of the final three seasons of his \$65 million, five-year contract, but 70 percent of each season's total is covered by insurance. The team's options appear to be releasing him or placing him

on the 60-day disabled list for each of the next three seasons.

Belle has missed all six of the Orioles' exhibition games because of the injury, which has left him with a noticeable limp and the realization that his career might be over.

The result of the examinations by orthopedic specialist Michael Jacobs and Dr. Charles Silberstein.

Belle made a quick visit to the Orioles' training complex Wednesday morning. He drove away without speaking to reporters.

WBAL, the Orioles' radio flagship station, reported that Belle would announce his retirement this week, and Belle said in an interview with USA Today that it would take a "miracle" for him to play again.

The Orioles have been seeking to resolve a situation that has dragged for weeks.

"I would think that's another step on the way to seeing where we're at with Albert, and Albert also seeing where he is," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said. "It's another step in the process."

With three weeks left in spring training, Hargrove has been unable to establish the makeup of his outfield or determine if Belle will be able

to serve at least as a designated hitter.

"I understand the situation with Albert is important for everybody. Yeah, I'd rather not have it, and I'm sure Albert would rather not have it," Hargrove said. "It's going to run its course."

Belle played in 232 consecutive games, then the longest current streak in the majors, before sitting out an Aug. 27 game against Tampa Bay last season. He played in the Orioles' next six games before missing 20 games in September with an inflamed bursa sac in the right hip pointer.

He returned to play in the final six games of the season and finished with 103 RBIs, his ninth straight season with at least 100. It's the fourth-longest streak in baseball history.

There's little chance Belle will have a chance to make it 10 in a row.

If Belle cannot play, Chris Richard and Brady Anderson would cover right field, and Jeff Conine

would take most of the at-bats as the right-handed DH.

Hargrove has had his share of run-ins with Belle, dating back to the days when both were with the Cleveland Indians. But the manager hates seeing Belle's stormy career conclude in this fashion.

"He's considering what the doctors had to say and trying to make the best decision for himself."

Arn Tellem
Belle's agent

NCAA official says legal, illegal betting threatens integrity

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev.

A top NCAA official told Nevada lawmakers on Friday that legal and illegal betting is threatening the integrity of every college game.

William Saum, the NCAA's director of Agent and Gambling Activities, also told Nevada legislators, regulators and gambling industry figures that point-shaving is the best example of how college sports betting ruins games.

"I have witnessed students, their families and institutions publicly humiliated," Saum said. "I have seen students expelled from college, lose athletics scholarships worth thousands of dollars, and jeopardize any hope of a professional career in athletics."

The NCAA has been lobbying Congress to pass a law banning all betting on college and amateur sports.

Members of the state's Assembly Judiciary Committee reacted by promptly passing a resolution urging Congress not to outlaw Nevada's legal sports betting industry. The state's Senate is expected to do the same when they receive the Assembly resolution.

Sen. Dina Titus, a professor at UNLV, said she has never heard that student gambling was a problem. If it is, she said the NCAA should focus on getting universities to do something instead of trying to place regulations on Nevada, the only state to allow such betting.

Lawmakers also said Nevada's strict regulation of legal sports gambling prevents point-shaving from happening more often.

State Gaming Commission chairman Brian Sandoval said the NCAA's efforts to ban sports betting would "eliminate Nevada's watchdog role in this whole process."

Bill Bible, head of the Nevada Resort Association, which represents major hotel-casinos, said Saum and the NCAA "are using Nevada as a scapegoat for their inadequacies."

"To say the least, we are insulted and disappointed by the NCAA's bewildering position," Bible said.

Legislators estimated that legal sports betting represents less than 1 percent, or \$2.5 billion, of an estimated \$380 billion bet around the nation every year on sports. One-fourth of the Nevada betting involves college games.

Saum estimated that 25 percent of student basketball and football athletes bet on their games, and the NCAA has been urging universities to do more to stop sports betting.

"This isn't about the NCAA against the state of Nevada," Saum said. "We have never said that if Nevada makes sports gambling illegal that the problem will go away — but that a piece of the problem will go away."

U.S. Senators Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and John McCain, R-Ariz., first introduced legislation in Congress a year ago targeting legal betting in Nevada. The NCAA-backed bill stalled in committee, but they plan to reintroduce it this year.

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The NCAA Tournament was their goal, whether Doherty, Brey or their grandma was in charge, and they're about to pull off that feat.

But Notre Dame's trip back to the top 25 didn't start when Brey was hired. It began several years ago beneath MacLeod's guidance.

MacLeod, pushed to resign following a 14-16 season in 1998-99, brought in five of the six players logging major minutes for Notre Dame this season, with Oklahoma transfer Humphrey the exception.

"I think Coach MacLeod is the guy who was forgotten in all of this," said Murphy, a MacLeod recruit who's exceeded everyone's expectations and then some as an All-American and two-time Big East Player of the Year. "Of the six guys who play a lot, five of them were recruited by Coach MacLeod and came here to play for Coach MacLeod."

MacLeod faced an uphill battle in winning over top recruits during his early tenure at Notre Dame when the 1990s began. At that point, Notre Dame was one of just three independent Division I men's basketball programs (along with Sacramento State and Oral Roberts). All the other schools belonged to a conference, making it easier to schedule games, gain television exposure, and pick up blue chip players.

"I could see recruiting wise, that we were never going to be able to recruit as independents," MacLeod said this week.

MacLeod pushed for Notre Dame's entrance into a conference throughout his time at Notre Dame, and the University finally relented in 1995. Until that time, even getting into the living rooms of top high school prospects was a daunting task.

"Basketball players didn't want to go to a school that was not affiliated with a conference," MacLeod said. "You want to go to a Big Ten school, an ACC school or a Big East school. We were just banging our heads against a brick wall."

Even before Notre Dame joined the Big East, MacLeod got one lucky break when Pat Garrity signed to play for the Irish. Garrity, a 1998 graduate who earned All-American honors and played his way into the NBA, helped recruiting by getting Notre Dame basketball in the headlines.

With Garrity on board and Notre Dame now a member of the Big East, MacLeod was able to convince the current crop of Irish players to sign on.

He brought in Ingelsby, the Pennsylvania player of the year in 1996-97, in part because of Notre Dame's trips back to the East Coast to play.

"I get to play back home on the East Coast and play against top competition in the country," Ingelsby said. "I took that as a challenge to go out and prove that I could play here and play at this level."

A year later, MacLeod brought in Murphy from New Jersey and Kentucky All-State players Graves and Swanagan.

"I put I can't tell you how many long, hard days into rebuilding that program," MacLeod said. "My projection, when we put all those kids together, was by the time they were sophomores, we'd be in the top 50. By the time they got to be juniors, we'd be in the top 25. We'd have three NCAA teams with them."

In his final recruiting class, he picked up two-time Pennsylvania state player of the year Matt Carroll and Ohio's Mike Monserez, who transferred to

Butler this year.

But MacLeod didn't get the chance to stay and see if his prediction would come true. In March 1999, he announced his resignation, with Doherty coming in as his replacement.

Doherty worked quickly to get things done, from reviving the crowds that had lapsed during Notre Dame's years watching the Tournament on TV to renovating the locker room. Enthused by his passion for Notre Dame basketball, fans jumped on the bandwagon and bought tickets to Joyce Center games en masse.

The former Kansas assistant coach fell short of goal No. 1: taking the Irish back to March Madness. But he came close, with Notre Dame advancing to the finals of the NIT and finishing with a 22-15 record.

More importantly, he made inroads into the future by helping stock the Notre Dame roster with transfers like Humphrey and top-recruits like Chris Thomas. He also played a role in convincing Murphy to stay.

Just as quickly as he came in, Doherty was gone, though, leaving to become the head coach at his alma mater North Carolina in July. Athletic director Kevin White replaced Doherty with former Duke assistant coach and Delaware head coach Brey. Behind Brey, Notre Dame's clearing the next

hurdle: getting back into the NCAA Tournament.

"He's the guy who got us back into the NCAA Tournament," Brey said of Murphy. "He's the guy who put us back on the college basketball radar screen."

Back in the top 25 and in a powerhouse conference, it's also an appealing choice for top high school players once more.

"I think it's a wise choice for a lot of the blue chip top-25 players to look at Notre Dame," Murphy said.

Who's responsible for bringing Notre Dame basketball back to the top? That's too much acclaim to give to any one person, but it doesn't matter. As the Irish prepare for their first NCAA Tournament run since 1990, they're climbing back up the college basketball ladder.

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Guard Matt Carroll drives past a Georgetown defender in Sunday's home loss. The Irish take on Pittsburgh in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament Thursday.

Big East

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The Irish employ a six-man roster, but winning the Big East Tournament means winning three times in three consecutive nights, while the NCAA Tourney is better spaced out.

But the Irish should be deep and fresh enough to beat the Panthers tonight, following a first-round berth Wednesday. While Pittsburgh played a close opening round game, Notre Dame watched their upcoming opponents' game over dinner at ESPNZone in Times Square, following an early afternoon practice at John Jay College.

Notre Dame boasts a two-time Big East Player of the Year in Murphy, who led the league in scoring this season with 22.6 points per game, as well as being one of the top rebounders. Next in line is transfer power forward Ryan Humphrey, a third-team All-Big East selection after averaging 15 points and nine boards per game this year.

Ingelsby, a senior captain, tops the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio, with Matt Carroll and David Graves both boasting sharp shooting records from outside and Carroll also a strong assist man. Harold Swanagan rounds out the core

six as a dirty work player who gets the boards and the floor burns.

No team is a clear-cut favorite this year to win the title, although Notre Dame and Boston College captured their respective divisional championships.

"It's going to be a heck of a tournament," Murphy said.

The Big East Tourney is full of parity this year, with any team capable of making a run. Syracuse, Seton Hall and Villanova all joined Pittsburgh in making it out of the first round. Both Syracuse and Seton Hall knocked off Notre Dame this season (the Hall doing so twice), while Notre Dame did not face cross-divisional rival Villanova.

Second round matchups for the day include Boston College and NCAA Tournament hopeful Villanova, Seton Hall and Georgetown, and Syracuse against Providence.

Should Notre Dame win, the Irish will advance to the semifinals for the first time against the winner of the Providence-Syracuse game. Last year's first-round win over Rutgers marked the first time Notre Dame had won a Big East Tournament game since joining the conference in 1995-96.

Can they make it one more? The Irish will see tonight.

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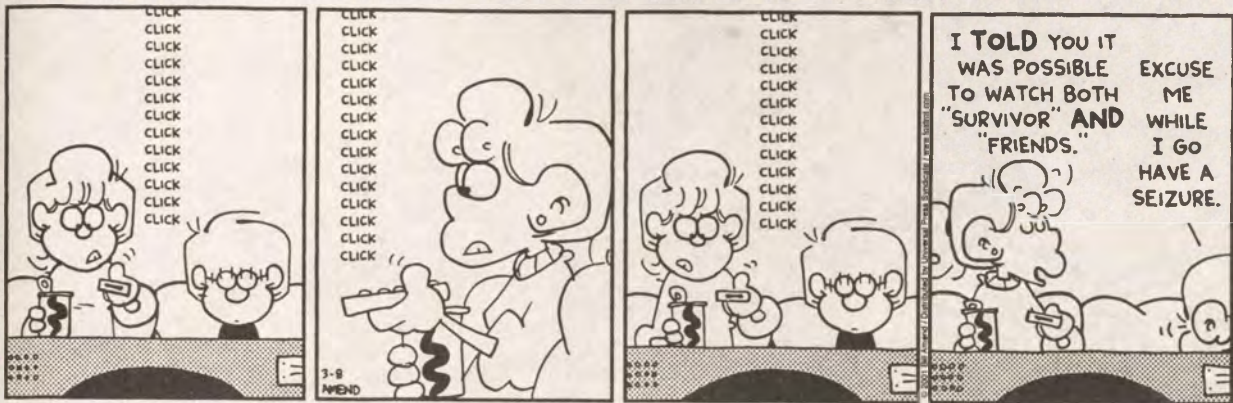
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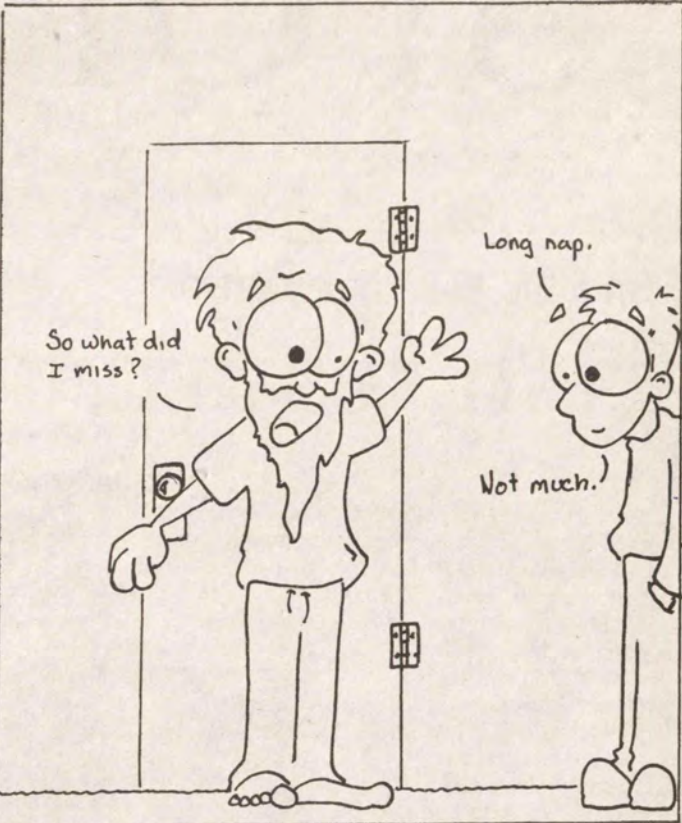
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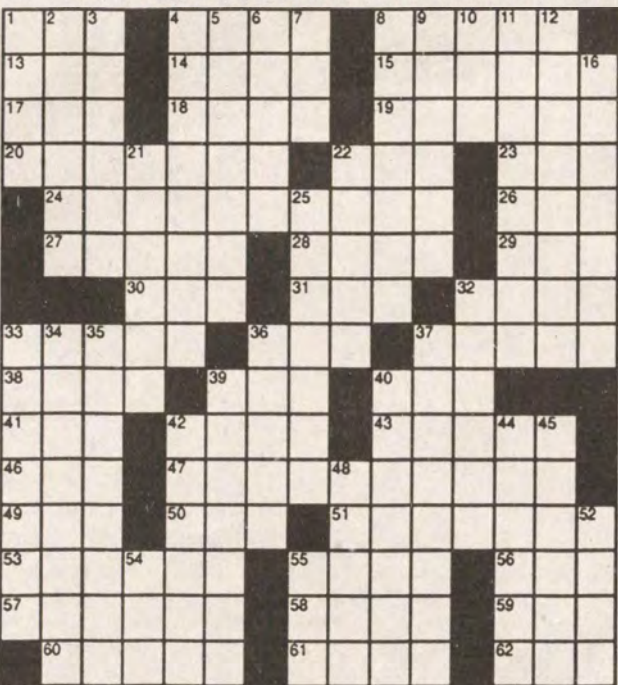
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2001

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Happy Birthday: If you want to make changes, this is the year. Start to make your moves. This can be a pivotal period if you are true to yourself. Re-evaluate your desires and do whatever is necessary to capture your dreams. Be prepared to go the distance or you will be unhappy with your performance. Your numbers: 13, 19, 26, 31, 35, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will do well in speculative money matters. Spend some time with children and don't forget to keep in shape. You have the energy to juggle a wide variety of activities. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid romantic involvement with co-workers and look elsewhere for love. Redecorating will cost more than you want to spend. Emotional uncertainties will make communication with your spouse difficult. ☺☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Projects that involve telemarketing or mail order should be of interest to you. Look into the possibilities of starting your own small business. A relative may back your idea. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let older relatives or siblings put demands on you. Do what you can, but don't feel guilty if you can't do it all. Your need to collect things will cause grief. ☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic encounters will develop through social events or fitness programs. You will make profits through investments. Popularity will be yours if you place yourself in the limelight. ☺☺☺

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your anger may lead you in the wrong direction. Don't jump to conclusions. Think twice before you retaliate. You are unlikely to get along with co-workers or impress your boss today. ☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask for favors, as long as you don't require help with legal matters. Take time to connect with people who will appreciate your talents. Look into making some extra cash. Flirting will bother your mate. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your lover will cost you financially if you allow it. You will have to learn to say no if you don't want to end up broke and alone. You are losing respect by giving in all the time. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You just can't keep your mind on your work. You should be looking into foreign cultures or philosophies that can broaden your horizons about life, love and happiness. ☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can expect to have problems with your lover. Do not allow him or her to take advantage of you during your confusion about the relationship. Ask point-blank where you stand. ☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic opportunities will be plentiful. However, you must be careful you don't pick someone who is more interested in what you have than who you are. ☺☺☺

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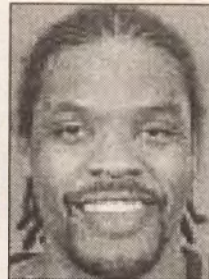
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26 points for New York in
a win over Indianapolis.

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MEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Irish resurrection continues against Pitt

NEW YORK

Notre Dame men's basketball, a powerhouse in the 1970s and 1980s, is wiping the sleep from its eyes after a dormant decade in which it never advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

While Matt Doherty often receives credit for waking up the echoes and first-year Irish coach Mike Brey earns props for getting the job done this year, an often overlooked key to the resurgence is John MacLeod, who coached the Irish through the lean years.

All three men, along with the current players, deserve to share recognition for the program's resurgence.

This year's Irish squad (19-7, 11-5 Big East) is poised to return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1990. It won the Big East West Division title, Notre Dame's first league championship in men's basketball since joining the Conference in 1995. The Irish begin Big East Tournament play today, but already have a bid to March Madness virtually wrapped up, with the field of 64 to be announced Sunday.

"We've solidly put ourselves into a very good seed in both of these tournaments coming in," Brey said earlier this week. "We're excited about playing for a championship in New York."

For the first time, Notre Dame seems a viable candidate to win the league championship. It finished three games above .500 in league play, where Notre Dame had never posted a winning record.

As the third coach in three years, Brey did a masterful job of winning over the current players and playing to their strengths.

He avoided the letdown teams often face following a change at the helm by keeping his team confident.

Captains Troy Murphy and Martin Ingelsby, along with the other core players for Notre Dame in David Graves, Harold Swanagan, Ryan Humphrey and Matt Carroll, stayed on task. They wanted to end Notre Dame's postseason drought.



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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Forward Ryan Humphrey skies over a Georgetown defender in Sunday's loss in the Joyce Center. The junior will be key factor against Pittsburgh.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK

It's the moment of truth for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

Can they get it done when it matters? The Irish open the post-season tonight with a Big East Tournament quarterfinals matchup against the Pittsburgh Panthers, who knocked off the Miami Hurricanes Wednesday 78-69, with the chance to find out.

"I don't think we've played our best game to date yet where everybody's

clicking on all cylinders," Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "The true test is going to be if we can do that at crunch time at the Big East Tournament and the NCAA Tournament."

Pittsburgh (16-12, 7-9 Big East) led throughout its opening round game with Miami, bursting to an 8-1 lead and holding a 37-26 edge at halftime after making 14 of 15 first-half free throw attempts. The victory was Pittsburgh's first in the Big East Tournament since knocking off Connecticut in the first round in 1997.

The Hurricanes pulled to within two in the second half, but the Panthers put the game away with a fast-break layup by Donatas Zavackas, an Isaac Hawkins rebound and a Brandin Knight bucket. Both Zavackas and Knight scored 16 for the Panthers, while Ricardo Greer led Pittsburgh with 27 points. Notre Dame (19-8, 11-5) has defeated Pittsburgh twice this season, by scores of 74-58 and 75-67. That doesn't necessarily bode well for the Irish.

"It's tough to beat a team three times in one year," All-American Irish forward Troy Murphy said.

Tough, but not unheard of. Miami did it to Notre Dame a season ago.

To make some noise in this week's tourney, the Irish must do more than just hold off the Panthers, which they are expected to do. They need to keep on winning, at least until they earn a first-ever berth in the finals, despite a short bench.

Notre Dame's biggest weakness is one that could hurt it more in the Big East Tournament than the upcoming NCAA Tournament: depth.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish look to maul Wolverines, continue 5 match win streak

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Confidence will be to their advantage as the Irish come into today's match against the Michigan Wolverines ready to build on their five match winning streak.

Michigan beat Notre Dame 5-2 in their meeting last season, and holds the all-time advantage 39-20. The Wolverines come to South

Bend after losing five in a row, most recently to Clemson.

"They're a good team, and it was a tough match last year, but we're pumped this year," said junior Andrew Laflin. "Being at home we definitely have the advantage. We're used to our own court."

The Irish, returning from LaJolla, Calif., will have to again play indoors.

"We've been practicing hard, and we had a good trip

to California, but coming back indoors is a switch," said Laflin.

In their last match against Purdue, the Irish lost all three doubles matches, but won four out of six singles to take the win. Junior Javier Toborga won in No. 2 singles, and will be key in singles competition against Michigan. Sophomore Brian Farrell, Matt Daly and Matthew Scott were also pivotal players against Purdue in singles competition.

Also key for the Irish will be 14-th ranked doubles team Taborga and Aaron Talarico. Michigan's Henry Beam, who will face Casey Smith, is ranked 78th in singles competition the most recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. Beam and teammate Anthony Jackson each have 16 wins each this season, and Beam is trying to break the 20-win plateau.

"Beam has definitely

improved a lot, but when it comes down to it he can be a bit awkward," said Laflin.

Notre Dame has won 10 of the last 12 matches against Michigan, and the teams should be closely matched. Michigan is ranked 35th, while Notre Dame is ranked 26th.

"We're all psyched up, and we're ready," said Laflin. "Michigan's gonna be a continuation of our winning streak."

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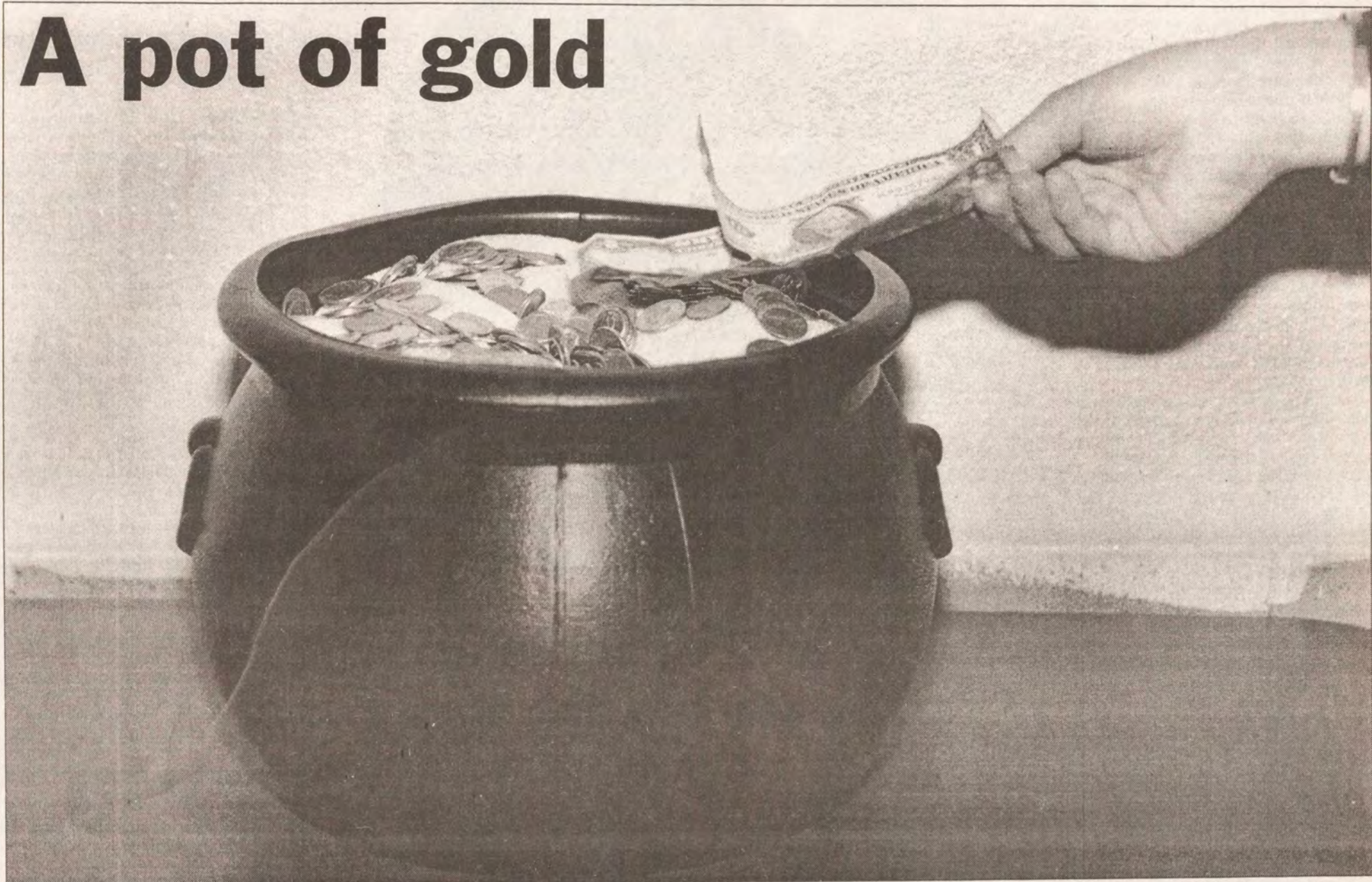
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A new generation

The Observer looks at the recently-completed Generations campaign, the biggest in Catholic university history.

A pot of gold



Notre Dame concludes its massive Generations fundraising campaign, with \$1.06 billion in the bank

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus Editor

On the top floor of Grace Hall, a simple sign greets visitors to Notre Dame's Office of Development. It reads "Generations Campaign Total: \$1,061,097,581."

That figure is the end of a decade-long journey, a sustained campaign of challenging self-evaluation and relentless self-promotion. It was arrived at through the work of hundreds and the generosity of thousands. And it represents the potential to change Notre Dame forever.

The journey began almost 10 years ago, in October, 1991, when University president Father Edward Malloy told the faculty that Notre Dame would embark on an unprecedented study of itself — the Colloquy for the Year 2000 — to determine its goals and direction for the coming decade. In the months after that, committees were formed, forums were held, and debates and discussions lasted for hours as people from all parts of the Notre Dame community hammered out what they felt that community really was, and where it should go. They studied the University's mission, academic life, student life, finances and athletics.

After 18 months, it was done, and Malloy compiled the research and

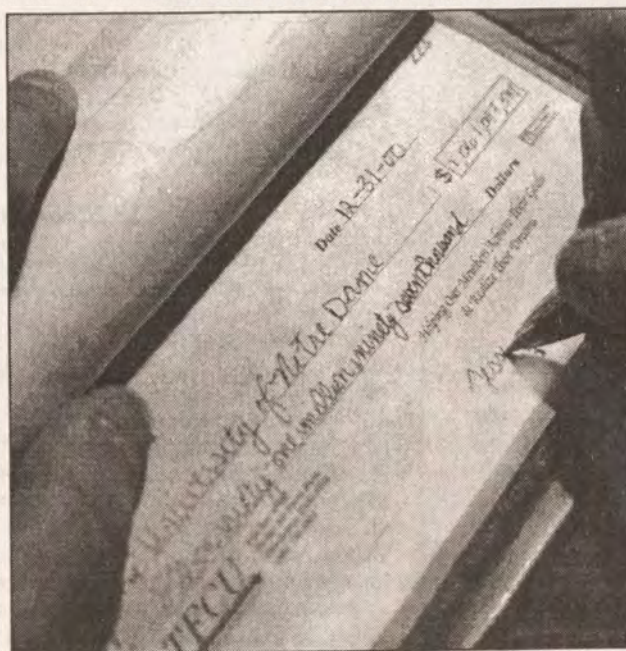
made 43 specific recommendations to the Board of Trustees. These included everything from meeting the full financial need of students to increasing flexibility in staff benefits packages.

The Trustees reviewed and approved the Colloquy in May 1993, and shortly thereafter they began planning ways to raise money needed to accomplish its objectives. University officials looked at the biggest priorities — financial aid, the libraries, 100 endowed professorships and some building projects, among other things — and determined they would cost upwards of \$750 million. When final goals were established, fundraisers settled on a figure of \$767 million. That would make this the largest fundraising campaign in Catholic university history.

"We were concerned about whether we could do that," said Father William Beauchamp, who was executive vice president at the time.

They didn't know, so they gave it a shot.

Generations was launched in 1994, but not many people knew about it. That's because the first five years of the campaign were a "quiet phase," according to Dan Reagan, executive director of



Money from the Generations campaign will touch every corner of Notre Dame's campus, including buildings (below).

Thousands of alumni and parents wrote checks for the four-year campaign, which topped \$1 billion.

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ONE PERSON'S VIEW

Thanks for the 10-spot, Monk

Generations has collected millions of dollars for financial aid at Notre Dame. This is a wonderful thing. But has the Notre Dame administration ever considered that part of the reason there is such a need for financial aid at Notre Dame is because tuition is so high?

Wednesday, University President Father Edward Malloy announced that tuition would increase 4.9 percent next school year. This is the smallest percent increase in tuition since 1959.

Why does Notre Dame need to increase tuition? With millions of dollars rolling into the University, why does Malloy need even more money?

The 4.9 percent increase in tuition means that a Notre Dame education will cost \$30,530. Last year, Notre Dame required \$29,100 per year to attend. That's an increase of \$1,430.

In 1999-2000, tuition was \$27,660. With a 5.2 percent hike in tuition, Notre Dame raised tuition \$1,440. So that .3 percent drop in tuition increase amounted to \$10 less in tuition increase. \$10. Thanks Malloy, that will really save my parents a lot of money.

Good news Mom and Dad, Monk is screwing you over \$10 less this year.

The 2000 enrollment numbers have not been released but last year, there were 8,014 undergraduates at Notre Dame. Assuming that there are about the same number of students attending Notre Dame, that 4.9 percent tuition increase will mean \$11,460,020 more for the University. Eleven million dollars is a lot of money ... until you look at the endowment.

Notre Dame's endowment is currently at \$3.5 billion, according to the Wall Street Journal. Assuming that Notre Dame has a bunch of trained monkeys investing the endowment and can only earn 1 percent interest, Notre Dame is still earning \$35 million a year in interest on the endowment. Since the Notre Dame business office is obviously more competent than a bunch of trained monkeys, it is probably getting more than a 1 percent return on the endowment.

But let's just assume they can only earn \$35 million a year, if Notre Dame applied that interest to eliminating the increase in tuition, that would still leave them with \$23.5 million in interest alone.

Twenty-three million in interest on the endowment without increasing tuition.

I understand that the endowment should be used to help the future of the University, but this is ridiculous. Notre Dame costs more than \$30,000. I am willing to bet that many staff members at Notre Dame do not earn \$30,000 a year. If Notre Dame doesn't do something about the escalating tuition, there will be no future University for the endowment to help. No one will be able to afford to go here.

Increasing financial aid is a noble pursuit, but why not eliminate the need for financial aid. The higher Notre Dame tuition climbs, the less affordable Notre Dame becomes. The less affordable Notre Dame becomes, the more financial aid will be required.

So freeze tuition. Use some of the interest on the endowment to keep tuition down.

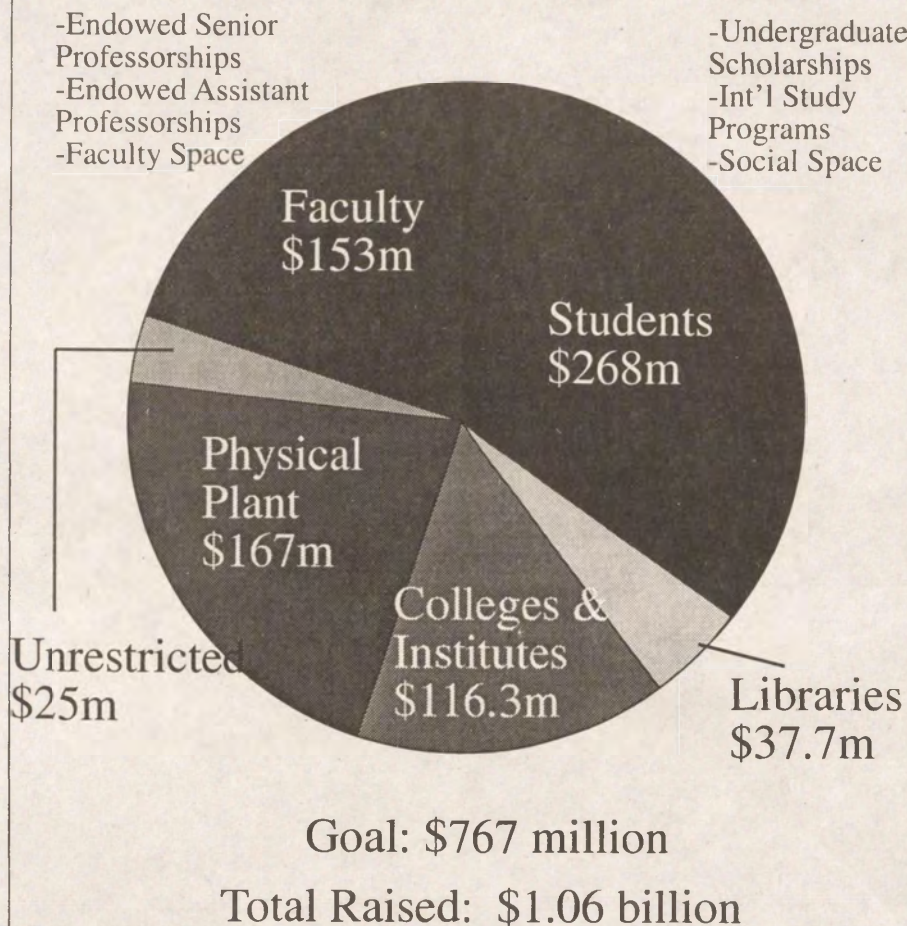
But for now, I guess my parents will be happy with the \$10 they are "saving" this year. Maybe they can use that to pay for food, clothing, transportation and shelter.



Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

Slicing the Pie



The next Generation: ND already looking ahead

By TIM LOGAN
In Focus Writer

While The Generations Campaign may be over, it will not be long before Notre Dame starts preparing for its next big fundraising push.

The University continues to raise money, through its annual fund and other donations, regardless of whether there is a specific campaign on or not. And in the next few years, Notre Dame will embark on another self-study, like the Colloquy for the Year 2000, to define its priorities for the coming decade, officials say.

Every 10 years, The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools re-evaluates Notre Dame's accreditation. Traditionally, the University has conducted a major self-study, such as the Colloquy, to help prepare for that. It is up for reaccreditation again in 2003-4, so there will likely be another study before then.

A self-study can also be looked at as a plan for the future of the University, and the next one should be "bottom up," according to Father Tim Scully, University executive vice president.

"It ought to be led by faculty and

students and their aspirations," he said. "It shouldn't be top down."

So, like it did in Colloquy, the University community will discuss priorities for Notre Dame in the 21st century. After hearing these discussions, University president Father Edward Malloy will draw up a report outlining priorities, and the Officers and Trustees will likely decide how to get the money to meet them. They will plan the next Generations.

Scully predicted that Notre Dame would gear up for its next big fundraising campaign in 24 to 36 months. That will lead into the "quiet phase" which begins any big fundraising push, and then the all-out campaign.

But until that happens, the development office continues to solicit donations, trying to fund areas that fell a little short in Generations, and new priorities that have risen since 1993, like the Law School, and an engineering building.

Campaigns bring focused attention, according to Dan Reagan, executive director of Development, but fundraising does not stop when they do.

"We're never still," Reagan said.

"[The next self-study] ought to be led by faculty and students and their aspirations. It shouldn't be top down."

Father Tim Scully
executive vice president

Students unaware of campaign

By ERIN LaRUFFA
In Focus Writer

While the Generations Campaign raised millions of dollars for everything from scholarships to new faculty to new buildings, the people for whom the campaign was made — the students — know very little about what Generations was.

For some, the most significant fact they know about Generations is that Notre Dame received a lot of money.

"I'm happy that we're getting money," said freshman Sean Tackett, who admitted he was largely unfamiliar with the campaign.

Another general consensus among many students is that the increased scholarship opportunities thanks to Generations is a positive step.

"I think these scholarships are a great idea because it helps people that can't normally be here, be here," said junior Matt Rosso.

"A lot of people can't afford to come here but would really like to. Why not help them out?" said freshman Liz Malone.

In fact, students ranked scholarships as one of the most significant uses of Generations funds. Sophomore E.J. Jones said that that is one area he would choose to raise money for were he conducting a similar campaign.

Other uses, such as increasing faculty, also seemed like a natural use of the money, according to Jones.

Students also supported adding certain buildings on campus. A specific improvement Rosso suggested was a new student center.

"I think we need one," Rosso said. "Something for not just students now but also for alumni when they come back on football weekends."

Sophomore Kelly Bush said she believes it is important for the University to spend money on programs and projects instead of just adding to its endowment fund.

"I think it could be put to more practical uses than endowment," said Bush, adding that she is glad Generations money will be put to other uses.

One area students questioned spending money on was the \$58 million renovation of the Main Building.

"I guess it's cool, but I guess money could have been used for other things," Malone said of the Main Building restoration. She added that because she did not see the campus centerpiece before its renovation, it is difficult for her to judge how necessary it was.

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Talking about Generations

"It will clearly help us provide an opportunity more so than ever for students who have been admitted and have a need to come here."

Joseph Russo
director of Financial Aid

"When you set out to raise \$767 million, it's a pretty staggering thing. When you raise over \$1 billion, that's a pretty amazing thing."

Father Tim Scully
executive vice president

"I think it will make a tremendous impact. It will help attract the most outstanding faculty and students in the country, which enhances classroom learning."

Mark Roche
dean, College of Arts and Letters

Spreading the wealth

Student aid is the biggest recipient of Generations dollars, but not the only one

By LAURA ROMPF
In Focus Writer

State-of-the-art facilities. Smaller class sizes. More financial aid. New library collections.

While money donated to the University often goes unnoticed by the student population, the \$1.06 billion pledged during the recent Generations Campaign will impact the daily lives of students both now and in the future.

"This campaign was called a campaign for Notre Dame students and a lot of planning went in to make sure it is exactly that," said Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry. "It will make a large difference in the education of Notre Dame students."

The campaign outlined six different categories where greater funding is needed: students, faculty, libraries, colleges and institutions, physical facilities and current operations.

The top priority was undergraduate financial aid. More than \$164 million was raised for scholarships and, as a result, the University has been able to dramatically improve its financial aid packages over the last decade.

"I never used to hear people talk about Notre Dame as a place where they got exceptionally good financial aid," said Father Tim Scully, executive vice president. "Now I hear sometimes we give them the best package. That is a massive sea change, I think."

There have been big changes in student aid, but that is hardly the only area in which Generations is changing the face of Notre Dame.

The Library

"The Generations funding will do great things for the library," said Jennifer Younger, director of University Libraries. Younger said \$8 million will go to renovating the basement of the 14-floor tower and other funds will create 150 new endowed collections.

"The money from these endowments will go to enhance the library collections and impact technology. We will be able to offer new and innovative library services," Younger said. "It will have a tremendous positive impact on the ability of the library to provide information service to the campus."

Some of the endowments will add library collections in globalization, Irish studies, Mediaeval studies and critical technology, Younger said.

"The most tangible benefit for students will be the improved quality of the library collection — the books on the shelves, the available technology and the expanded electronic resources," Younger said. "It will positively change the design in a broad way the

design of information services."

The Law School

The campaign's donations go beyond undergraduate education. One big beneficiary is Notre Dame Law School, which raised more than \$33 million.

"Our plan for the funds will mirror that of the University's overall campaign," said Glenn Rosswurm, director of Law School Advancement. "We will increase financial aid for student fellowships, improve the library and create chair professor fellowships."

Rosswurm said nearly one-third of the Law School's fund will go to financial aid because the average debt for a Notre Dame law student is \$62,000.

"Generations will make legal education at Notre Dame more affordable for students who have always dreamed of coming to Notre Dame," he said.

"To the extent we can alleviate the [tuition] burden, it will present a real tangible benefit to our students."

Rosswurm said the Campaign contributed \$2.6 million to the Kresge Law Library. That money will contribute to new library collections in a range of subjects.

"Increasing the number of library collections enhances the library and is essential to be a top law school," Rosswurm said.

But perhaps the most substantial benefit to the law school is the creation of professor fellowships, according to Rosswurm. For example, the world's leading natural law theorist, John Finnis, will spend one semester a year at Notre Dame.

"The campaign created a chair position in the law school that attracted someone of his international status," Rosswurm said. "This is one of the largest benefits of the Generations Campaign within the Law School — to bring in world class professors."

The College of Arts and Letters

More than half of the credit hours earned each year by undergraduate students are taken in the College of Arts and Letters. Accordingly, many of the funds from Generations will benefit that college.

A number of chaired professors were added to Arts and Letters and the Endowments for Excellence will help with non-salary funding, said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

The financial aid benefits of the Generations campaign have already indirectly benefited the College, Roche said.

"It has helped us attract the most outstanding students which has improved the intellectual atmosphere in the classroom," he said.

Originally, Generations was supposed to create a doctoral program for the College, but Roche said a need for space arose.



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Cranes, like these above the future theology/philosophy building, have been a common sight on Notre Dame's campus in the last several years. The Generations campaign provided \$167 million for buildings but its effects are being felt in every corner of the University.

"The new Theology and Philosophy building was not part of the original Generations Campaign, but as money was raised, new priorities arose," Roche said. "The College was given money for the new building instead of a new doctoral program."

Roche said the campaign's funding will pay for more professors, which in turn will reduce class size and improve overall education.

"I think it will make a tremendous impact," he said. "It will help attract the most outstanding faculty and students in the country, which enhances classroom learning."

Campus Ministry

On March 19, students will see a large benefit from the Generations Campaign: the new Coleman Morse Center, located between Badin Hall and Walsh Hall. It will house the First Year of Studies, athletic advising, and Campus Ministry.

"The new building will be absolutely superb," Warner said. "For the first time, we will all be in the same place — all our services will be in the same area."

Warner said the building will include a CSC satellite office, social space that will remain open almost 24 hours and food services that will be open on the

weekends.

"Students can come to study, hang out or whatever. Our retreat teams can meet there ... We have office space on the first floor where our retreats will be centered," Warner said. "It's amazing what they have given us."

The building includes a new chapel, called Notre Dame Our Mother, which was donated by Tom Coleman, who also gave money to renovate the Basilica.

Besides the new building, Warner said Campus Ministry will benefit in other ways from Generations.

"The campaign provided support for our catechist program, where we send students out to teach CCD classes," he said. "It will also support our choirs and has added renovations to the Basilica."

Odds and Ends

Besides the library, Law School, College of Arts and Letters and Campus Ministry, the Generations Campaign will also benefit students in other areas.

Generations helped the Snite Museum add several new collections, said museum director Chuck Loving. The John D. Reilly collection provides the museum with old master drawings, the Lake family donated a major collection of pre-Columbian objects and the Ashbaugh family provided funding for an educational center within the museum.

They also helped create an endowment for educational activities within the center.

Generations funding will help provide chemical abuse counseling, enhance fine and performing arts at the University, and helped pay for the \$58 million Main Building renovation.

Overall, Generations beat all expectations, topping its original goal by nearly \$300,000.

"Generations not only helped Campus Ministry, but increased financial aid to students, will improve the library, added chaired faculty members and created much needed space," Warner said. "It will make a large difference in the overall education of Notre Dame students."

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Development. That is the part of any major fundraising campaign when the fundraisers approach large potential donors individually, hoping for a big gift. They build up many big gifts before announcing the campaign publicly, to build up momentum.

"It assures a good wind behind our back," Reagan said. "The likelihood of success is also very good that way. That quiet phase is very important."

Silence brought success.

By May, 1997, when the campaign was publicly launched, more than \$470 million had been raised, and the benefits were already being seen in buildings sprouting up on campus. The Bond Hall renovations, West Quad residence halls and the Main Building renovation were all early beneficiaries of Generations funds. Despite these high-visibility construction projects, only 21 percent of the money raised was directed for bricks and mortar.

"It appears like you're emphasizing buildings," Beauchamp said, but, in fact, those bigger donations are targeted early, and tend to come through first. Thus, buildings are built before scholarships are announced and new faculty hired.

After the campaign was formally kicked off, with a campus ceremony that was beamed via satellite to more than 160 local alumni clubs, momentum grew. Alumni and parents were solicited, and responded well. Lots of midsize donations, in the \$1 to \$5 million range, were made, and the pot grew.

"The real base of our giving is folks

who feel passionately about this place," said Father Tim Scully, executive vice president.

Approximately 50 major donors were brought on "fly-ins," according to Beauchamp. These weekends included campus tours, a dinner at the top of the library, presentations from University officers and Mass with Malloy at the Log Chapel. The purpose was to show these potential benefactors Notre Dame, and to convince them to give money. They worked. Every couple wound up donating, Beauchamp said.

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Father William Beauchamp
executive vice president emeritus

"There's no other school in the country with a program like that that is that successful," he said.

The pot continued to grow, and in July, 1999, a little more than two years after it kicked off, Generations topped its goal of \$767 million. It was a big success, in fact the most successful campaign in Catholic university history.

But Generations was scheduled to run through the year 2000, so University officials did not stop it. There were specific areas — undergraduate scholarships, graduate programs, a science teaching facility — which were still underfunded; new projects, such as the philosophy/theology building, also emerged.

So the fundraising continued. Parents and alumni donations piled up, and that helped the total figure grow. So did major donations, like the \$35 million gift to the College of Business by Tom and Kathy Mendoza. That was the largest donation of the campaign.

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University officials expected they would need to land three gifts in the \$35 million range, according to Beauchamp. They only got one, but a plethora of donations in the \$1 to \$5 million range made a big difference. A big part of the campaign's success came from its goals, Beauchamp said.

"Basically, it was a campaign driven for programs, for people," he said. "It was very successful in that regard."

By the time the dust cleared, Notre Dame had surpassed the \$1 billion mark. That was a major accomplishment. There are only 17 other schools which have reached that milestone, and only one other, Princeton, without a medical school has done it.

"When you set out to raise \$767 million, it's a pretty staggering thing," Scully said. "When you raise over \$1 billion, that's a pretty amazing thing."

\$1,061,097,581 is a lot of money. How that money is spent says a lot about the organization that is spending it. By and large, the University community supports the way the money was allocated, and the process by which that allocation was determined.

"Almost everything in here came out of the Colloquy and consequently is a result of student involvement," said student body president Brian O'Donoghue.

It is hard to argue with \$164 million for undergraduate aid.

That money, and the money for libraries, faculty, buildings and centers, will mean big changes for Notre Dame as it enters the 21st century. The road to \$1.06 billion was a long one, and it has had a huge impact. The benefits are already visible.

"The University is not the same University it was 10 years ago," Beauchamp said.

Wait another 10 years.

A Long Road

Oct. 1991	Father Malloy announces Colloquy for Year 2000 will begin
May 1993	Colloquy is completed and published
1993	University officers and Trustees identify campaign goals.
1994	"Quiet Phase" of Generations Campaign begins.
May 1997	Generations launched publicly, with \$470 million
Aug. 1999	Generations surpasses initial \$767 million goal
July 2000	Generations tops \$1 billion mark
Jan. 1 2001	Generations Campaign ends at \$1.06 billion

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