



The writings on the walls
The Hesburgh Library holds a history of Notre Dame not only on its bookshelves but also in the graffiti scrawled on its walls.
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Sweet home Alabama
Six escaped convicts will be heading back to prison in Alabama after being caught on the lam Thursday in Tennessee.
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Eldred to CARE: 'Monologues' won't run

♦ **SMC leader approves group's requests for letter and written statement**

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
 Associate News Editor

A meeting Wednesday between members of the Saint Mary's administration and board members of the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) yielded no change in the administration's decision not to allow 'The Vagina Monologues' to be performed on campus this year.

CARE board member Emily Koelsch said the group didn't expect the administration's position to change.

"We came into the meeting hoping to get the administration to approve a letter CARE had drafted to send to the Parent's Council, Board of Trustees and the Alumnae Board and we wanted to get a written statement from Dr. Eldred sent to the student body so the students would be aware why the play was not being performed on campus this year," said Koelsch.

The administration agreed to both requests. Previously Eldred had requested that the letter not be sent.

"We wanted the letter to be sent to these groups because we thought it was important that they heard from a student perspective what 'The Vagina Monologues' were about and why we felt they were needed on campus," said Koelsch.

CARE also drafted the letter in response to written by former Saint Mary's professor E. Michael Jones which claimed that the 'Monologues' are contradictory to the teachings of the Catholic Church and promote lesbianism and masturbation. CARE members believed this letter obscured the real meaning of the "Monologues" and didn't mention positive feedback the play had generated, and thus unfairly influenced alumnae and College benefactors.

Eldred said she just changed her mind.

"As I reread the CARE letter, I just thought more about it and felt it was appropriate for these groups to hear from CARE."

Marilou Eldred
 Saint Mary's president

"As I reread the CARE letter, I just thought more about it and felt it was appropriate for these groups to hear from CARE," she said.

Eldred also addressed questions regarding her response to concerns expressed last spring by alumnae and benefactors about the 'Monologues.'

"The nature of the responses I sent was that 'The Vagina Monologues' was part of a much larger effort to talk about sexuality and was done within the context of larger programming efforts by the committee on holistic formation," she said. "I felt it was important to defend the students and the performance that these students had been a part of on campus."

Eldred also agreed to send an e-mail to the student body next week regarding the

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Funerals to take place for cancer victims

Observer Staff Report

A funeral Mass for Conor Murphy will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ignatius High School, 1911 West 30th St., Cleveland Ohio. Viewing will be held at St. Ignatius preceding the Mass from 9:30-11 a.m.

The University will provide buses to Cleveland for the viewing and funeral Mass. Buses will begin boarding at Library Circle at 5 a.m. and return to campus after the Mass. Space is limited.

Zahn Hall students who plan to go should contact Father Tom Bednar. All other Notre Dame students should call the Student Activities Office at 1-7303 or email sao@nd.edu.

In lieu of flowers, Murphy's family

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Living in a climate of change

Homosexual members of the Notre Dame community agree that although progress is slow, the University is becoming more welcoming

By ERIN PIROUTEK
 Associate News Editor

Ever since the University denied Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame the right to meet on campus in 1993, the struggle for recognition by homosexual student groups has fueled public debate, most recently when OutreachND was denied recognition in April 2000.

But while not as well publicized, the more prevalent struggle is that of individual Notre Dame students, those who deal every day with being homosexual in a predominantly heterosexual culture.

A change in campus atmosphere is impossible to measure, but members of Notre Dame's gay and lesbian community agree that Notre Dame is becoming a more welcoming place.

"It's much better here [now] than when I came here," said Outreach cochair Dave Wyncott.

Fellow co-chair Molly Morin echoed Wyncott's sentiments.

"In my personal experience, students seem to be more open and aware to what's going on with gay students," she said.

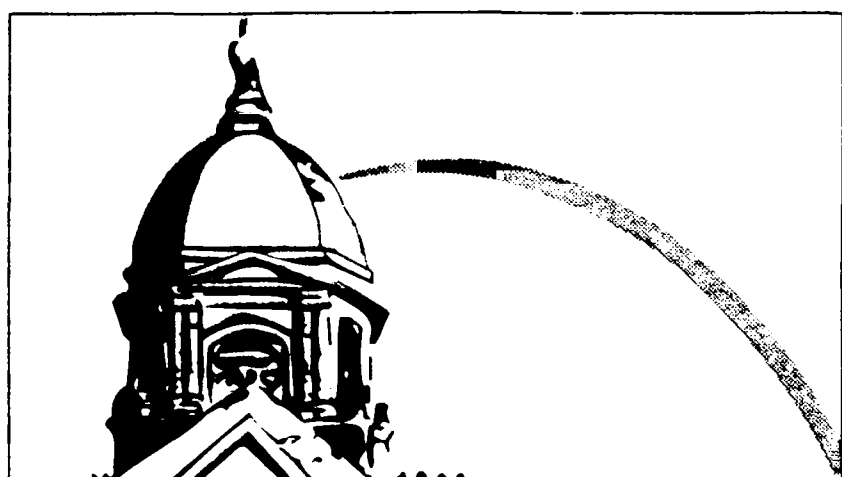
Reasons for the changes include a more visible gay and lesbian community, improved efforts by the University to create a more welcoming environment

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PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Each day individual students face challenges associated with being homosexual on a Catholic, largely heterosexual campus. And sometimes they stand alone. "Those are the students that I worry about most — those who are alone," said Keough Hall rector Father Tom Doyle. Doyle is at least one member of the Notre Dame community who believes the University is slowly making strides to be more welcoming to gay students.



INSIDE COLUMN

Becoming them

Few things in life are guaranteed. Just as Fox's "World's Meanest Animals" appears on your TV, the remote is nowhere to be found. The very last seat in class is the one next to the kid who smells like he's been at a bar all morning.

And one day, whether we're prepared for it or not, we become our parents.

What we don't realize, though, is that this isn't necessarily a bad thing.

The realization is seldom happy and always sudden. It hits us when we least expect it — when we laugh at a Democrat joke or say "slacks" when we mean pants. It rocks our world and, guaranteed, it freaks us out.

And it often comes in the nicest of compliments that we take to be the cruelest insults.

I used to hate it when the old ladies from church would come up to me and tell me I must be Patricia's daughter. "It's your eyes ... your smile ... your sense of humor." (I'm told for that, my grandfather would be proud).

Now I see it almost every day. I recognize my mother in every sarcastic joke I dish out. I realize it whenever I spot a new white streak highlighting my hair.

I remember as a little girl thinking that when my parents turned 50 they might as well be turning 100. At a time when I figured I'd be married with children at 22, 50 seemed ancient and further away than I could possibly imagine.

Today, as my mother hits the much talked-about age, I realize that 50 is just as important to me as it is to my parents.

Like many of my senior classmates, now is the most confusing time of my life. What will I do? Where will I live? Which bill will I dodge first?

More than any other time in my life, I now need my parents. Without their help or guidance I might not know how to start paying school loans. I might not get the extra push I need to find a good job. Hell, I might end up working back at Indiana's largest Amoco gas station like I did a few summers ago.

Now is a time when I just need an old church lady to tap me on my shoulder and remind me that I'm Pat's girl. Or — and I can't believe I admit it — for me to get in a political debate with my dad and know that I'm that passionate because of him.

It's a time when my parents can be proud of how they have shaped me and my life experiences; when they can see themselves in how I deal with problems, answer the phone or butter my bread.

That 50 means that both my parents have hit the "milestone," and that I need the assurance that yes, I AM becoming them and that I'll turn out okay like they did. It's a time when they can see me becoming — well, them.

So if someone comments that you're beginning to walk, talk or act just like your mother, don't fret.

If an older woman you don't recognize approaches you and says, "Are you 'so-and-so's daughter? You look just like her," don't assume you've aged 30 years.

Turn, smile and say "thank you."

Thank you, Mom, and Happy Birthday.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Theives raid Fisher Hall food sales
February 3, 1976

Burglars took two pizza ovens, a sandwich oven, two cases of soft drinks and several sandwiches from Fisher Hall in the early morning hours. Damage was estimated at \$200. Two television sets had disappeared from Fisher earlier in the year. According to the Fisher president Bob Waddick, campus security's leads indicate the thieves were not students.

Spike Lee talks at Stepan
February 5, 1991

Renowned filmmaker Spike Lee discussed topics such as the Gulf War and racism in America. "Lee said he opposed the war in the Persian Gulf. 'This has nothing to do with maintaining freedom in Kuwait ... I mean President Bush didn't send anybody to South Africa,' he said. Lee credited his success to his strong family background.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Oklahoma State remembers crash victims

NORMAN, Okla. Oklahoma State University honored 10 men associated with the school's basketball team who lost their lives in a plane crash Saturday night.

Thousands began quietly filling Gallagher-Iba Arena shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday. Most faces were either expressionless or buried in their hands as they waited for the ceremony to begin.

The front of the stage was lined with portraits of the 10 who died, and their families were seated in a special section facing them.

Terry Don Phillips, director of OSU athletics, opened the ceremony by having a moment of reflection for the victims. He then announced plans to dedicate a memorial to them inside

"Now that we've been able to come together, the healing process can start."

Stephanie Hodges
Oklahoma State student

the newly renovated arena.

Kelly Ogle worked with OSU announcer Bill Teegins, who died in the crash. He shared memories of him and brought a smile to many in the arena.

"He loved OSU, he didn't want anyone to know it, but he told me many times he would have done the games for free," Ogle said.

OSU basketball head coach Eddie Sutton said Teegins was the most

humble sportscaster he had ever known.

Sutton received a standing ovation by the crowd and the only applause of the afternoon.

OSU student Stephanie Hodges said the memorial service was what the students needed right now.

"Now that we've been able to come together, the healing process can start," Hodges said.

Even Eskimo Joe's, a place OSU vice president Harry Birdwell said was not known for its religious music, experienced a moment of prayer when the band began to play "Amazing Grace."

"Even the schools we compete with most fiercely have worn our colors and bowed their heads with us," he said.

DARTMOUTH

Police question suspect student

HANOVER, N.H.

A Dartmouth junior says that the police consider him a "prime suspect" but that he is completely innocent of all allegations and was not in any way involved in the Saturday afternoon murders of Susanne and Half Zantop. The student, who spoke under the condition of anonymity, told The Dartmouth in an interview early Thursday morning that the police's investigation into his involvement is "a bunch of baloney." The student said that two police officers came to his dormitory room Monday evening and questioned him for approximately an hour. They then requested that he come with them to the Hanover police station and record his statement officially. The police also confiscated several items of clothing and footwear and a kitchen knife that the student said he used for "cutting cheese and ham." The police declined to comment on possible suspects, but the student said he does not believe he is the only suspect. The student said he was interrogated for about four hours Tuesday night.

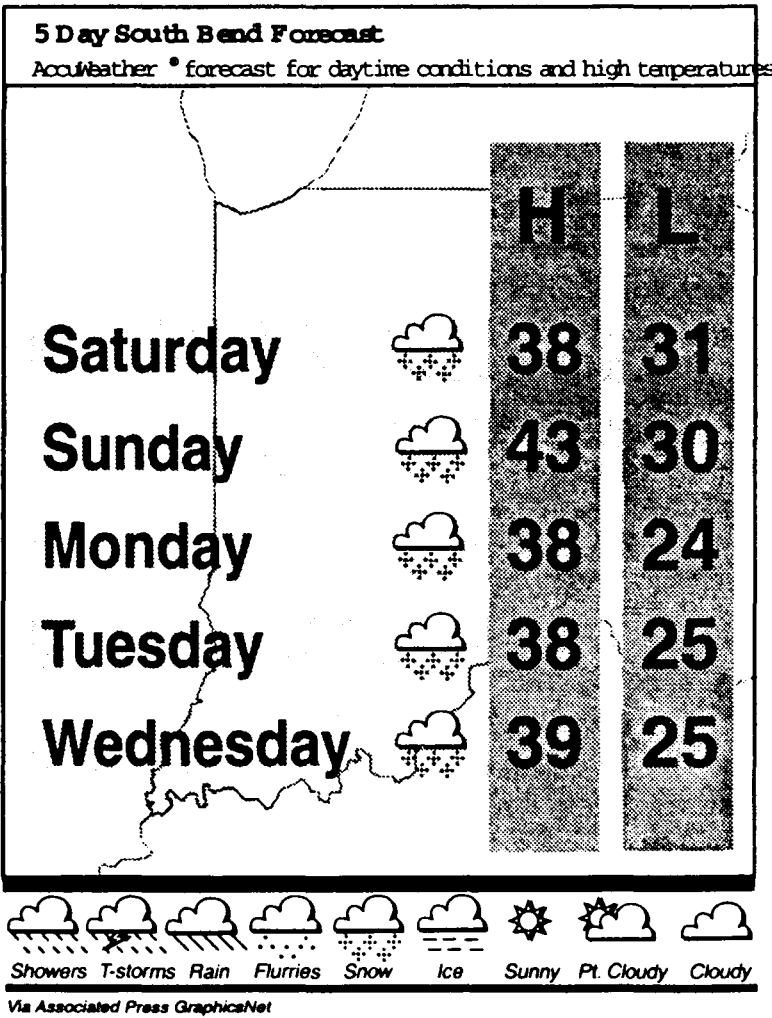
UCLA

Gore to teach as visiting professor

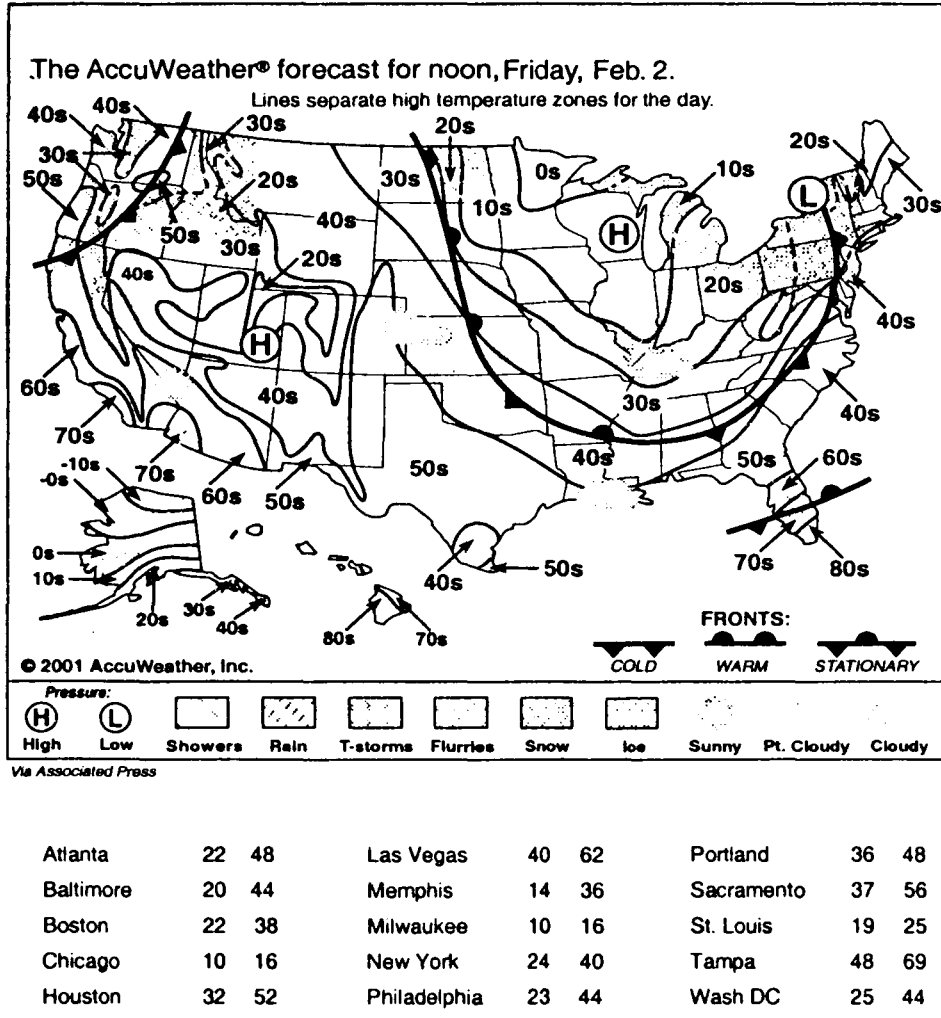
LOS ANGELES

Former Vice President Al Gore will join the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research spring quarter as a visiting professor. Gore convened with faculty and members of the community in a closed meeting Wednesday to discuss a new curriculum of family-centered community development. Two graduate students also sat in on the proceedings. Presentation topics included early childhood development, schools as centers for lifelong learning and housing and community planning. "We are delighted that Al Gore has joined UCLA as a visiting professor in the pathbreaking field of family-centered community development," said Chancellor Albert Carnesale. "Our faculty and students will benefit greatly from his expertise and his strong commitment to this important emerging discipline." The new multi-disciplinary curriculum will incorporate educators, public health officials and public policy authorities. It is intended to bridge the differences between all parts of campus.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Chilean diplomat addresses future of Pinochet, democracy

♦ Former Chilean dictator could face trial, house arrest

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

The socialist Chilean ambassador to the United States spoke about the house arrest and possible trial of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in a lecture Thursday night.

"Human rights violations was a characteristic of the Pinochet regime. I don't think that there is anybody in Chile that didn't feel a deep sense of satisfaction when Pinochet was detained. Arrogance was being punished," explained Juan Gabriel Valdés to a nearly full auditorium of professors, students and members of the community.

Valdés offered his views on recent news surrounding the former dictator and lifelong senator as well as his nation's transition to democracy.

"Extraordinary events have taken place in the last few weeks," Valdés said in reference to Pinochet's house arrest and possibility of standing trial on charges of homicide and kidnapping.

Valdés attributes the current progress in addressing past human rights violations to institutional and political changes that have taken place within the government.

"The military dictatorship left a structure that inhibited a move toward democracy.

Legislative policies prohibited passing laws and the armed forces had the same input as the other three branches of government," Valdés said.

Additionally, Pinochet remained commander-in-chief of the army for another seven years and became a senator for life. The justices he appointed to the supreme court continued to retain their positions throughout the 1990's.

"We thought that democracy would become the 'only game in town' if only we could eliminate the constitution. We have now been able to change the institutions of Pinochet [instead]," said Valdés.

Now, the government is able to move on with the passage of laws replacing many of Pinochet's judges with a group of human rights enthusiasts, and the former dictator's retirement from the armed forces has brought the first accusations against him by the military.

Despite these advances, however, Valdés would still like to see the establishment of a new constitution.

"I believe that we should face the task of a new constitution. I also have to accept that these institutions [remaining from the Pinochet era] do not threaten the democratic government," Valdés said.

Valdés also addressed the concern among many outsiders that Chile's democratic government is inefficient and the nation's decision to try Pinochet in Chile instead of by an

international court for human rights violations.

Most outsiders "have never understood the power of the Chilean right. This has led many people abroad to blame vacillations on democracy rather than the [far] right. They could never understand what it was like to govern a country where businesses and the media were against you because you were against Pinochet," Valdés said.

Valdés also defended his nation's decision to pursue legal action against Pinochet domestically rather than on an international level in Madrid.

"We were concerned that a trial in Madrid would have been an international justice but not a Chilean justice," Valdés said.

He emphasized that it is important for Chile not only to work toward the future, but also come to grips with their past.

"The right looks at Pinochet as a hero from Marxism while the left is upset about injustices under him," Valdés said.

He is confident that justice against human rights violations will be achieved but said that achieving it would take time, citing that some investigations have taken up to six years.

"Justice is very slow. I think it's not only slow in Chile but everywhere," Valdés said.

The unanticipated crowd that gathered to hear Valdés speak forced organizers to relocate the lecture from a Hesburgh Center conference room to the building's main auditorium.



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At a lecture Thursday night, Juan Gabriel Valdés spoke of the former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet. Valdés, the Chilean ambassador to the United States, talked about recent news involving Pinochet's legal situation.

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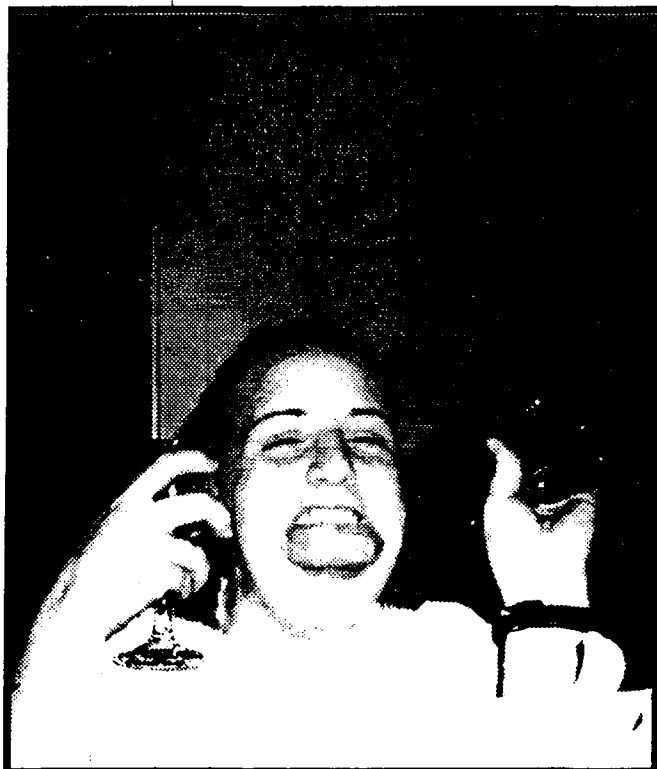
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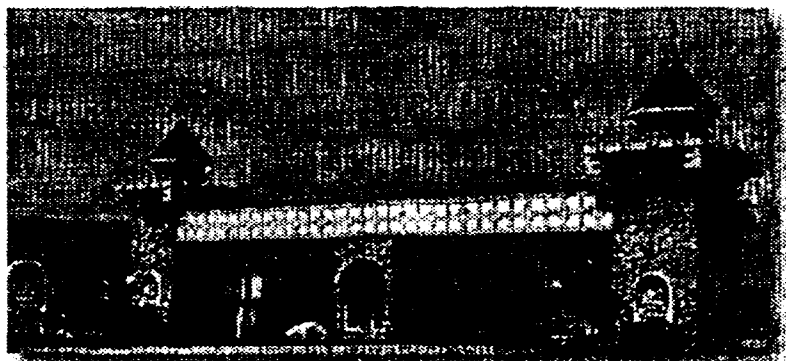
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Change

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and a greater acceptance of homosexuality nationwide.

"Society in general is changing. Notre Dame is slowly lagging behind, but it is changing," said Wyncott.

As more students know someone who's gay or lesbian, homosexuality becomes more than an abstract concept.

"When it has a personal face — that's when hearts are changed and attitudes are developed," said Keough Hall rector Father Tom Doyle, who works with gay and lesbian students through Campus Ministry.

"I think there's been an increase in gay students living openly, which teaches students in their dorms, in their classes about tolerance in a very personal way," said Morin.

Better support is likely a reason more students feel comfortable enough to be open about their sexuality. Morin noted that groups such as Outreach allow gay students to come together and gain support that they can bring back to a larger community at Notre Dame.

In 1997, the University adopted "The Spirit of Inclusion at Notre Dame," which reads in part "We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish."

We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community."

The University does not recognize sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause, which disturbs many members of the community. Yet the steps towards the ideals of "The Spirit of Inclusion" cannot be ignored.

Campus Ministry has helped take some of these steps by promoting initiatives such as designating last Nov. 5 as Solidarity Sunday. The purpose was to challenge the Notre

Dame community to be a place where all, including gays and lesbians, are accepted and loved for who they are. Each priest on campus received a packet of information about welcoming and inclusion. In collaboration with Outreach, cards with a unity prayer and a rainbow pin were distributed after all campus Masses.

Campus Ministry has also sponsored an annual retreat for gays, lesbians, questioning students and their friends which has grown in popularity. Nearly 40 people attended the last retreat in November, and Campus Ministry is considering offering another retreat this semester.

"It was a wonderful weekend to watch people who are homosexual feel like they are totally at home," said Doyle. "You can literally watch the tension and pressure drop from people's faces."

Additionally, in 1996 the University established the "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs." According to its mission statement, the group works on "identifying the ongoing needs of gay and lesbian students" and "assist[ing] in the implementation of campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues," as well as fostering continued dialogue. Students, faculty and administrators serve on the committee, and at least half of the members are gay or lesbian.

The Standing Committee sponsors the NETWORK initiative, which aims to educate the campus community about the psychological and theological issues related to sexual orientation. NETWORK participants receive a card which depicts the Dome sitting upon a rainbow. Posting the card indicates that they are willing to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian issues.

Although some perceive an animosity between the Standing Committee and Outreach, they do work together, according to Wyncott, a member of both groups.

"Now the students see the standing committee as an instrument for positive change," said Standing Committee chair Sister Mary Louise Gude. "There really isn't opposition, there's more or less cooperation and I anticipate this trend will continue."

Morin noted, however, that while six students are on the Standing Committee, there are approximately 30 Outreach members whose views aren't being heard.

"This is working out well right now, but things could be better," she said. "I think still it's hard for student initiatives to go through."

Others agree that a lot of progress still needs to occur.

"The University doesn't know how to give support without feeling like it is going against the doctrine of the Church. That is, too much support could be misinterpreted as an

endorsement. The University feels pressured by the Church not to endorse homosexuality," said junior Jeremy Bauer, Outreach member.

And although the support system at Notre Dame is getting increasingly stronger there are still reasons why students may not feel comfortable enough to openly discuss their sexuality.

"Those are the students that I worry about the most — those who are alone," said Doyle.

Another worry is blatant prejudice. One of Wyncott's friends experienced hate firsthand.

Wyncott's friend was walking back to Campus View from a party at Turtle Creek. He and his boyfriend had been drinking. A few hugs and kisses were exchanged.

"A SUV with Notre Dame parking decals pulled up next

to them," said Wyncott. "Three very angry men piled out."

The men, who also had been drinking began to intimidate the couple, Wyncott said.

"They were trying to decide 'what to do with the fags,'" said Wyncott. The harassment stopped when the designated driver yelled out the window to "leave the fags alone" and the vehicle drove away.

Wyncott notes that incidents like this aren't common.

"The average Notre Dame student is very respectful," he said. But even when prejudice occurs in mild forms, such as derogatory messages in the dorm on wipe-off boards, it still hurts.

"Gay students do not feel safe here entirely. Or it takes them a long time to feel safe," said Morin.

Still, the positive changes towards a more welcoming attitude towards gays and lesbians give cause for optimism about the future.

"It's much more like the movement of a glacier than a lightning bolt through the sky," said Doyle. "But it is progress."

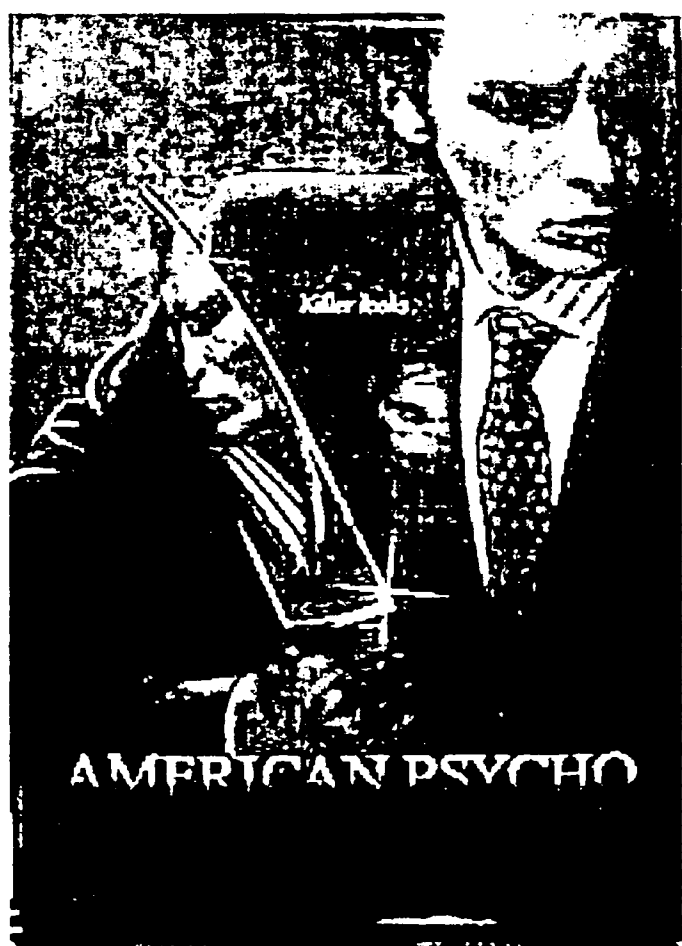
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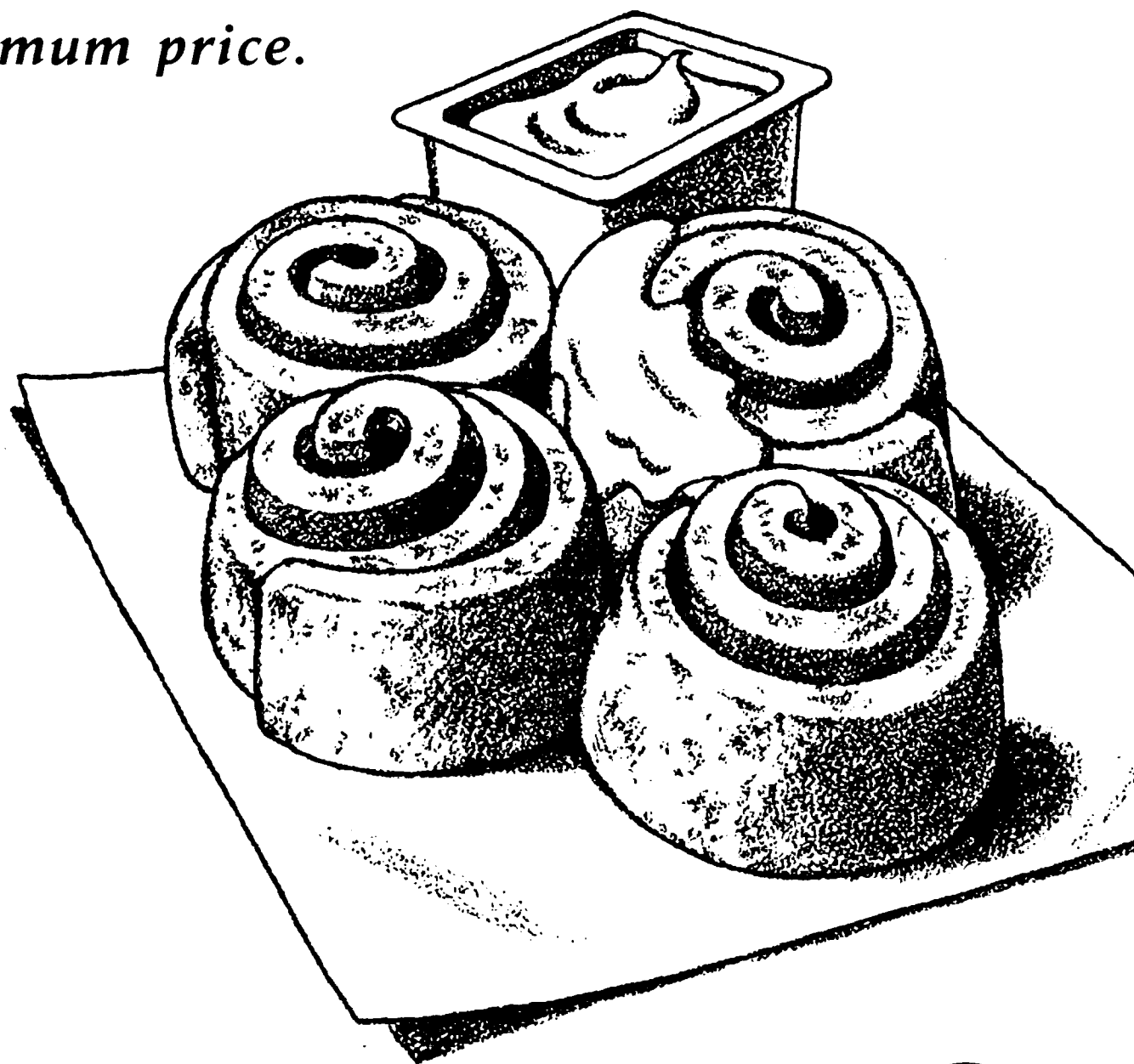
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Yeltsin has birthday in hospital:

Russia's first president, Boris Yeltsin, spent his 70th birthday in the hospital Thursday, where he downed a glass of champagne, ate cake and received roses from his successor, Vladimir Putin. Yeltsin's fever went down somewhat Thursday, his wife Naina said, two days after he was hospitalized with a high temperature and a suspected viral infection. Doctors said he was suffering from a cold.

22 die in Angola plane crash: A military plane crashed and burst into flames Thursday while trying to land in eastern Angola, injuring up to five people, a military official said. Rebels said they shot down the aircraft, killing 22. The Soviet-built Antonov 26 was carrying 17 government soldiers from Luau, on Angola's eastern border.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Alabama shooting leaves 2 dead: A gunman shot two people to death in a mobile home and critically wounded another at a nearby manufacturing plant Thursday. A suspect, Clarence Dempsey Freeman, 72, was arrested later near his brother's house. A motive for the shooting was under investigation, and charges were pending.

Man accused of kidnapping family:

A 17-year-old girl and her toddler daughter were abducted from her parents' Euless, Texas home by her former boyfriend Thursday, police said. An arrest warrant was issued charging Delfino Romero, 21, with aggravated kidnapping. Authorities were hunting for all three. "We're extremely concerned about their safety because we don't know the motive," police Sgt. Ron Williamson said. Police suspect Romero drove a getaway car for the three men who abducted his former girlfriend, Candida Chavira, and 2-year-old Alyssa Chavira.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Assistant admits to pushing elderly woman:

A former nursing assistant pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and admitted pushing an 86-year-old woman down a flight of basement stairs during a robbery attempt. Pamela Smithers, 39, also had been charged with attempted murder for injuring the woman, Dorothy Davidson, at Davidson's Jeffersonville home last year. That charge, along with robbery, burglary, battery and auto theft charges, will be dropped if a judge accepts her plea agreement, which calls for Smithers to be sentenced to 15 years in prison.

YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

A woman carrying a child runs past KFOR troops during clashes in the northern Kosovo town Kosovska Mitrovica. Twenty-six soldiers from the NATO-led peacekeeping force and seven Kosovo Albanians were injured in the riots.

Riots flare in tense Kosovo city

Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA
NATO-led peacekeepers talked some ethnic Albanian crowds into dispersing on Thursday and fired tear gas and stun grenades at others rioting near a base used by French soldiers in this tense Kosovo city.

As confrontations in Kosovska Mitrovica went into their fourth straight day, NATO's top general in Kosovo and the province's chief U.N. administrator met with local leaders in efforts to end the violence.

The violence ended by nightfall. Lt. Gen. Carlo

Cabigiosu and U.N. administrator Hans Haekkerup condemned the unrest, in a joint statement urging "all citizens to remain calm and refrain from further acts of violence."

The statement, also signed by the city's ethnic Albanian leaders, said there was a need for more troops and police in the city; the extension of a so-called confidence zone set up nearly a year ago on both sides of the main bridge separating its Serb and ethnic Albanian communities; and creating conditions for freedom of movement and the return of displaced families.

"We will use all forces we have available to increase our presence on the ground," Cabigiosu told reporters. The Italian general, the commander of the NATO-led Kosovo peace force, pledged that his troops would continue using restraint, adding: "We will not start a war here."

NATO's secretary general, Lord Robertson, used tougher language, telling reporters in Oslo, Norway, that peacekeepers in Kosovska Mitrovica would "continue to be robust with those who seek to challenge law and order."

In Budapest, Hungary, Adm. James Ellis, com-

mander in chief of NATO in southern Europe, also condemned the violence, "directed against the very forces that were introduced to preserve the well-being of both parties in the Kosovo conflict."

The industrial city has been rocked by unrest since Monday, when a 15-year-old ethnic Albanian was killed in a grenade attack.

On Wednesday, demonstrators throwing rocks and fire bombs injured 21 peacekeepers. Most, if not all, appeared to be French.

Several people were injured Thursday, including a photographer for the Reuters news agency.

Powell meets Congo president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday he would pursue with Congo's new president, Joseph Kabila, some ideas for the war-stricken country that Kabila spelled out in his inaugural address last week, including free elections and deployment of U.N. forces.

The points were "interesting and impressive," Powell said in advance of an early evening meeting at the State Department. Kabila was sworn in last Friday, 10 days after the Jan.

16 assassination of his father, Laurent Kabila, who had seized power in 1997.

Afterward, Kabila said "no concrete decisions" were taken in the meeting with Powell, and he wants to see a 1999 peace accord among Congo and five other countries renegotiated.

"We need to kick-start the Lusaka accord," Kabila said.

There are various ways, he said. "Renegotiate it," he said.

Kabila and several other foreign leaders — including Rwandan President Paul Kagame — are in

Washington for the annual presidential prayer breakfast. He also planned meetings with members of Congress and with oil company executives.

Powell has indicated he plans to give high priority to African issues, and the department's Africa bureau gave him his first briefing after he was nominated as secretary of state.

President Bush's interest in the continent, however, is questionable. In an interview last year, Bush said, "While Africa may be important, it doesn't fit into the national strategic interests as far as I can see them."

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Police catch 6 escaped Alabama prisoners

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DICKSON, Tenn. Six escaped convicts from Alabama were captured in Tennessee on Thursday, two days after they broke out of a maximum-security prison by using a broom handle to lift an electrified fence.

Authorities stumbled onto the group along a country road about 50 miles west of Nashville and 165 miles from the prison. They scattered and were caught without violence over an eight-hour span.

"We just partied, drank and got high — just had a good time," convicted burglar James McClain said after his arrest.

He said the group was headed to Memphis and then planned to drive to Canada. They had stopped near in the unincorporated community of Bucksport, west of Dickson, to eat, clean themselves and rest.

There were three convicted murderers among the group,

and their escape prompted residents across the region to lock their doors. A robbery at an RV park in Floyd County, Ga., was attributed to one fugitive earlier, but authorities said Thursday afternoon that the crime was not committed by the Alabama convicts.

The six stopped at a gas station Wednesday evening not far from where they were found. Three went inside and bought six bologna sandwiches, beer, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo, authorities said.

"I heard somebody say six bologna sandwiches," clerk Betty Wallace said. "I thought it was Joe Stampley's [country music] band. They come here regularly."

Authorities said they found the group by luck.

Just after midnight, two sheriff's deputies, looking for someone who had stolen a street sign, came upon a car parked near a creek the convicts apparently were using to

wash themselves. Deputy Darrell Groves said the inmates "scattered like a bunch of deer" into the woods.

The deputies learned the car had been stolen near the Alabama prison and inside found a shotgun, an empty pistol holder, money and several makeshift knives.

The deputies called for help and caught the first three inmates around 6 a.m. with the help of a tracking dog.

"We ordered them to give up and they came out unarmed," police officer Bryan Johnson said. "We said, 'Who are you?' And, they said, 'You know who we are.'"

Two more convicts were found within an hour. Gary Scott eluded authorities for another 6 1/2 hours before two residents spotted him crouched under a bridge.

"We told an FBI agent, went down the road a little piece and turned around, and by the time we got there, there were three state highway patrol cars

there," said Benny Rumsey, one of the residents.

The captured inmates were arraigned in federal court in Nashville Thursday afternoon. They were charged with unlawful flight to avoid confinement. Their next hearing was set for Tuesday, and they will be housed at the Metro Nashville Jail at least until then.

The inmates escaped Tuesday by slipping beneath an electric fence and two razor-wire fences at Alabama's St. Clair Correctional Facility, northeast of Birmingham, before guards noticed they were gone.

Prison commissioner Mike Haley has blamed the escape on a manpower shortage and faulty security, including an alarm system that didn't go off.

Captured were McClain, 35; Scott, 31; Billy Gamble, 24; Steve Murphy, 45; O.C. Borden, 33; and Jack Allred, 43.

Scott, Murphy and Borden were serving life sentences for murder.

Murphy is also credited with making the only other successful escape from the Alabama prison, in 1984. He and another man used a hacksaw to cut through metal bars and then crawled 100 yards through a drainage pipe to freedom. Murphy was recaptured about 2 1/2 months later.

"We just partied, drank and got high — just had a good time."

James McClain
convicted burglar

Historic railway cars crash in L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Two cars on a historic cable railway in downtown Los Angeles collided Thursday, injuring eight people, three of them critically, authorities said.

The cable for the Angels Flight car at the top of Bunker Hill apparently broke, sending it crashing into the other wooden car, Fire Chief William Bamattre said.

"It usually goes about 2 mph, it must have been going 30," said Isis Burkholder, who was working in a coffee stand across the street when the car came hurtling down the track. "It sounded like a building fell down."

It was unclear whether the ride had actually started.

The orange-and-black cars normally move in opposite directions from stations at the top and bottom of the hill. One heads down the hill as the other one heads up. They pass each other in the middle of the slope where the tracks separate widely.

The noontime collision occurred near the bottom of the tiny railway.

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administration's reasons for not allowing the play to take place at the College this year.

Although Eldred said she saw the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" last year on campus, she declined to give her opinion of the play.

"Yes, I did see [The Vagina Monologues]," she said. "However, sometimes when you are in a position of responsibility you have to set aside personal views and do what is best for the organization. My view is that what I think is best for Saint Mary's College is not to have the play performed on campus this year."

In place of the "Monologues," Eldred suggested more inclusive programming regarding sexuality and violence against women.

"We have continued to say that we don't feel that there is a need to do the play again this year," said Eldred. "We talked about creating more programming to meet the needs of more students."

This kind of programming would involve a panel discussion or bringing speakers to campus representing a wide range of opinions on issues of sexuality, said Koelsch.

However, Koelsch said CARE already sponsors such programming efforts throughout the year on campus.

"I think there was a misunderstanding between CARE and the administration about inclusiveness," said Koelsch. "We pointed out to them that we already have those other programming but 'The Vagina Monologues' was a different way to talk about things and even if we had it last year, there will always be someone new on campus who could benefit from seeing it."

CARE board member Katie Poynter agreed. She added that lectures and panels do not draw crowds the way the monologues did last year, when an estimated 350 people attended performances.

"The administration is saying that we should do other programming in place of 'The Vagina Monologues,' so if the administration thinks they can put together a panel that brings 350 students to see it and then a year later can bring together a

group of students so fired up that ... they come to a forum to speak out and voice their opinions about it, then I guess I would say we should have that panel discussion instead of 'The Vagina Monologues,'" said Poynter.

Eldred told the CARE board members that she would assist the group in securing funding for a bus to take students to Chicago providing the students could get tickets to see a performance of "The Vagina Monologues," provided they could get tickets.

"Basically, what the administration is saying is 'we think the play is fine but we don't think that we should have it at Saint Mary's,'" said Koelsch. "The problem with that is that the tickets are very expensive and most likely sold out."

The V-Day initiative through which CARE had hoped to perform the "Monologues" provides copies of Ensler's play free of charge. All profits go to organizations that help raise awareness of battery, rape, abuse and violence against women.

Regardless of the administration's stance, Koelsch said the fight is not over. The V-Day initiative lets colleges perform the play anywhere from Feb. 7 to 21.

"We're going to talk to Board of Governance and see if they will take a position on 'The Vagina Monologues,' and we are going to talk to Faculty Assembly also," said Koelsch. "People who think this issue will just roll over and die are wrong. I won't stop fighting to have 'The Vagina Monologues' performed on this campus until Feb. 21. I have 20 more days to raise a ruckus and I intend to. There will be more discussions."

Nagle, Matha meet few students

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The lone ticket running for Saint Mary's student body president/vice president, Michelle Nagle and Kristen Matha, had the opportunity to present their platform to the student body Thursday night at a meet the candidates event.

The sparsely attended event gave the Nagle/Matha ticket the chance to answer questions from the elections commissioner and students in attendance.

"We would like to invite the entire community into student government during our administration," Nagle said.

The questions from the elections commissioner addressed their platform and how they were going to achieve their objectives. Among the issues Nagle/Matha discussed was the adding a Holy Cross representa-

tive to board of governance.

"They [Holy Cross] admire us," Nagle said. "What we envision with the Holy Cross representative is to get to know them as people and bring them in so they can get to know us."

They also discussed the "State of the Student Address" they are planning. They explained that the address that would occur at the beginning of each semester would serve both to inform the student body of student government's actions and to keep student government accountable to the student body.

"The heart of the platform is make sure we're accessible," Nagle said.

After the prepared questions, the audience had an opportunity to address the candidates with their own concerns. One of the first questions they answered was in respect to their future administration's relationship to the Saint Mary's administration.

"We met with every administrator before we decided to run because we didn't think the student voice was being communicated in the best way it could," Nagle said. "We are looking for the best way to represent the student body to the administration."

They also addressed the recent elimination of the track program from Saint Mary's athletics. As a varsity basketball player, Matha explained that she saw the frustration of the team, but also saw why the administration saw the elimination was necessary.

"It is definitely unfortunate," Matha said. "I understand where the administration is coming from, however. We need coaches and our equipment is very outdated. If the track team is going to compete at the level they want to compete at, we need to have adequate facilities on our own campus."

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requests that donations be made to scholarships in his name at either St. Ignatius High School or the University.

A funeral Mass for Scott Delgadillo will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. Visitation will take place from 1-3 p.m. in the Basilica's Lady Chapel. Delgadillo died Monday night after a yearlong battle with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated in his hometown Saturday, then, in accordance with Scott's wishes, his family will accompany his body to South Bend for

the Mass at Notre Dame. They will return Tuesday to San Diego for burial.

Six members of the Notre Dame football team — Shane Walton, Joey Getherall, Rocky Boiman, Grant Irons, Anthony Weaver and Sean Milligan — have been asked by the Delgadillo family to serve as pallbearers.

Irons said he was honored to serve as a pallbearer. "It's unfortunate how his life was cut so short, but it's amazing how many lives he touched. I'm not just talking about the football team. He was an inspiration to everyone," said Irons.

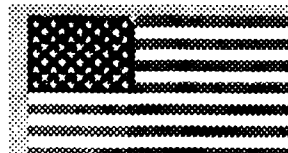
Local arrangements are being handled by Kaniewski Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be sent to the Cox Kids' Foundation, Scott Delgadillo Fund, c/o San Diego Foundation, PO Box 81107, San Diego, Calif. 92138.

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Clinton heads back into limelight

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Out of the nation's sight for all of two weeks, Bill Clinton is back. He's got two speeches in Florida, something to say to Israelis as they get ready to vote and a possible trip to Hong Kong for a conference.

"Someone needs to send him a m e m o reminding him that he's no longer president," conservative critic L. Brent Bozell III snapped Thursday.

But Clinton spokesman Jake Siewert said the ex-president is merely following the lead of his predecessors in hitting the lucrative lecture circuit.

"He has hundreds of speaking requests," Siewert said. "Like any former president, Clinton will give speeches from



Clinton

time to time, press interviews from time to time.

"I don't think the American people would expect anything different."

On Monday, Clinton is to speak at a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter convention in Boca Raton, Fla. The topic had not been decided. The fee is about \$100,000, according to sources familiar with the speaking arrangements.

On Feb. 10, Clinton will give a speech, likely focused on the Middle East, at a synagogue in Aventura, Fla., near Miami. The sources would not disclose the fee.

Clinton did his first post-presidency interview Thursday, talking 30 minutes with an Israeli TV station at his home in Chappaqua, N.Y. His remarks are to be shown Friday, just four days before Israel's election that is expected to determine the direction of Middle East peace talks.

Siewert said Clinton is not meddling in U.S.-Mideast policy. Instead, he said, "The interview looked back on his role in

the process and the lessons he drew from that about how to bring peace to the Mideast."

Clinton may even return to Washington soon, although not by his own initiative.

Republican Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who started a Judiciary Committee hearing on Clinton's pardon of fugitive multimillionaire Marc Rich, said Clinton may be called before the panel.

Former Vice President Al Gore, Bush's rival in the campaign, also is coming back into view, with a speech Monday to a health care conference in New York. His fee was not disclosed.

Clinton's re-emergence follows his slow-motion exit from the presidency, one that irritated Republican critics who said he was crowding in on Bush's big moment.

Following a farewell address to the nation his last week in office, Clinton spoke on Inauguration Day at a rally at Andrews Air Force Base and then welcoming rallies in New York City and Chappaqua.

"He lusts for the spotlight," said Bozell, president of the Media Research Center, a conservative media-watch-dog group.

But there's nothing new about ex-presidents airing their views for cash.

When Ronald Reagan went to Asia in 1989, the year he left office, a Japanese media conglomerate paid him \$2 million for two 20-minute speeches. He gave other talks for about \$60,000 each.

Bush's father charged an estimated \$100,000 for trips abroad, and he charged about \$80,000 for speeches in the United States after he was president.

Bush unveils plan to aid religious agencies

◆ Proposal would also give funds to disabled Americans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush sought on Thursday to show the compassion behind his brand of conservatism, unveiling a multimillion dollar plan to aid disabled Americans and promising to stop government from "discriminating against religious institutions" that help the needy.

In separate events, Bush capped a weeklong campaign designed to reach out to moderate voters. Advisers say the president will turn next week to another challenge: promoting tax cuts by trying to show they would benefit families, small businesses, the high-tech industry and the sluggish economy. He plans to submit the package to Congress late in the week.

His Thursday began with the National Prayer Breakfast, an annual gathering of lawmakers, foreign heads of state and spiritual leaders. Bush promised to respect the separation of church from state even as he tries to funnel more government money to church groups.

"I'm interested in what is constitutional and I'm interested in what works," Bush said, promoting his plan to make government money available to religious organizations that help the needy or provide other community services.

Promising to lift regulatory barriers and allow religious groups to compete for a share of

social-services money distributed by the government, Bush said, "The days of discriminating against religious institutions simply because they are religious must come to an end."

The line drew a huge round of applause.

Mindful of critics, Bush said his proposal was not an effort to impose religion on anybody. "An American president serves people of every faith, and serves some with no faith at all," he said.

Bush, a Methodist, quoted scripture and said religion was important in his life, just as President Clinton and several of his predecessors have done. Clinton used the 1998 gathering to apologize for his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Later, Bush filled up the East Room to discuss a series of proposals to help disabled Americans. They include:

- ◆ Increase spending for research and development.
- ◆ Provide low-interest loans to help disabled people buy computers and other equipment needed to work from home.
- ◆ Increase state spending for educating disabled students.
- ◆ Support 10 pilot projects to develop transportation plans for the disabled.

- ◆ Create a national commission on mental health to study the nation's health services delivery system.

The "New Freedom Initiative" was first outlined in great detail in the presidential campaign, but Bush used the

White House to restate and promote his intentions — just as he did for his education and religious packages.

"I'm proud that the last great reform in this cause, the Americans with Disability Act, bears the signature of my dad," said Bush, whose father signed the act in 1990.

Bush did not provide spending figures Thursday, but aides said the costs had changed little since June.



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"The days of discriminating against religious institutions simply because they are religious must come to an end."

President Bush



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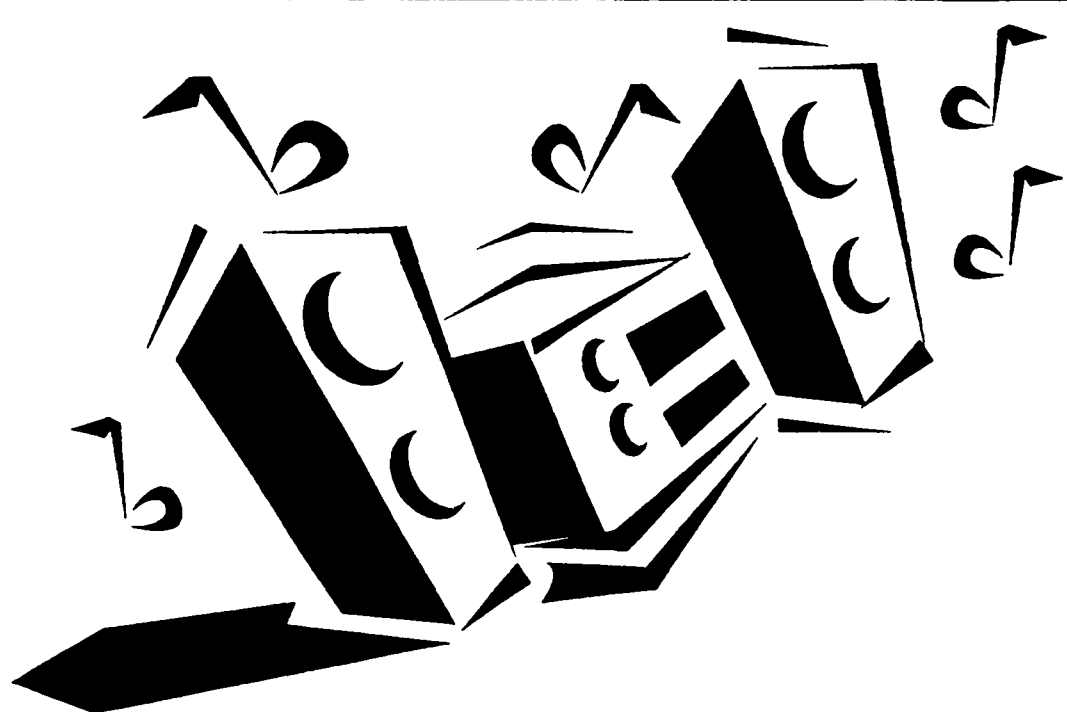
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Board of Trustees should meet here

This weekend, Notre Dame students will address the Board of Trustees for the first time in Notre Dame history. Brian O'Donoghue, John Osborn and Mike Heinz's speech on "Students' ability to understand and articulate their Catholic faith" possibly will improve the Board's understanding of the students at Notre Dame.

But if the Board of Trustees really wanted to understand the Notre Dame community, it wouldn't force O'Donoghue, Osborn and Heinz to fly to Washington to meet the Board.

It is difficult to understand how the

most powerful body at Notre Dame can make discussions and policies for this University when it doesn't even meet on campus. By meeting in Washington, the Board has removed itself from the people it is supposed to govern.

If the Board wants to understand how Notre Dame students feel, they have to talk to Notre Dame students. If they want to learn how Notre Dame students understand their Catholic faith, they should come to a dorm mass. If they want to find out if students are articulating their faith, they should go on a Campus Ministry retreat and lis-

ten to the discussions.

No matter how much work O'Donoghue, Osborn and Heinz have put into their speech, it will not have the same impact as a Board meeting on campus where it can see students understanding and articulating their faith.

The primary goal of this University should be to create the most enriching environment for students social, religious and academic growth. The Board cannot possibly understand this environment from hundreds of miles away. If Board members are truly committed to the future of this University, it doesn't seem unreasonable for the Board to meet on campus twice a year.

The Observer Editorial

Bring on ND beer commercials

What a refreshing experience for us "Cafeteria Catholics" who are criticized for not blindly following church dogma to watch so many Becks beer commercials during the Notre Dame-Georgetown men's basketball game aired on ABC.

It was amusing that "The Jesuit Catholic University of America" and that secular organization called "The Big East" permitted alcohol commercials during this all-Catholic game, especially when ND officials like to consider the Irish team as representing "The Catholic University in America."

Where was the sense of outrage from Notre Dame as they raked in the television proceeds? Many find it amusing that ND football games will not accept sponsorship from alcohol manufacturers while drunken slobbs carry open containers throughout the campus during Saturday afternoons.

Don't get me wrong, I was one of those drunken slobbs in my youth. However, it is difficult for me to explain to my Georgetown friends how commercial money in the Big East differs with that of the independent NBC football contract.

Today, Punxsutawney Phil will express his outrage at the Georgia "copy groundhog" who is attempting to "overshadow" Phil. And just recently, the Bush Administration expressed moral outrage for all the Clinton staff pranks prior to their departures from the White House. Morality usually has different meanings to different folks.

History has shown that almost every presidential administration during modern times expresses frustration at being succeeded by an administration of the opposite party.

The issue resurfaced last week when Bush officials moving into their offices found that the "W" key had been popped

off of many computer keyboards. George Walker Bush had made a three-fingered "W" his signature salute in the waning days of his campaign, and the keyboard incident was portrayed as hijinks on talk shows and in news accounts.

Clinton administration officials confirmed that pranks were played on the incoming Republicans, but contended that nothing malicious had been intended. The Democratic officials said the actions were meant to be funny, or in some cases were an outlet for frustration by soon-to-be-unemployed staffers.

But a little tomfoolery is typical in transitions between presidents. On the day Gerald Ford left Washington, his staff ground peanut shells into the rug of Air Force One ... like Jimmy Carter was personally going to clean it! Carter staff took pizza and ran along the halls of the Old Executive Office Building smearing tomato sauce along the walls for the Reagan staff to enjoy.

Incoming administrations often accuse their predecessors of trying to make life difficult. In 1993, some Clinton officials cried foul when they found hard drives missing from their computers, but they turned out to have been seized by an independent prosecutor looking into the Bush administration's use of passport files.

However, Clinton administration officials found numerous "Bush-Quayle" stickers plastered on desks when they moved into the White House. Some maintained that phones and computers had been disabled.

In defense of the departing Clintonites' deeds, some Democrats say that this year's mischief pales in comparison to what Clinton and Gore staffers encountered eight years ago. They say that office closets were locked shut and keys thrown away, almost all office supplies were stolen or discarded and scrawled signs contained greetings like, "Welcome you [expletive] draft dodger!" and "Go [exple-

tive] yourselves, you gay lovers."

Clinton and Gore officials admitted to having left official-looking signs on office doors that said roughly, "Office of Strategie" (a reference to a "Saturday Night Live" spoof of Bush), "Office of Subliminal Messages" (another reference to Bush malapropisms) and "Division of Uniting." Another sign with the words "Office of Communications" acquired the ever-so-slight hint of the word "RATS" in the background. The Office of Management and Budget was recast as the "Office of Management and Fudget."

Vice President Dick Cheney's wife, Lynne, was welcomed with the placard "Office of Uniter-Divider Division." One room within the Council of Economic Advisors' suite of offices became the "Council of Economic Advisors — Fuzzy Math Division." Republicans even play pranks on other Republicans. When Virginia Governor James S. Gilmore III took office in 1998, his aides accused the fellow Republicans on the outgoing staff of George F. Allen, now a U.S. senator, of disabling the telephone-answering system, emptying toner from all the copiers and leaving all the computers in a big pile. Both men are strong Christians who won the backing of Pat Robertson and his Christian Coalition during their respective elections.

So which of those Republican Virginia politicians and their staffs are really moral, or more moral? For us Cafeteria Catholics, it depends on how many Becks beers you drank.

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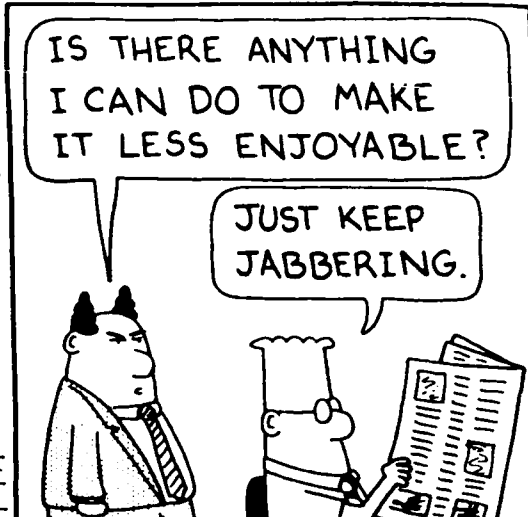


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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Unusual travel suggestions are dancing lessons from the gods."

Aldous Huxley
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contradictions span right and left

I write in response to Wednesday's column by James Seaman, entitled "Leaders of America's Left Fall to Flaws." Upon reading this piece I was left wondering: Why don't, why haven't, the leaders of America's right similarly fallen to flaws?

Reflect upon the Reagan-Bush legacy of illegal involvement in Central America, covert drug and gun deals, the destructive craziness of Star Wars, etc.

What was the Gulf War about anyway? Liberating Kuwait? How many Iraqi children died and continue to die as a result of our bombings (initiated, it is fair to say, by President Clinton as well as President Bush)?

Powell, Cheney, et. al., all the brave warriors who sat in their plush offices and orchestrated the rape and pillage of third world countries so that our 5 percent of the population could continue to consume close to 40 percent of the world's resources, whose repression of accurate information and reporting during the Gulf War still shames those of us who believe in the First Amendment. Why do we feel so lucky, so safe, to have these men back in charge?

As for George W. Bush, this is a man who presided, as Governor of Texas, in what will long be remembered as one of the most shameless systems of state execution in the developed world. We're not just speaking about capital punishment here, bad enough as it is (in the eyes of the Vatican), but the archaic Texas system of administering that punishment. Why is our new President Bush thought of as the man who will restore decency to our country?

In short, the Seaman piece compels me to ask another, but related (and somehow silenced) question beyond that of the authors: Why are Reagan, Bush and Bush and their henchmen still celebrated as unfallen leaders?

What Jesse Jackson did was wrong. Just as wrong, by the way, as what Newt Gingrich, Bob Livingston and Henry Hyde did. And perhaps whatever else George W. Bush did (he won't tell us) before he found religion.

But I also struggle to think well of our country's future as long as the "more public" evils of Ronald Reagan and the Bushes are ignored, or somehow take second stage to the relatively private evils of Livingston, Gingrich, Hyde and Jackson.

Jesse Jackson, following his mentor Martin Luther King, has done more good for the poor and oppressed in our country than Reagan or the Bushes could possibly imagine. If Republicans can welcome people like Ollie North back into their good graces (for what? subverting the Constitution?), I imagine that we "leftists" will find our way toward forgiving Mr. Jackson and continuing to work with him towards "the promised land" that he and Mr. King have devoted their lives towards making possible.

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February 1, 2001

ND Security Police not doing its job

Just in case you missed the small article tucked neatly back on page 9 of Thursday's Observer, I feel I should mention it. I was disheartened to read of another sexual assault on the Notre Dame campus. It is truly horrifying to read of such acts occurring anywhere, especially our home.

I'm not going to speculate as to the "unexplained reason" this crime somehow fell through the cracks and went unreported by Campus Security for nearly three months. I can, however, conclude that this oversight is definitely not a good example of what DuLac boasts on page 44: "[The Notre Dame Security Police Department] is a service organization whose product is safety. We succeed by providing services in a manner that exceeds expectations."

Service, safety, succeed, expectations. Did we miss anything? Not reporting a sexual assault that occurred on Nov. 3 until Jan. 22 is certainly not providing "services" in the "compassionate manner" it promises in DuLac.

Nor is assuming that an assault by an acquaintance does not "[pose] a threat" to the Notre Dame community. I don't think I have to remind a security organization of "well trained individuals who work as a team" that between 70 and 80 percent of all rapes are perpetrated by an acquaintance.

If this was simply an honest mistake, Campus Security, then take responsibility for it. You owe an apology to the survivor and to the student body who have relied on you to "promote a safe and well ordered environment."

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Responding to dissolution of Belles' track team

Fighting to keep track at the College

We are writing as a team to respond to the termination of the track and field program at Saint Mary's. We feel that this measure is a significant step back in the progress our Athletic Department promotes.

The Saint Mary's community is rooted deeply in its tradition, and that is part of what we love about our school. Track and field was one of the building blocks on which our present athletic program was founded. We believe it is important that the Athletic Department, as well as the whole community including administration, fellow students and alumnae, acknowledge the tradition of Saint Mary's women participating in track and field events.

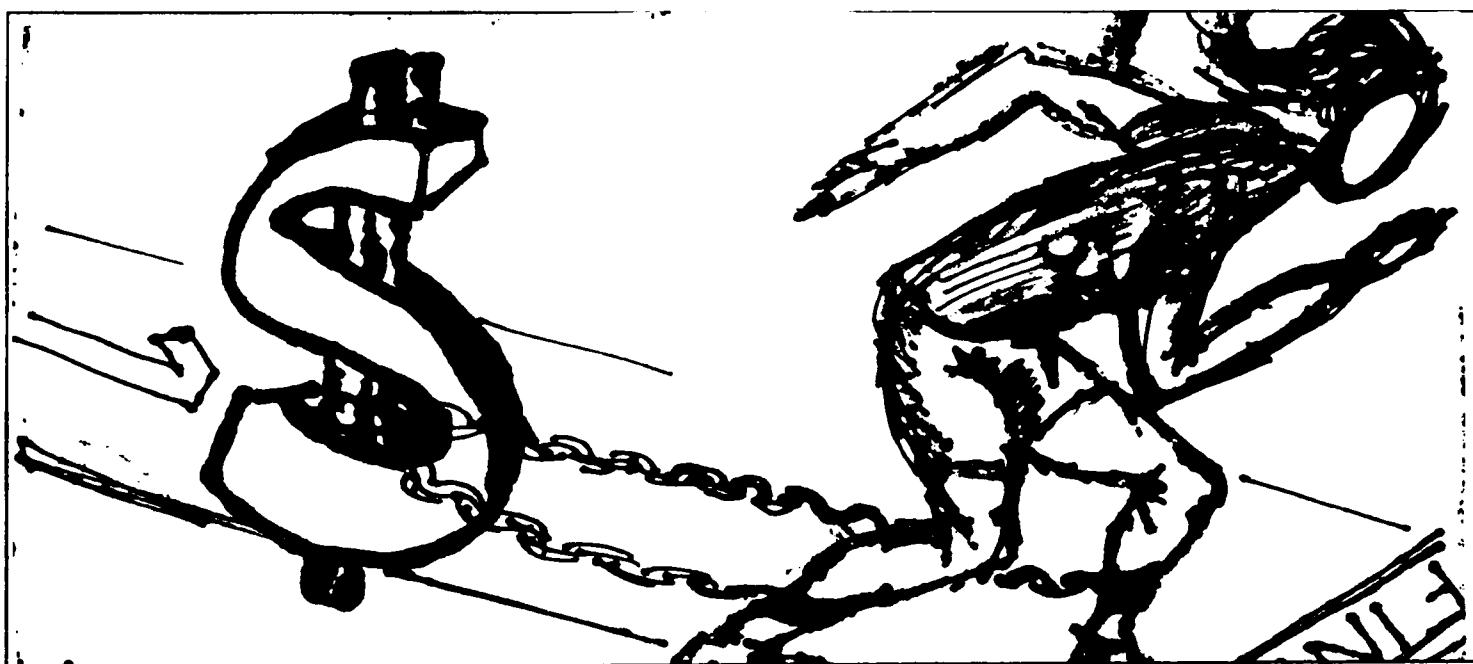
We also feel that by taking away the Track and Field program, Saint Mary's is not adhering to its mission statement which proclaims, "dedicated to the personal and social growth of its students, Saint Mary's cultivates a community life which responds to the needs of women and

cherishes their talents."

Our team has much talent and determination. At Saint Mary's, we are encouraged to be leaders and strive to make a difference. Track and Field has given us the opportunity to persevere and challenge ourselves to live out the mission of the College. Terminating the track and field program based on a little financial difficulty sends all women at Saint Mary's quite a contrary message.

We have decided to do all we can to save our program. We will not let our program die due to lack of money. We plan to continue competing at the varsity level for this season while trying to find the funds necessary for the track and field team to remain as a varsity sport on Saint Mary's campus. We encourage any feedback or support to help us reach our goal.

Saint Mary's Track and Field Team
February 1, 2001



Saint Mary's should rethink decision

Tuesday's controversial decision to eliminate the track and field program at Saint Mary's College was one that was undertaken in a hasty and sudden manner. Saint Mary's College President Marilou Eldred gave her not so popular final answer to cut the program after receiving the recommendation of athletic director Lynn Kachmarik. It is obvious to me that neither put much thought into the process.

The individuals who made this bold decision apparently had some second thoughts of their own considering they did not inform team members of even the possibility, let alone the final decision to, terminate the program at season's end. I would like to make several points as to why the track and field program should be kept running, no pun intended.

First, track and field is an activity which individuals compete in because they love it. It is not easy, practices are not fun and the sport enjoys little fanfare from outsiders. The point is that those who stay with the sport love it deeply and to take away that extracurricular option for current team members at Saint Mary's is wrong. It does much more than take away one activity from the day, it takes away a big part of who each team member is.

Secondly, financial concerns were given as the primary reason for cutting the program. It was estimated that the school could save \$13,000 by cutting the program, and this money could be allotted to other sports. I know Rick Pitino is available, but I am guessing he needs more than five figures to make him the new Belles basketball coach. In short, \$13,000 is not enough to make a significant difference in the sports program at Saint Mary's College.

Track and field is the largest high school participatory sport in America, and Saint

Mary's can use it as a recruiting tool for athletes who may not have the chance to run at a Division I school, but can come and compete in the sport they love at the Division III level. I think it would be in Saint Mary's best interest to diversify the number of sports they have to offer, rather than to specialize in only a few.

Third, how can anyone expect head coach Larry Szczcho to motivate his runners for the upcoming campaign. With no future to work towards, with each meet meaning the team is closer and closer to the end, how can any coach be expected to produce great results, and how can the athletes create the usual feeling of optimism heading into a season? The will to compete, a big part of the sport, will be lost.

Finally, adequate practice space was addressed. Saint Mary's has long jump, high jump, shot put and discus areas on campus. I am an assistant track and field coach at South Bend's Saint Joseph's High School, and we have allowed the Belles track team use of our facilities during the season. The one mile jog down to the track is like a stroll to the dining hall for these athletes, so distance can not be a concern.

A new facility may not be feasible, but cutting a sport altogether is not the answer. This shocking decision was done without a careful look into the future, without any input from the student-athletes effected by it and with financial considerations taking top order.

In my opinion, it is in the best interest of Saint Mary's to rethink its decision to cut the track and field program.

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The Writing on the Wall

Over the years, the library's carrels have been adorned with the idle thoughts of pro

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It happens to everyone, from the practiced slacker to the most diligent student. You've been at the library for what seems like days, your eyes bleary from the lack of sleep, your hands jittery from the steady flow of caffeine. As the clock ticks away the hours, you panic and lose all ability to concentrate on the stack of books in front on you. Wild-eyed and desperate for distraction, you lunge for your trusty No. 2 pencil and scribble maniacally on the desk in front of you.

Some vent their frustration by cursing professors and finals week itself. Others are so despairing that all they can think to write is their own name, over and over. Die-hard fans seek solace in their favorite lyrics, while lovebirds carve hearts and interlocked initials, pining for their absent one.

The lofty yearning for an education draws hopeful Irish from all corners of the globe, while the frantic cramming of finals week sends them running to the library. As they huddle in isolated cubicles or socialize at popular second-floor tables, study breaks and perfected procrastination techniques inspire a new art form — a language of the library, a subculture of the stacks.

Graffiti as a form of self-expression is nothing new; man's earliest artistic representations were rough sketches on the walls of caves. Overstressed students have continued this tradition of their ancestors throughout the history of higher education.

And Notre Dame is no exception.

From the day the Theodore M. Hesburgh Library opened its doors, Domers have sought to escape the pressures and demands of university life by leaving their mark on the desk in front of them.

The once smooth, wooden surface of library tables and cubicles tells a history of life at Notre Dame as seen through the eyes of students — their loves, their hates, their dreams and their frustrations. Exploring this secret saga of the stacks reveals the humor prevalent among decades of undergrads exasperated by the gray skies of South Bend and the lack of social life in northern Indiana.

While their wit and wisdom can be thought-provoking or even educational, the timid or faint-at-heart should remember that the maturity level of 18- to 22-year-olds often leaves much to be desired — one unfortunate constant throughout the years. Looking

beyond the occasional unpleasantry, however, can provide telling insight into the lives of those who have called this University home.

At a school so steeped in athletic tradition and excellence, it's only natural to find numerous references to sports and favorite teams scribbled on the desks of scholars. Almost every team is represented somewhere in the library, from "ND Water Polo forever!" to "ND Swim #1." One die-hard rugby player expressed his anger at his team's disbanding by writing a few choice words to the Office of Residence Life in bold black pen, followed by "NOTRE DAME RUGBY LIVES!"

Football dominates the sport-affiliated graffiti. One jubilant fan proclaimed "11/13/95 — Greatest Day for ND Football Fans!" Another responded grudgingly, "9/18/99 — Worst Day for ND Football Fans."

Another set of responses reveals the spectrum of football lovers and haters. An exuberant "Are you ready for some football?!" is dryly answered by, "NO — this school should work to develop its academic reputation and recruit pros like it recruits jocks."

Some take their graffiti more seriously than others.

One interesting phenomenon is the presence of various Notre Dame slurs, generally along the lines of "Go Michigan! ND Sucks." Apparently some visiting fans make it a point to visit the library in the hopes of defacing a few desks in the name of their team. We print up cleverly insulting t-shirts and chant degrading

cheers; they insult us in library cubicles. Wow, they really got us there.

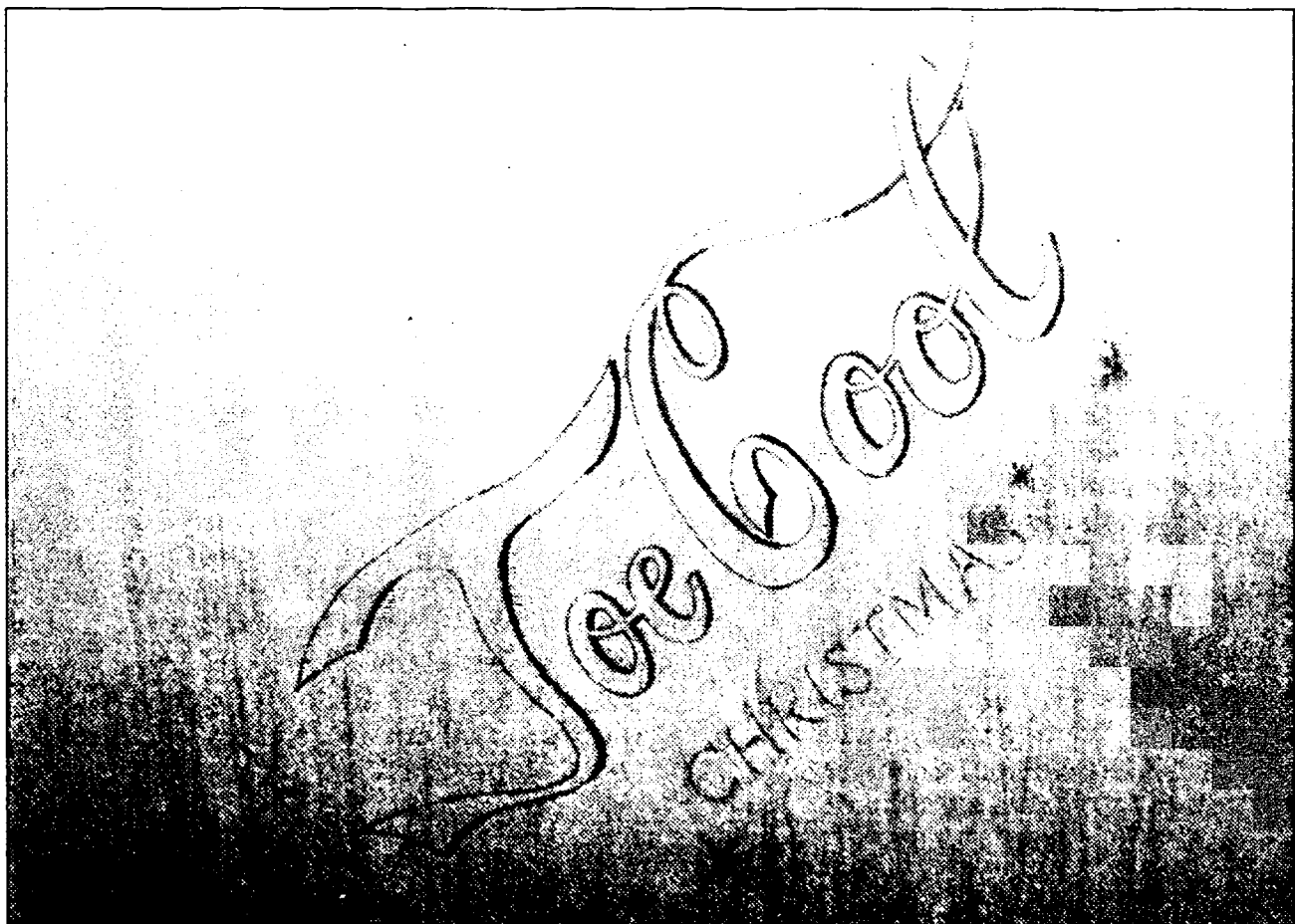
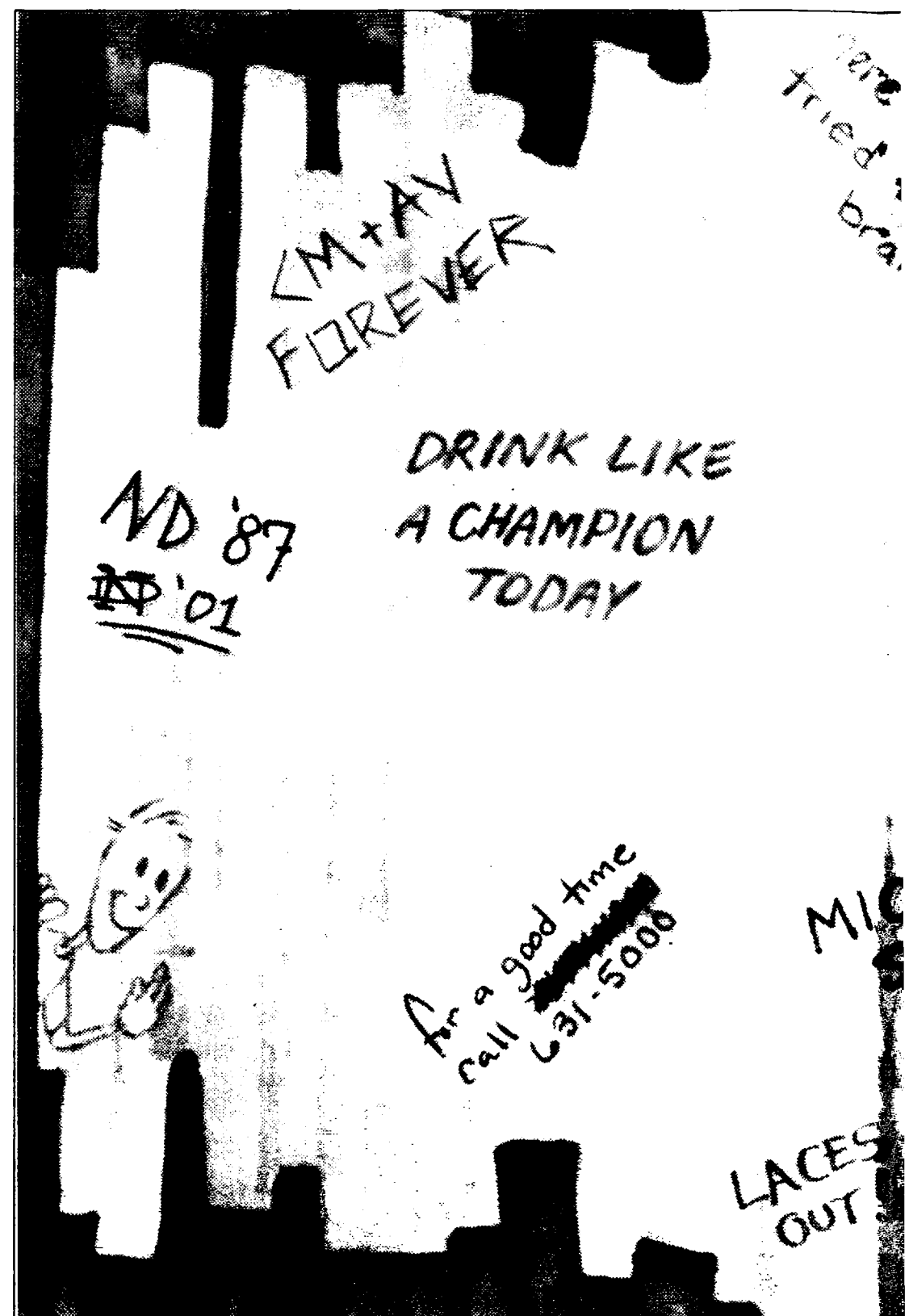
Stuck behind the walls of the library on a football Saturday, one dedicated fan longed to be in the stadium across the street and must have been listening to the game on the radio while working. An updated score of a Notre Dame vs. BC game runs across the top of one desk, accompanied by a few carefully chosen expletives to express dissatisfaction with the Screaming Eagles' win.

Students maintain a passion for hometown teams and heroes as well. An enthusiastic "Mets #1" is scrawled across several cubicle walls, while a meticulously drawn Cubs insignia is etched into one table. And one particularly dedicated sports nut made his mark on seven cubicles in a row, writing "Free Pete Rose!" in permanent marker.

This same borderline obsession is found in music fans of all genres who find themselves holed up in the 'brare. Domers of the '80s cried out for Bruce Springsteen, Guns 'N' Roses and The Cure. In response to a Def Leppard logo, one crazed co-ed scribbled "Who wrote this?? I want to have your children." "Oasis is the waste bowl of all time," declares another.

For some reason, U2 fans are particularly fond of pledging their allegiance via graffiti. "Achtung Baby," "Bono is God," and "U2 U2 U2." This may be due to the band's continued popularity throughout

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One student's boredom — and presumably his or her thirst — led to the creation of this design. Was more effort put into the student's homework or this drawing?

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several decades, or perhaps simply because the two letter moniker is easy to remember when cranky and craving sleep at 3 a.m.

Other vocal fans include Phish phans and Deadheads, who tend to ramble in long lyrical quotes sometimes decorated with pot leaves. An interesting juxtaposition of musical tastes is found on one second floor desk in which warring sides have colored the surface with "Poison," "Phish," "Whitesnake," "Grateful Dead" and "Motley Crue." South Bend's local music scene is even represented, with the lyrics of Umphrey's McGee's classic, Bootie Wax.

Indeed the most popular forms of library graffiti are musical lyrics — as seen on one cubicle completely covered in different songs — and philosophical musings. Apparently the philosophy requirement is doing its work, as Notre Dame students throughout the decades have pondered the great questions while procrastinating from their econ or orgo homework.

They wonder: "Why do I take up space?" They despair: "You live, you learn. Then you die and forget it all." They seek to understand: "All that you have is your soul." They wallow and reflect on the popular musings of other tortured souls: "You run and you run to catch up with the sun, but it's sinking ... racing around to come up behind you again. Bummer."

Sometimes the pressure to achieve the typical Notre Dame financial success is too much for late-night cramblers to bear. "Cash rules everything around me." "I'm a slave to the traffic light." "The lunatic is in my head."

One student happily dismisses this fear of succeeding in capitalistic America. Noting the words of his teacher — "PLS, if done correctly, will make you inoperable in the 'real' world." — Prof. Imery — the student confidently replies, "I'm doing something right."

But fear not — these serious philosophies are tempered by the randomness of college-age humor.

Scene

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the (carrel) walls

procrastinating minds. Scene takes a closer look at the themes etched in the wood.



trees; idle minds drew beer cans and mushrooms all over another. A serious debate about rape continues in one cubicle, while homesick students from across America etched their city names into a long list on another carrel.

A unique feature of Notre Dame graffiti is the presence of religion. "Our Lady of Accounting" prays for business majors on one table. Images of crosses and crucifixes abound. Despondent students ask, "Oh my God, am I all alone here?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? 12-18-97, 2:55 a.m."

Another studier with an interesting sense of humor notes that "Jesus studied for the last time on 5/4/98." Questions arise — did Jesus graduate, or just go home for the summer?

Perhaps it is this presence of religion that inspires cheerful graffiti. "It's a great day to be alive," writes one student full of sunshine. "You said it, man," another agrees. "Jesus died for this? YES," reads one carrel.

Thoughts on love, its absence and presence, make up another group of graffiti. Frustrations with the attitudes of Notre Dame girls are mixed in with the sappy doodlings of satisfied couples. "My fiancée is the most beautiful woman in the world," one Domer declares proudly. Other carrels attest to the sweetness of love, even amid the dreary days in South Bend. "I love her — always have." "Tricia, you're a miracle. One God knows I need one."

One heart with a couple's initials etched inside is joined by an update: "These two are married now." And the mysterious declaration of "Elsie's promise" leaves others wondering if the promise was ever fulfilled.

This may be the lasting legacy of library graffiti. Nearly impossible to erase, the words left by those who came before leave today's students wondering about the stories behind them. Did the brooding philosopher discover what to do with his life? Did the orgo student pass her final? Did the desperate souls who left phone numbers ever

get a date? One carrel high on the ninth or tenth floor — notoriously the best floors for graffiti-searchers — reads "Don't study too much, it's not worth it," a sentiment echoed by others. Perhaps students have always been overwhelmed by the demands of a Notre Dame education. But



It's hard to imagine what this guy is smiling about. It's clearly not a chemistry final at 8:30 in the morning.

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without their vented frustrations, we would not have this living history.

Changing musical tastes, the rise and fall of sports teams, popular sayings and symbols — the stories of generations of Domers are written on the wooden desks of the library, a tradition that is sure to endure even in this computer age. It is the desire to make a place one's own, to leave a mark behind, to feel a kinship with those who sat and studied there before.

"WE ARE ND." And as long as there are tests, papers and the need to cram, that's what we will remain.

States one exasperated studier, "I want to see something naked and I want a beer." "Frodo lives!" rejoices another proud Tolkien junkie. "It's really hard to study when all I can think about is sex," laments another frustrated Domer, voicing years of grumbling about parietals. And another groans "I wish I was in Hawaii." Don't we all.

Stress and tension manifest themselves in many ways, but the built-up pressure often explodes violently onto innocent library desktops. "Someone kill me before exams," pleads a hopeless soul. The mantra "Finals suck" appears frequently, once modified with "Nothing gets by the master of the obvious." "Anybody here want to tell me why the hell I came to college?" reads one carrel. "I hate the person next to me," is angrily scrawled across one wall, with a large arrow pointing to the occupant of the adjoining cubicle.

One dedicated slacker devised his own "Real Notre Dame Poll," which take up an entire desk surface and has several respondents. Among the telling questions he poses are: "Do you go to church? If so, only to scope? Do you have a meaningless existence? If no, no question here — YOU LIED. Is ND a social wasteland? If no, see previous response." The clever author also proposed his own solutions for improving the social life, among them "co-ed dorms" and "returning the kegs."

Another unique set of lists is found on several neighboring carrels: regularly updated countdowns of the number of hours left till the weekend. An early version is the "Bridget's Countdown," later mimicked by the "Finnigan's Countdown."

Several other desktops have themes as well. One is covered in doodles of Santa Claus and Christmas

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Roses are red, violets are blue, studying is hard when all I can think of is you.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty's No. 4 Tar Heels top Coach K's No. 2 Blue Devils

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Brendan Haywood had a lot on his mind when he stepped to the free-throw line with 1.2 seconds left Thursday night.

The game between No. 2 North Carolina and No. 4 Duke was tied 83-83. Haywood is one of the poorest free-throw shooters on North Carolina, and although he did make two big ones last Sunday in a win over North Carolina State, he had had trouble at this basket before.

When he was a freshman, he missed two free throws late and Duke beat the Tar Heels by two points. He was also thinking of Duke's recent remarkable comeback win over Maryland.

The 7-foot senior, who entered shooting 48 percent from the line, got the last laugh this time as he made both and the Tar Heels beat the Blue Devils 85-83 in the latest chapter of one of the greatest rivalries in college basketball.

"I was definitely remembering those free throws. That was the first thing that was running through my mind," he said of the two he missed in Cameron Indoor Stadium when he was a freshman. "But I just had to focus and go ahead and follow through and think of my mechanics. Luckily, they went in for me. There's a lot to be said about luck."

His success at the line came on a night when Duke had one of its poorest efforts from there.

The Tar Heels (18-2, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 15th straight game and snapped Duke's five-game winning streak in the series.

The loss also snapped the nine-game overall winning streak for Duke (19-2, 7-1), which shot 13-for-27 from the free-throw line. The Blue Devils entered shooting 72 percent from the line, the second-best mark in the league.

Duke called a timeout after Haywood's free throws, and the

final play drawn by coach Mike Krzyzewski almost worked.

Mike Dunleavy inbounded the ball from the baseline and found Chris Duhon just barely on the same side of midcourt. Duhon's heave hit the back of the rim.

"North Carolina played a great basketball game and I thought we played really well but we didn't shoot the ball well, especially from the foul line and that's been a huge thing for us," Krzyzewski said. "I think the emotion of the game, sometimes you want it too much and that's what I sensed from our kids right from the beginning. They were too ready, too emotional."

Duke shot 39 percent (29-for-73), including 12-for-35 from 3-point range.

Joseph Forte had 24 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for North Carolina, while Jason Capel had 20 points and Haywood 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Forte's 16 rebounds were the most ever by a North Carolina guard.

"Joe was huge. He did a great job chasing down long rebounds," said Matt Doherty, the former Tar Heels player coaching in his first Carolina-Duke game. "It was the typical game you expect from Duke-Carolina, and we're lucky Duke wasn't as sharp tonight. They missed a lot of free throws they don't miss and tonight was the night."

Jason Williams, who led Duke to its remarkable 10-point comeback in the final minute of regulation in Saturday's overtime win over Maryland, had 32 points, while Nate James and Shane Battier each added 15.

"I was just trying to make a play on the ball like a defensive back would," Battier said. "I got called for pass interference I guess."

Krzyzewski didn't complain about the call on the play 30 feet from the basket.

"You'd like to see something with a shot going, but they see it and they call it," he said. "We're big boys. We still had an oppor-

tunity to win and I thought Chris' shot was in."

North Carolina shot 51 percent (34-for-66) and managed to match Duke's 13 free throws in nine less attempts. The Tar Heels entered shooting 64 percent from the line, worst in the ACC.

Battier had two 3-pointers and Williams added another in an 11-2 run that brought Duke within 47-45 with 16:13 to play.

Duke got the lead for the first time since 6-5 on a jumper by Williams with 14:21 left. There were five more lead changes and four ties the rest of the way as Cameron Indoor Stadium heated up as the clock wound down.

Free throws also played a big part for North Carolina with 1:28 left and the Tar Heels leading 76-71.

Battier fouled Ronald Curry near halfcourt and Curry went down holding his left thigh. The officials allowed North Carolina to make an injury substitution and Curry, a 41 percent free-throw shooter, was replaced by Max Owens, who shoots 80 percent. Owens made both and the Tar Heels led 78-71.

Duke tied it for the last time with 9.3 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Dunleavy, who had missed his first five 3-point attempts. He finished with 12 points.

"You're not going to get many opportunities to beat Duke," Haywood said. "Maryland missed an opportunity and I didn't want to go down like that. I didn't want to see myself on TV as part of an instant classic."

Miami 72, Seton Hall 66

James Jones was getting open looks at the basket, and he kept making shots for the Miami Hurricanes.

Jones scored a career-high 21 points to lead Miami to a victory over Seton Hall (No. 25 ESPN/USA Today, No. 22 AP).

"I was feeling like everything I put up would go in," said Jones, who tied a career high by making 5 of 7 3-pointers. "I was in

that zone every shooter gets in."

He hit two 3-pointers to key Miami's 18-2 game-opening run as the Hurricanes (11-9, 3-6 Big East) took control and moved out of last place in the conference's East Division.

Jones, a sophomore, scored 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting in the first half, helping Miami to a 37-29 halftime lead. He has been hindered by a sore right wrist.

"The brace helps me with rotation, but it's all mental," Jones said. "We had a tremendous game plan, simple: Just step back if they give me the 3. It was like playing H-O-R-S-E."

Darius Lane scored 16 points to lead the slumping Pirates (12-7, 3-5), who lost their fourth game in their last five.

Seton Hall, which never got closer than six points after Miami's opening run, is 0-4 in Big East road games and has lost five of its last six against Miami, who made a season-high 12-of-24 from 3-point range.

"They made 50 percent 3-pointers. That's outstanding shooting," Seton Hall coach Tommy Amaker said. "Jones set the tone and got them their big lead, that really hurt us."

Oregon 79, Arizona 67

Bryan Bracey scored 23 points as Oregon took advantage of a terrible shooting night by No. 7 Arizona to win.

Luke Ridnour added 17 points for the Ducks (12-6, 3-5), who won consecutive games against Arizona for the first time since 1983. Oregon came back from a 17-point deficit to beat the then-No. 3 Wildcats at McArthur Court 86-81 last season.

The Wildcats (14-6, 6-2) shot a season-low 35 percent and committed 18 turnovers, including six traveling violations.

Michael Wright led the Wildcats with 18 points, but no one played well. Arizona missed 10 of its 12 3-pointers. Jason Gardner shot just 1-of-9, and Gilbert Arenas was 5-of-13. They combined for 18 points, more than 10 below their average.

Loren Woods, who tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon in last season's game in Tucson, was outplayed by Ducks reserve center Chris Christoffersen.

The 7-foot-2 Dane had five points and three blocks, two on Woods. Arizona's center had 11 points on 4-of-14 shooting and just two blocks. Woods did not play at Oregon last year because of back problems.

Stanford 77, USC 71

In top-ranked Stanford's first big scare of the Pac-10 season, the Cardinal's perfect record wasn't safe until the final seconds.

Casey Jacobsen scored 22 points and Michael McDonald hit the last of his six 3-pointers with 50 seconds left as the Cardinal rallied from a halftime deficit to beat No. 21 Southern California.

Jason Collins had 20 points and six rebounds as Stanford (20-0, 8-0) kept alive its school-record winning streak, even though the Cardinal didn't take the lead for good until 6:13 remained.

Brian Scalabrino scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half as the fired-up Trojans never allowed Stanford to pull away. Southern California led by four with seven minutes left, but consecutive dramatic 3-pointers by Jacobsen and McDonald turned the game around.

Jacobsen, held in check by 5-foot-9 Brandon Granville during the first half, scored 18 points in the second half. Collins scored six straight points during a critical late-game stretch, while his twin brother Jarron hit two clinching free throws with 13 seconds left.

Southern California (15-5, 5-3), the first ranked team to visit Maples Pavilion this season, was looking for its first win over a top-ranked team since March 6, 1970. In a game that wasn't broadcast on television in Los Angeles or anywhere outside the Bay Area, the Trojans came close to pulling a huge upset.

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Irish fencing at the JACC this week-
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WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Tennessee edges UConn, 92-88

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — With Chamique Holdsclaw watching, Gwen Jackson put on a Chamique Holdsclaw-type performance to lead Tennessee to victory in one of the biggest rivalries in women's basketball.

Jackson scored a career-high 28 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked five shots as the third-ranked Lady Vols (22-1) outlasted the No. 2 Connecticut Huskies 92-88 Thursday.

"If you had told me that we would be able to win with Michelle Snow and Semeka Randall playing the way that they played and Tamika Catchings in street clothes, I wouldn't have believed it," said Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who earned her 750th win. "Gwen Jackson was our biggest player on both ends of the floor."

Holdsclaw, a member of three national championship teams at Tennessee, had her No. 23 jersey retired in a half-time ceremony.

In a frenetic and riveting game between the top programs in women's college basketball, Snow and Randall cooled off for the first time since Catchings went down with a torn ACL on Jan. 15.

Kara Lawson added 23 points and Kristen Clement had 10 for Tennessee, which has won 11 straight since losing 81-76 to the Huskies (17-2) on Dec. 30. Connecticut had won the last two meetings in the series, including last season's national championship.

The rematch lived up to its billing and remained close the entire way as neither team was

able to extend a lead past nine points.

Tennessee led by seven with 1:02 remaining, but Connecticut refused to back down.

Jackson and Lawson each made two free throws down the stretch after the Huskies pulled within four on Sue Bird's basket to keep the Lady Vols in front.

Connecticut's Tamika Williams, who finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds, scored with 4.3 seconds left, cutting the lead to 88-90, before Tennessee's Ashley Robinson, who has struggled from the line, made two free throws after she was intentionally fouled on the next possession to ice the victory.

The Lady Vols rushed to center court as orange and white confetti fell to the floor after time expired.

"There's a lot of talent on this team. With Michelle and I playing like we did, it showed that there are other people there," Randall said. "Gwen and Kara did an awesome job. I'm glad I'm on their team."

The Huskies had an answer for just about everything Tennessee did. They outrebounded the Lady Vols 47-38 and scored 25 points off 11 turnovers.

"In any other game, we would have won, but not tonight," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said. "We played pretty well and they still beat us."

Connecticut had won four straight since being overpowered by Notre Dame 92-76 on Jan. 15. The Huskies weren't about to outplayed like that

again.

"We really fought this game," Bird said.

Tennessee went up by seven with 1:02 left after Snow was fouled hard by Diana Taurasi, who picked up her fifth foul. The call enraged Auriemma and he was called for a technical. Lawson made both technical free throws and Snow added a free throw for an 86-79 lead.

Bird hit a 3, missed two more 3s, then finally drove the lane for a basket to cut the lead to 88-84.

The Lady Vols built an eight-point lead to start the second half before Shea Ralph's basket cut the margin to 52-46 with 18:12 left.

Tennessee went ahead 61-52 on Jackson's jumper with 14:12 remaining before the Huskies went on a 15-2 run over the next 5 1/2 minutes to take the lead. Svetlana Abrosimova's 3-pointer gave Connecticut its first lead of the second half before Taurasi hit another 3-pointer for a 67-63 lead with 8:47 to go.

Abrosimova, the Huskies' main scoring threat, left the game with 9:22 to go after she crashed hard to the floor going for a loose ball. She played only a few minutes the rest of the game and was diagnosed with a sprained left foot, finishing with 18 points.

The Lady Vols tied the score at 67 on Jackson's basket and Snow's two free throws with 7:28 left. The teams traded baskets until Clement was fouled twice and made three free throws to put Tennessee in front 79-74 with 3:25 remaining.

FENCING

Notre Dame faces marathon home meet

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish fencing team faces a marathon test of endurance this weekend in its only home regular season meet of the year.

Facing 10 teams over two days, Notre Dame must remain mentally and physically focused for the entire weekend.

"I think it is going to be really long," women's epee captain Kim DeMaio said. "Last weekend at Northwestern when we fenced our fifth match, we were really tired at the end of the day. I think it is going to be a long weekend."

The two-day meet will be a good warm-up for the four-day NCAA Championships in March, according to men's foil captain Ozren Debic.

"The only time we fenced like that last year was at the NAAs but that was much harder competition," he said. "Since this meet is at home, it is going to be more relaxed so I don't know. I am looking forward to it just to see how it goes. It will show how good we really are since we are competing and exhausting ourselves to the limit."

Although eight of the 10 teams the Irish face this weekend should pose little threat, Air Force could give both the men's and women's teams a test while the Northwestern women are one of the best in the country. The Irish face both teams on Sunday morning — after fencing five bouts on Saturday.

"As long as we still have energy it doesn't matter when we fence those," women's sabre captain Carianne McCullough said. "We can't come in from Saturday — however it goes — and just be worn out."

The women narrowly defeated Northwestern 14-13 last weekend but expect to win again this weekend but by a larger margin.

"I think we definitely have the potential to do a lot better than we did," DeMaio said. "I just feel that we will beat them again, hopefully a little easier this time."

If the Irish are going to win by a larger margin, they will need a better showing by the epee squad. While the women's foil squad beat Northwestern 7-2 and the sabre squad on 6-3, the epee squad was whipped 8-1.

Sophomore All-American Meagan Call feels she can improve on her 1-2 record against the Wildcats while DeMaio expects All-American Anna Carnick to fence better this weekend.

"I think [Carnick's] feet are still bothering her a little bit, her injury is still there but she is ready to fence Northwestern," DeMaio said. "I know she wasn't very happy with last weekend."

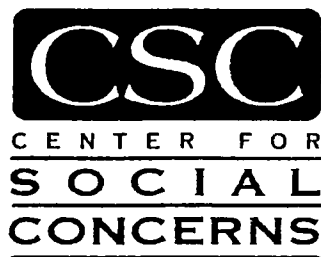
The long weekend will be more than an endurance test for Notre Dame. It will also give the walk-on fencers a chance to fence a few bouts. After the Irish win five bouts against a team, they will replace the starters with some of the less experienced fencers.

"It's going to be the opportunity for the non-starters and the walk-ons to compete," Debic said. "That will give them the chance to prove themselves. Our goal is to give as many people as we can the opportunity to fence."

The toughest test for the men will come from Air Force. The Falcons are led by All-American epeeist Seth Kelsey who finished ninth at NAAs last year.

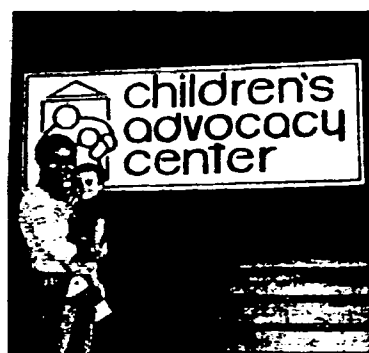
The Irish will counter Kelsey with a pair of All-Americans at epee — Jan Viviani and Brian Casas. Viviani missed last weekend's meet at Northwestern while he was fencing at a World Cup event in Cuba.

The Irish begin the weekend against Michigan State at 9 a.m. on Saturday followed by Detroit, Chicago, Wayne State and Cleveland State at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday the Irish start the day at 8 a.m. against Minnesota before fencing Air Force at 9:30, Northwestern at 11 a.m., Michigan at 12:30 p.m. and Lawrence at 2 p.m. All matches are held in the hockey dome of the Joyce Center.



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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish swim to No. 15 in new poll

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

On the heels of a pair of impressive dual meet wins last week, the Notre Dame women's swimming team jumped up one position to No. 15 in the latest Speedo America Top 25 poll released Feb. 1.



Van Saun

The No. 15 ranking is the highest Irish have ever risen in the national poll in the history of the swimming program.

"I think it just shows that our hard work has really paid off this season, especially the last two dual meets," said senior Kristen Van Saun.

Notre Dame finished its dual meet season with a 10-1 record. The Irish wrapped up their dual meet competition last Friday with a 157-143 win over Michigan, less than 24 hours after holding off Northwestern 154-146. Their lone loss of the season came on Nov. 4, when Notre Dame fell 161-138 to Purdue.

Michigan dropped two places to No. 16, while Northwestern jumped up five spots to No. 18.

"I think people thought we'd not be as good this year without Carrie Nixon, but we pulled together," Van Saun said. "A lot of that credit goes to our freshmen, they've really matured and stepped it up a lot for us this year."

Junior Kelly Hecking, freshman Marie Labosky, and junior Heather Mattignly have been instrumental in Notre Dame's success this season.

The Irish have two more weeks of practice before the Big East Conference Championships begin on Feb. 15 in Long Island, NY. Notre Dame will be swimming for their fifth straight conference title since joining the Big East conference six years ago.

HOCKEY

Irish face familiar Buckeyes in CCHA matchup

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team didn't have much to do to prepare for this weekend's series against Ohio State in Columbus. That is because for the second time in three weekends the Irish have a two-game series against the Buckeyes.

Unlike two weeks ago, this series will not be played in the intimate Joyce Center, but instead in Ohio State's Schottenstein Center.

While the Joyce Center holds 2,700 for hockey, the Schottenstein Center holds 17,500 fans. With Columbus getting an expansion NHL team, the crowds are finally showing up to OSU hockey games. Playing in front of a large crowd is something that excites Irish coach Dave Poulin.

"It is a different feeling going down there than in years past," said Poulin. "Before (Ohio State) play in a tiny arena that held 1,500 people. Now they play in a beautiful arena and they drew 14,000 for a game against us last year."

Notre Dame has been kept busy in the past two weeks playing Michigan on Jan. 23 along with a series against non-conference foe Yale this past weekend. This is in stark contrast to the Buckeyes, who have sat at home for the past two weeks.

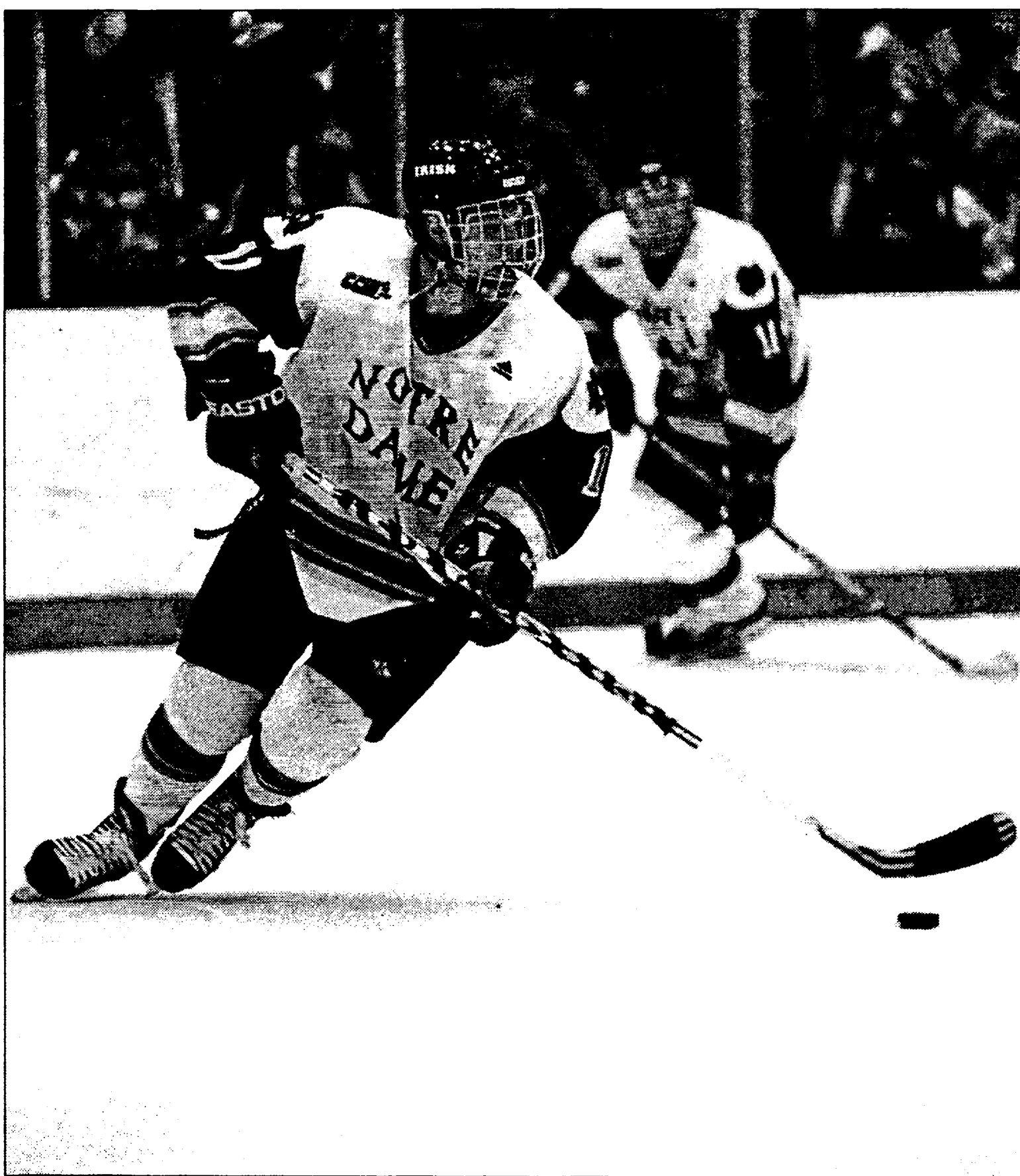
They won't have to change much of their game plan. Poulin felt that they played effectively against Ohio State the last time the schools met.

"We played very well against Ohio State," said Poulin. "We didn't have many breakdowns, they just made good plays. So we don't need to go out and change much. We just need to play our game."

Notre Dame will devote a large part of its gameplan to stopping Ohio State's fabulous freshmen. Two of the top three scorers for the Buckeyes are freshmen Dave Steckel and RJ Umberger. In Notre Dame's first meeting with Ohio State on Jan. 19, the freshmen scored every goal for the Buckeyes.

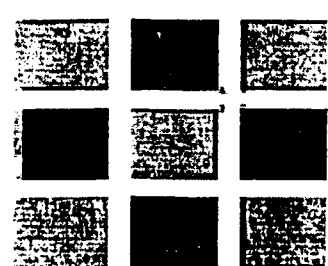
Coming off a 40-save performance against Yale, sophomore Tony Zasowski will be between the pipes this weekend. Zasowski took the loss Jan. 19 and did not start the next night against the Buckeyes.

One question for the Ohio State series will be the health of Irish freshman Aaron Gill. Gill had a mishap on an icy sidewalk and injured his back. He missed this past Saturday's game against Yale, but was in the lineup for Sunday. According to Poulin, Gill will be in the lineup for tonight's game.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior defenseman Ryan Clark handles the puck during a game earlier this season. The Irish picked up a tie and a loss in an earlier series with the Buckeyes.



Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business

ETHICS WEEK 2001

The Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business is sponsoring another exciting Ethics Week. Ethics Week 2001 events include the following presentations in the College of Business.

Monday, February 12, "Personal Selling and Cheating Behavior: A Framework for Cause and Effect" will be presented by Professor Kevin Bradford, Department of Marketing, University of Notre Dame.

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Thursday, February 15, "Diversity and the Financial Services Sector: Demands and Dilemmas" will be presented by Gina Turner, Bank One.

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

If you have any questions about Ethics Week 2001, please contact Ken Milani at Kenneth.W.Milani.1@nd.edu, or Deb Coch at Deborah.M.Coch.1@nd.edu

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish again have hard schedule

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's swimming team (5-2) will compete in two meets within 24 hours for the second weekend in a row when the Irish face Cleveland State on the road Friday, Feb. 2 (3 p.m.), then move on to St. Bonaventure Saturday, Feb. 3 (1 p.m.).

The Irish defeated Cleveland State 143-89 last year and hold a 16-10 advantage in the series. Notre Dame and St. Bonaventure have met 33 times, with the Irish holding a 24-9 edge in the series.

Two meets in 24 hours is a tough task, but the Irish handled the challenge last weekend. In two victories over Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Ball State, Notre Dame posted a number of notable performances.

Senior Ryan Verlin won four events last weekend, including two individual and one relay victory at Ball State. Verlin won the 200 butterfly at home against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, then won the same event at Ball State in 1:56.55. He also won the 200 butterfly (1:52.52) versus the Cardinals and helped the team get off to a quick start in the meet as a member of the second-place 400 medley relay team.

Junior Jonathan Pierce continued to excel in the freestyle events. Pierce won the 200 freestyle vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, then stepped up to take first in the 1,000 and 500 freestyle at Ball State. Pierce, the defending Big East champion in the 1,650 freestyle looks to be in top form heading into the championship stretch of the season.

One of the most important developments this season has been the performance of freshman Matt Obringer. Obringer won the 200 freestyle at Ball State and also finished second in the 100 freestyle. Obringer currently holds the best times on the team in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso wins round

Special to The Observer

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas

Notre Dame senior All-American Michelle Dasso won three-set matches in singles and doubles to reach the second round of singles and the doubles quarterfinals on the first day of the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships at the Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, Texas. The third-ranked and third-seeded Dasso held off Stanford's 21st-ranked Keiko Tokuda 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 to reach the second round of singles at the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association grand slam. She next will meet Arkansas' 30th-ranked Chin Bee Khoo, a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Ohio State's Kristy Dascoli.



Dasso

The eighth-ranked but unseeded Irish doubles team of Dasso and junior Becky Varnum rallied to beat another Stanford opponent, defeating 13th-ranked Lauren Barnikow and Lauren Kalvaria 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Dasso and Varnum, who used a break of serve at 5-4 in the second set to force a third set, were scheduled to play a late quarterfinal match against Texas' seventh-ranked and fourth-seeded team of Vladka Ulhrova and Janet Walker.

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ing matchup in the 60 meter dash. The junior will run against All-American teammate Tameisha King. In the first meet of the season, King won the event in 7.7 seconds. A week later Grow ran 7.56 in the same event. Sunday will be the first time the two top athletes will compete against each other head-to-head.

However, Millar insists he's not creating a rivalry. Instead, he wants to see how his top runners respond to running the short sprint just before their individual specialties.

"I'm trying to get a feel for them racing against each other," he said. "But we use the 60 meter race to get them warmed up and prepared for their other events."

In addition to competing in the 60-meter dash, King is also entered in the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump. The sophomore has won five individual events this season.

The Irish coaching staff plans to focus more on individual performance at the ten-team Mevo Invitational. Instead of entering athletes in three or four events, the Irish plan to only enter runners in their specialty events.

"What we're looking at now is looking at individuals and giving them an opportunity to run where they are at," said Millar. "The goals for some people are to meet the Big East standards, and to see where they're at in terms of competition."

In addition to Grow and Williams, the Irish will load up the 400-meters with Kristen Dodd and Kymia Love. Dodd has proven to be a solid sprinter for the Irish thus far this season, especially in the 60 meter dash and the 200 meter

dash.

Love, running her first race this season following an injury riddled campaign last year, won the 400 meters last week against Michigan State.

"With Kristen and Kymia, I'm really looking to see how they run," Millar said.

"Both are relatively new to running indoors. They're really running for experience, and I'm really looking to see how they respond. I'm really looking down the road to Big Easts and see how we can prepare for them."

In the distance events, Amanda Alvarez, Megan Johnson, Leanne Brady, and Jennifer Handley will form the distance medley relay team, marking the first time this season the Irish have fielded a relay in this event.

In addition, Johnson and Handley will both run the mile, and Brady will run the 1,000-meter run along with Megan Peterson and Ana Morales, who will be making her season debut after being injured all fall.

In the long distance events, Hilary Burn and Kari Eaton will run the 3,000-meter run, and Chrissy Kuenster and

Jennifer Fibuch are entered in the 5,000-meter run.

Jamie Volkmer, Natalie Hallett, Jill Van Weelden and Bethany Wilson are all entered in the pole vault. Volkmer will also compete in the triple jump.

Freshman Jennifer Kearny, who has not lost this season in the high jump, will face tough competition for the first time in her collegiate career.

"I suspect she'll do fine in terms of her height, it will be interesting to see how she handles the higher competition," said Irish field events coach Scott Winsor.

Winsor said fifth-year senior Emily Bienko, who won the shot put last week against Michigan State, will not be competing this week because Notre Dame is in the process of checking out her eligibility.

The Mevo Invitational begins at 6 p.m. Friday with the weight throw, long jump and pole vault. At 7 p.m., the 5,000-meter is the first race scheduled, and will be followed by the distance medley relay.

The rest of the events are scheduled to begin at 10:30 Saturday morning, when the field events begin. Running events kick off at noon.

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Kelley Siemon, Ericka Haney and Meaghan Leahy and the perimeter play of Severe, Jeneka Joyce and Monique Hernandez.

During the first half of the Providence game, however, the team struggled for the longest stretch of the season. Notre Dame (20-0 overall, 9-0 in the Big East) shot just 32 percent in the initial 20 minutes, trailed for the first 17 minutes and committed 12 turnovers, a few coming on errant passes.

"We were just standing around," Riley said of the first half. "It seemed like there were more people in the paint. And our guards missed shots that they normally make. That probably isn't going to happen again, a night when everyone's off like that."

The Irish face an unexpectedly weak Eagles squad this weekend. In the preseason, the conference coaches picked Boston College to finish fourth, just behind Notre Dame. But the Eagles, who went 26-9 last year and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, have lost seven of their last eight contests and rank 12th out of 14 teams in the Big East.

They played well at the beginning of the season and were tied at then-No. 2 Tennessee with eight minutes left before losing by 15 points.

Three days earlier, Boston College lost 73-61 to then-No. 5 Purdue after staying close most of the afternoon.

Yet since defeating St. John's 75-36 on Feb. 2, the Eagles have been among the conference's

worst teams. The average margin of victory by the opponents in the seven losses has been 9.7 points per game.

Boston College has played most of the season without junior point guard Brianne Stepherson, who started during her first two years. Junior forward Becky Gottstein leads the team in scoring (15.5 points) and rebounding (8.2 rebounds) and shoots 51.2 percent from the field.

"She likes to attack the basket off the dribble or on up and under moves," Riley said of Gottstein. "And they look to post her up a lot. She's a pretty good player."

The last two times the Irish traveled to Chestnut Hill, they came home with a loss. Boston College posted a 78-76 victory on Jan. 17, 1998 and a 78-65 win on Dec. 30, 1998.

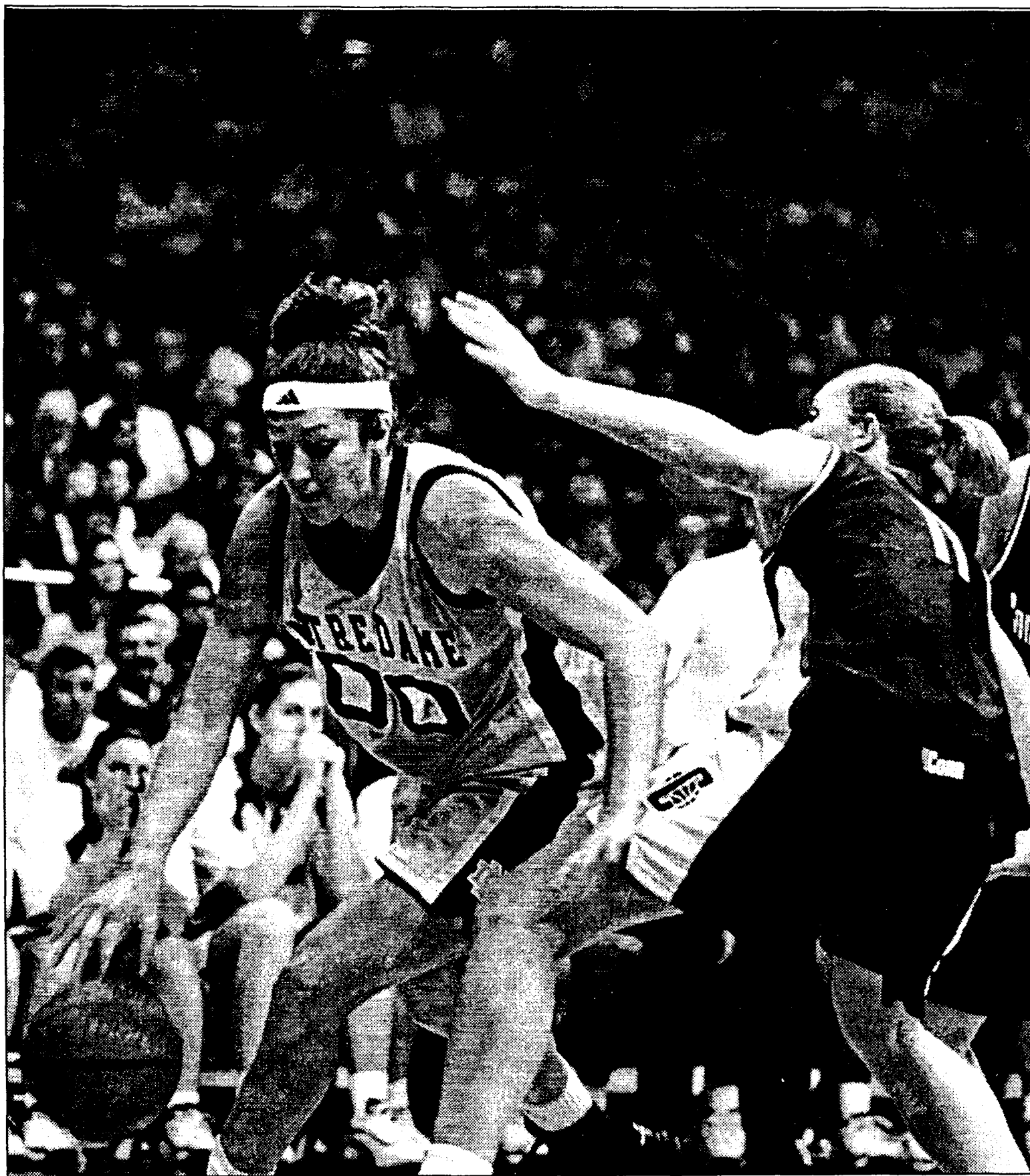
"We don't play very well up there," Riley said. "It's probably chance, perhaps. Both times we didn't play well but they have a good crowd and they're aggressive."

With Kelley Siemon (broken hand) questionable for the game, McGraw may continue using Severe to provide a defensive presence. Severe had surgery in September for a stress fracture in her right tibia. The doctors placed a rod in her leg and she was sidelined until the Dec. 18 game against Western Michigan.

A few weeks later, Severe sprained her left knee against St. John's and missed the next two games.

But after months of turbulence, Severe has adapted to college basketball.

"I'm feeling more comfortable now," Severe said. "It's great finally getting back into the flow."



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Senior Ruth Riley drives around a Connecticut defender during Notre Dame's 92-76 win two weeks ago. The Irish travel to Boston College to take on the Eagles this Saturday.

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5:00 p.m. Dia de la Candelaria Mass - Log Chapel, Dinner in Faculty Dining Room at 6:30 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. - Midnight Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC

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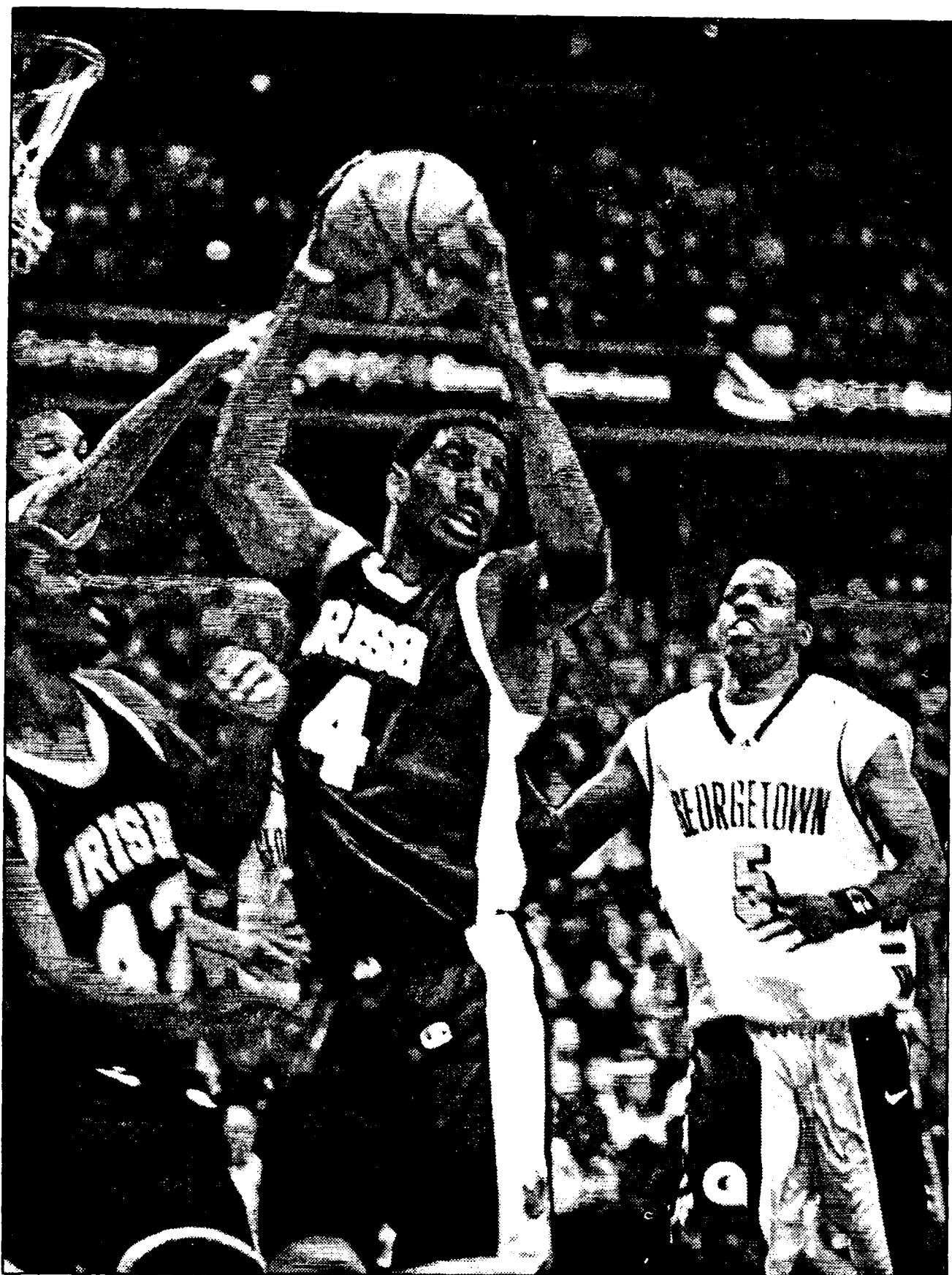
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Irish forward Ryan Humphrey rips away a rebound during Notre Dame's victory against Georgetown last Sunday. The Irish travel to Pittsburgh this Saturday.

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Revenge

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Brey said, "It's another good road challenge, but we're not in must win territory. We're better, and they're better this year."

Not only are the Panthers (12-7, 4-4) better than they were in 1999-2000; they're anxious to show their dismal performance at Notre Dame was a fluke. In the Jan. 16 match, which Notre Dame won 74-58 to begin its current run of wins, the Panthers missed their first 11 shots and never recovered. The Irish held Pittsburgh's star player, Ricardo Greer, to 2-for-12 shooting, an outing he's not likely to forget.

"I don't think Pittsburgh's going to get off to as bad a start as they did here," Brey said. "We really have to be ready to play. They've shot it much better at home than on the road."

The Panthers have played much better at home in general, with just two of their seven losses coming at Fitzgerald Field House. Their shooting percentage against Notre Dame was a rare low ball for the Panthers. More often, the Panthers smother their opponents from the field. The Pitt defense is keeping opponents to the lowest point total and worst shooting percentage in the conference.

The Irish managed to hold down the tempo against high-scoring Georgetown, and their ability to control the game pace against the Panthers will be key.

"We know we need to go in and control the tempo," said Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby, who leads the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.65. "When opportunities are there, take them, but not be too crazy with the ball. We need to get it into our big guys in the post, because that's where we're most effective."

If the two teams keep things slow and patient Saturday, the Irish may actually benefit. With three strong post players in Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan, meshing with three potent perimeter shooters in Ingelsby, David Graves and Matt Carroll, Notre Dame has options galore.

Pittsburgh isn't quite as versatile, but the Panthers do have some options beyond Greer, a senior guard. Freshman point guard Julius Page and 6-foot-8 senior forward Isaac Hawkins each average 9.7 points per game, while forward Donatas Zavackas and guard Brandin Knight are also important contributors for coach Ben Howland's squad.

In the first Irish-Panthers contest this season, Brey implemented a new starting lineup, replacing Graves with Swanagan due to Graves' sprained ankle. The switch worked, and Brey's stuck with it ever since.

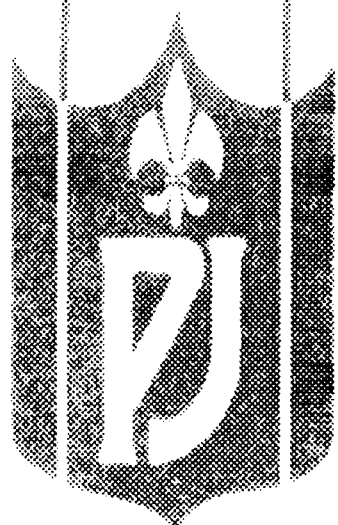
Swanagan became the team's shining example of gritty play with his penchant for rebounds and floor burns, while Graves, still averaging more than 30 minutes per game, provides energy and hot shooting off the bench. The flip-flop in positions among the teammates and close friends is a change the Irish look to as a possible turning point in their season.

"I don't know what the difference is," Murphy said of the change in Irish play. "It could have something to do with the new starting lineup."

Ingelsby added, "I think we're just playing well as a team right now. We're doing the right things at the offensive end and defensive end. I think guys know their roles, and we've established our guys in the post."

Doing the same on Saturday should up the Irish run of victories to five, a school record for consecutive league wins.

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Junior Elizabeth Linkous leaps for a rebound while Leighanne Matesich watches. Saint Mary's will travel to Calvin to take on the Knights Saturday afternoon.

Matha returns but SMC still falls

♦ Belles travel to Calvin for MIAA matchup

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Post player Kristen Matha returned to the court Wednesday night to join a Saint Mary's team that struggled, but left Cappaert Gymnasium at Alma College feeling proud. After a seven game losing streak, the Belles team dropped the game to second-ranked Alma 56-49.

"This is probably the best we've played since the last time we played [Alma on Jan. 6]," head coach Suzanne Smith said.

In the first minutes of the game, things looked bleak for the Belles. Scots' starting forward Janell Twietmeyer came out and hit her first three shots, dropping the Belles behind seven points.

However, the Belles fought back. Matha joined the team off the bench and gave the team some motivation to get into the game.

"The team was very excited to have her back," Smith said. "I think its given the team a lift."

Matha did a lot to help a Saint Mary's offense that went into halftime down by three points, 30-27.

"Our post kind of lit up with Kristen there," Smith said. "She creates opportunities for other people."

During Wednesday's game Matha was creating opportunities for Anne Blair.

"We really feed off of each other," Matha said. "It's great being in there and playing with her."

Feeding off of each other

worked well for the team of post players Wednesday. Blair led the team with 18 points and four blocks. A still-recovering Matha, who only played for 20 minutes, scored eight points, had eight rebounds and led the team with three steals.

"It felt great being back in there," Matha said.

Although the Belles kept the game close, it may have been fouls that put the final nail in the coffin. Alma players went to the foul line 22 times during the course of the game; Saint Mary's saw the line six times.

During the last several games offensive turnovers have plagued the Belles and cost them points. Wednesday marked a season low number of turnovers, with only 13.

In addition, Saint Mary's seemed to recreate team communication that has been missing.

"We really looked like a team," Smith said.

Matha attributes part of the communication and focus to being on the road.

"I love being on the road," she said. "There are no dis-

tractions and we don't have all day to think about the game."

Although Saint Mary's still fell short of a victory, the team is hoping Wednesday's good play will springboard them to a victory over Calvin College on Saturday.

"[Wednesday] came out with a lot of intensity and feeling," Smith said. "We need to do that again."

The Belles will be facing off against a Knights' team that is 4-5 in the MIAA and 9-10 overall. The Belles are 7-15 overall.

The last time these two teams met, Calvin defeated Saint Mary's 52-35. This time Saint Mary's plans to be on top.

"In the Calvin-Saint Mary's game, the only team that can beat us is Saint Mary's," Matha said.

However, a strong Calvin team will be looking for a win. Led on offense by Jennifer Playmeyer, Tara Bergsma and Emily Mejeu, who average 11, seven and seven points respectively.

Post players Matha, Blair and Kelly Roberts will have to look out for Emily Beard, who leads the Knights with seven rebounds a game.

Smith is still unsure of her starting line-up, but Matha will be back to playing a majority of the game.

Tip off is at 12:45 p.m. at Calvin.

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away, competing against conference rivals Georgetown and Miami should give the Irish insight heading into the meet.

"Georgetown historically is very good distance and middle-distance," said Irish head coach Joe Piane. "This year is no exception — in fact they may be better than normal."

Miami comes in with a solid sprint crew that will challenge Gilbert and Davey in the 60 meters and Gilbert and "Red" Croker in the 200 meters.

"It's good to see the competition that's going to be in the Big East meet," said Davey. "My focus is the Big East, so it's good to see the competition beforehand."

Tennessee sprinter Leonard Scott brings in the nation's top times in the 60-meters and 200-meters. Scott has clocked in at 6.57 in the 60 and 20.80 in the 200.

In the longer sprints, the Irish will be challenged by a talented group of Georgetown middle-distance runners. Freshman James Bracken will run the 400 meters. Georgetown's Nick Reynolds brings in the Big East's top time in the event with a 47.74 on Saturday.

In the 500 meters, Irish sprinter/kicker Nick Setta and senior Terry Wray face a talented group of Georgetown runners. Wray, who specializes in the event, is competing in the 500 for the first time this season.

"I'm ready to come out and run a good time," Wray said. "I ran a pretty good time last year. I'm hoping to go in to the Big East meet with the No. 2 time."

The Irish start off the meet tonight with the long jump. Gilbert will face a challenge from Miami's Joseph Mbayen, who has jumped 7.24 meters in the event this season. Godwin Mbagwu and Eddie Faustin also will take part in the event for the Irish.

"Godwin had a rough week last week — not up to his standards or mine," said Irish field events coach Scott

Winsor. "Eddie needs to get on the board. I think he's had three legal jumps in two competitions."

Later this evening, Irish star distance runner Ryan Shay will compete in the 5,000 meters. Shay looks to top Georgetown's Tom Howell, who ran a time of 14:57.91 in December. Marc Striowski will also compete for the Irish.

The final event this evening is the distance medley relay. Because the Big East has introduced qualifying times for the conference championship meet, Notre Dame needs to run the event.

Sean Zanderson leads off for the Irish, running the first three-quarter mile. He then hands off to Bracken, who will run 400 meters. Bracken gives way to Setta, who will run the 800-meter leg. The anchor is John Keane, who runs the final mile.

Freshman Mbagwu looks to remain No. 1 in the Big East in the triple jump Saturday. Sophomore Scott Kelley and senior Chris Marvin look to help make up for Redwine's absence.

In the 35-pound weight throw, sophomore Brian Thornburg looks to improve upon last week's first-place performance. Derek Dyer looks to break out of a rut in the shot-put.

The most entertaining event Saturday will likely be the "Meyo Mile." Although no Notre Dame athlete will be competing, the race attracts some of the nation's best. Drake's Troy Trygstad leads a pack of runners who have approached the four-minute mark this season.

In the 800 meters, sophomore Doug Gunzelman looks to improve in Androlonis' absence. Georgetown's Jesse O'Connell has run 1:51 in the event.

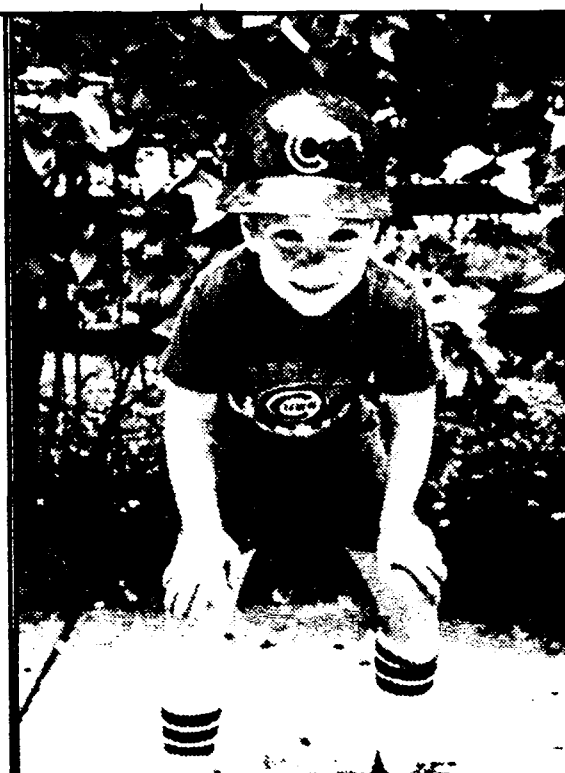
Freshman Mark Barber looks to get past the first hurdle in the 60-meter hurdles. Barber, who has been slowed by hitting the first obstacle, has looked good in practice.

"If he can clear the first hurdle, I think he'll run real well," said Millar.

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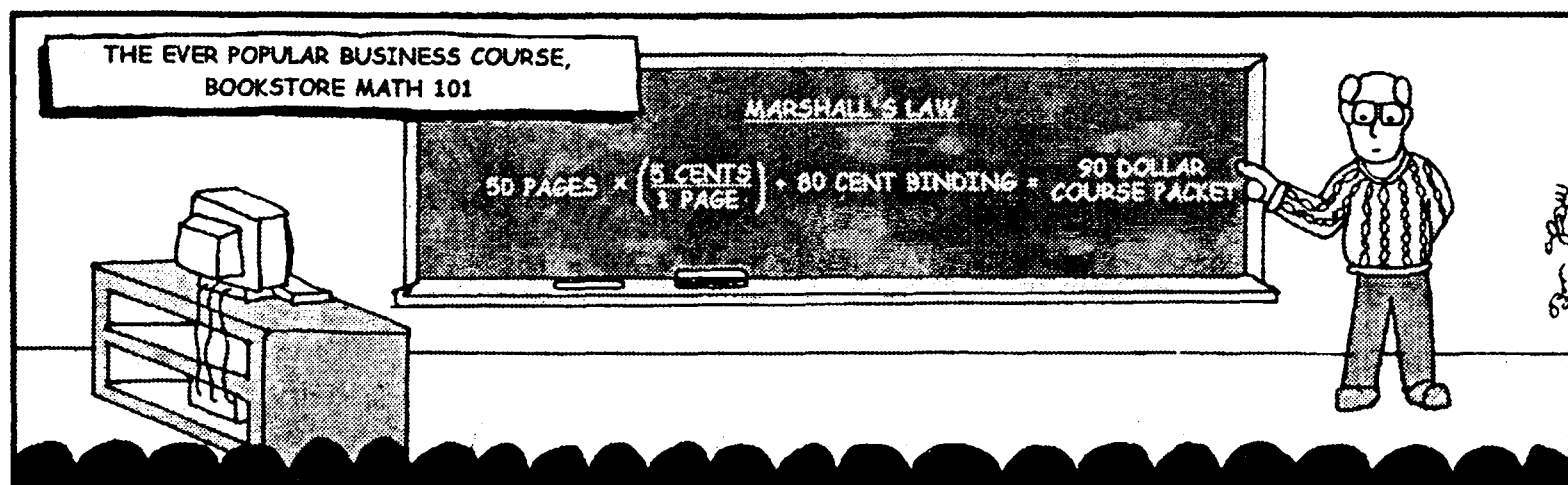
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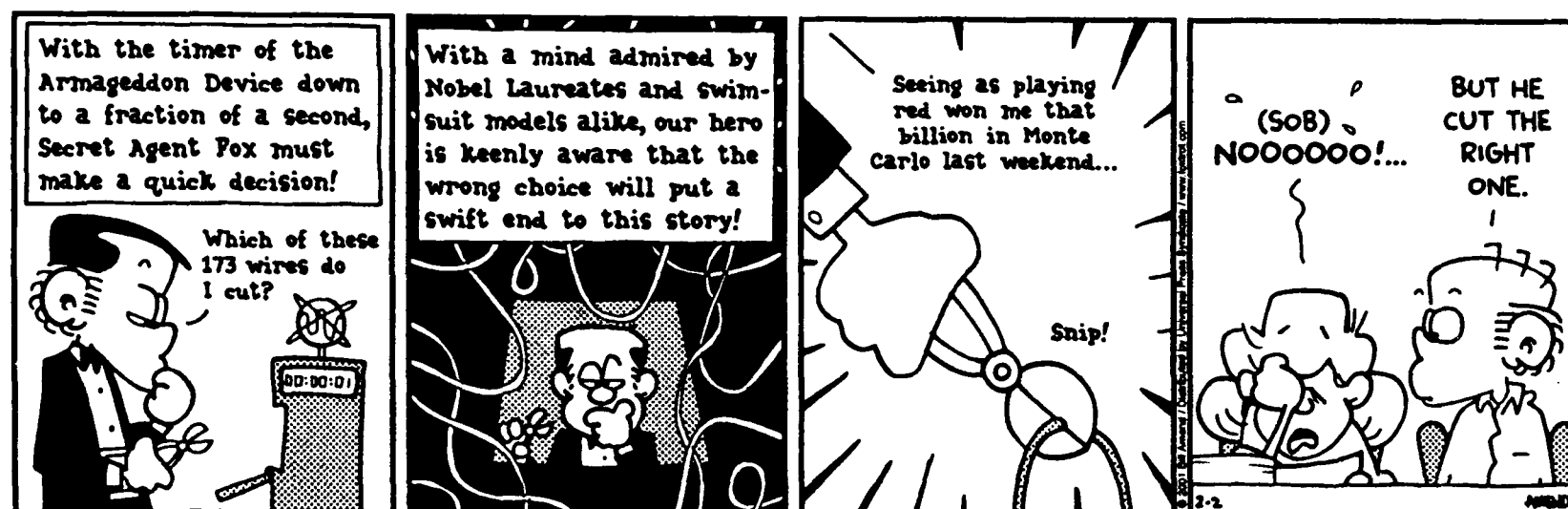
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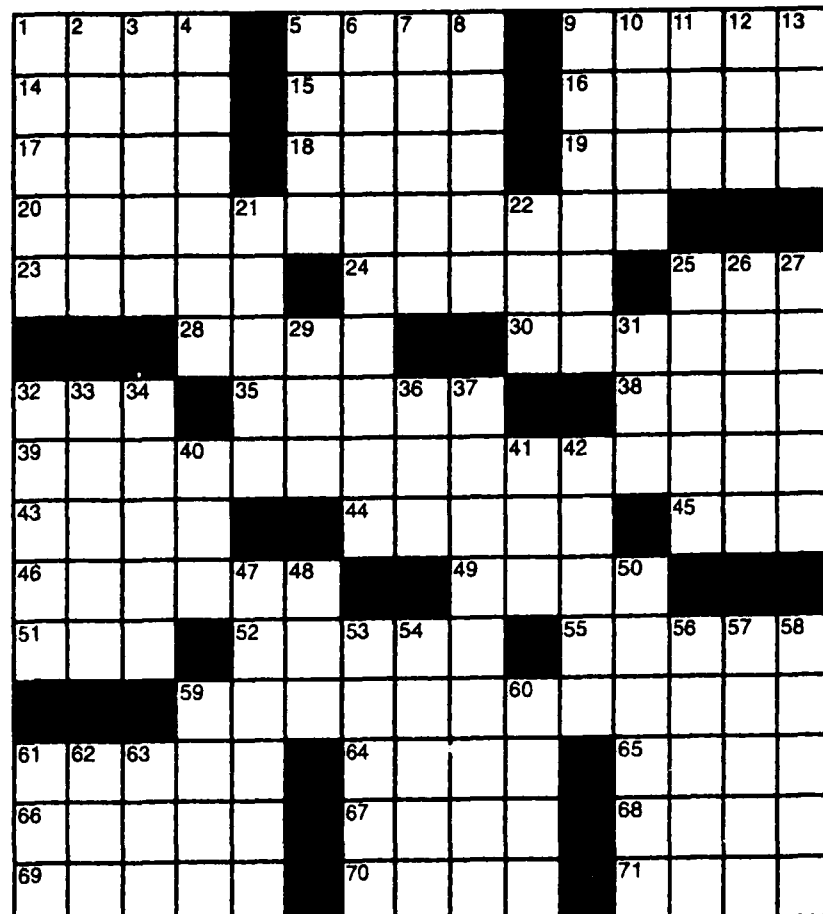


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- ACROSS**
- 1 James of "Brian's Song"
 - 5 "Hurry!"
 - 9 It's west of Togo
 - 14 Regarding
 - 15 Berg opera
 - 16 "You've got nothing to worry about!"
 - 17 What a tough puzzle can give you
 - 18 Sonny and Cher's "___ You Babe"
 - 19 Film projection
 - 20 Emmy-winning newswoman of the 80's-90's
 - 23 Ink, in France
 - 24 Kind of artery
 - 25 Prince of Broadway
 - 28 Obi-Wan player
 - 30 Refuse to follow suit
 - 32 Onetime network of 20-Across
 - 35 Not a nice feeling
 - 38 Sting operation
 - 39 Never say die
 - 43 The Mideast's Gulf of ___
 - 44 Prefix with -hedron
 - 45 Fresh
 - 46 Infrequently
 - 49 Reagan Sr. and Jr.
 - 51 Werner Erhard teaching
 - 52 Hot sauce
 - 55 Brewer's need
 - 59 1966 musical starring Gwen Verdon
 - 61 Count with a keyboard
 - 64 Prefix with physics
 - 65 Winged youth of myth
 - 66 Honor ___ thieves
 - 67 Finito
 - 68 His dying words were "What an artist the world is losing in me!"
 - 69 Ballroom staple
 - 70 Wasp's home
 - 71 First place



Puzzle by Arthur S. Verdesca

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- DOWN**
- 1 Cappuccino, e.g.
 - 2 One of 3.5 billion
 - 3 Cobweb site
 - 4 Cosa ___
 - 5 "Put ___ on it!"
 - 6 Make easier to swallow
 - 7 Without equal
 - 8 Enter a harbor
 - 9 Prominent Edsel feature
 - 10 Fashion lines
 - 11 In the style of
 - 12 Carp, carp, carp
 - 13 Can
 - 21 Andrew Wyeth subject
 - 22 Canal site
 - 25 Marsh wader
 - 26 Wide open
 - 27 Cartoon skunk
 - 29 Unit of work

- 31 High degree
- 32 Event for foxhounds
- 33 Portends
- 34 Took part in a bee
- 36 Cobbler, e.g.
- 37 Intermissions
- 40 Finis
- 41 Like hit shows
- 42 Singer Tucker
- 47 New York city, county or river
- 48 West of films
- 50 Unclouded
- 53 Problematic car
- 54 Allen or Martin
- 56 Televised
- 57 Put away
- 58 Boxer with a nasty bite
- 59 Carol
- 60 Male deer
- 61 Vampire ___
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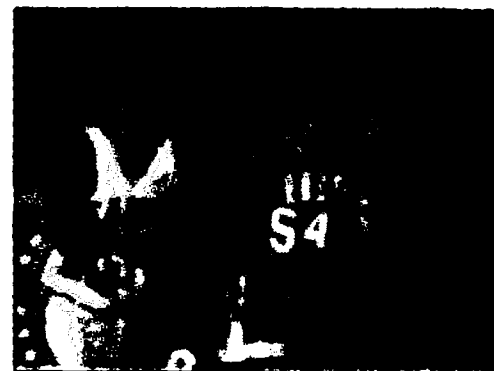
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Their own worst enemy
The Saint Mary's basketball team travels to Calvin this weekend to face the 9-10 Knights, but the Belle's feel their toughest opponent may be themselves.
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TRACK AND FIELD

Hoyas and Hurricanes and Irish, oh Meyo!

◆ Irish must battle injuries, illness in weekend invitational

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Injuries are the focus when the Irish men's track team begins the Meyo Invitational today in Loftus as the team will be without three important members of their team.

Distance runners Pat Conway — who has won the mile in both Notre Dame meets this season — is out with a leg injury, as is 800-meter standout Nate Andrulonis.

Junior Quill Redwine, who won both the high jump and triple jump last Friday against Michigan State, will miss the invitational with a tender knee.

Additionally, the team's leading scorer, sprinter/jumper Tom Gilbert, has been battling the flu all week.

"I've been sick all week, that's my biggest problem right now," said Gilbert. "If it were a smaller meet I'd probably consider not running."

The meet brings some of the top teams in the country to South Bend. Michigan, Tennessee, Miami (Fla.), Wake Forest, Duke, Missouri and Michigan State all will be competing. Other competitors include Georgetown, Kentucky, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan.

With the Big East Indoor Championships only two weeks

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Sophomore Tameisha King files through the air during one of her long jump attempts against Michigan State last week. King has won five individual events this season.

◆ At Invite, focus is on making individual success instead of team performance

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Liz Grow has yet to be tested this season.

She's won every individual event in which she's been entered by wide margins. She's qualified for the NCAA indoor finals without a time that is among the fastest in the nation. In short, she hasn't faced any real competition.

This weekend, that will change.

Liz Grow, meet Foye Williams.

Williams, who competed on Canada's 2000 Olympic team, will make her annual trek to the Meyo Invitational this weekend to run against some top-level collegiate competition. Grow's fastest 400-meter time this season is 54.61 seconds.

By contrast, Williams typically runs a 52 second 400-meters.

"Foye's the one person who's really beaten Liz," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "She gives Liz some extra motivation."

Williams, a professional runner who trains independently, usually comes down to the Meyo Invitational because of its size and the talent level, Millar said.

"She helps us by coming down here," he said. "It's an athlete that's at the next level, if you want to call her that. It's good for Liz and the others to compete against her."

Grow is also in another intriguing

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Severe latest piece of the Irish puzzle to fall in place

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Le'Tania Severe knows all about the freshman transition.

She has already suffered two injuries, sat out until December, played sparingly in games and has seen her role switched from high school.

Finally, on Wednesday night against Providence, the first-year guard stepped into the spotlight. In 26 minutes, she scored only two points. But Severe filled the roles that coach Muffet McGraw had been preaching all season.

"She expects me to defend and rebound," Severe said of her roles on the team. "I really never have to worry about scoring. If I get wide-open, that's good. But we've got so many scorers on the floor, it's just like get the ball to them and you're fine."

Entering Saturday's game at Boston College (8-12 overall, 2-7 in the Big East), the Irish players have all seemed to fit into the system. The three main scorers (Ruth Riley, Niele Ivey and Alicia Ratay) have been complemented by the interior defense and rebounding of

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame seeks revenge for late season loss to Pitt

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Riding a four-game winning streak, the Irish head to Pittsburgh Saturday hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's road letdown against the Panthers.

"I'd say the Pittsburgh game was one of the ones that sealed us not getting into the NCAA tournament," Irish forward Troy Murphy, the current Big East Player of the Week, said.

A loss to the Panthers a season ago helped send the Irish packing to the Not In Tournament — NIT. Last year,

Notre Dame traveled to Pittsburgh with a 14-8 record, having defeated the Panthers by 15 in the Joyce Center less than two weeks earlier. But Notre Dame caved to a 15-0 run by Pittsburgh in the second half and dropped five of its next eight games.

Despite the sour aftertaste of last year's game, Irish coach Mike Brey doesn't view Saturday's contest as a must win for his 13-5 team, which sits atop the West Division of the Big East at 5-2 in the league.

"It's not a make or break game,"

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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