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Lou Nanni's lecture Sunday night kicked
the weeklong Student Union program
promoting Chilean orphanages.
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SMC elections are today. On-campus students
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2001 STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Candidates use various tactics to earn support, get votes

Editor's note: This is the first of a five-part series examining different issues in this year's student body election.

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

With memories of the recent federal election still fresh in their minds, Notre Dame students are once again seeing campaign messages from presidential hopefuls.

But instead of talking about Social Security, taxes and prescription drug plans, the most recent wave of candidates are talking about bookstore policies, campus entertainment and pari-etals as they campaign to become Notre Dame's next student body president and vice president.

Since the official campaign began two weeks ago, the six tickets in the race have been working to make themselves known to the student body.

"Our strategy was to get our

name out the first week," said Ryan Becker, who is running for student body president. So, Becker, along with running mate Nikki McCord and their campaign staff, hung posters in dorms and put table tents in the dining halls.

Brooke Norton, another candidate for president, said her campaign decided to hang a general poster around campus during the first week of the allotted campaigning period. During the second week, Norton said, her campaign displayed a new poster with a more detailed explanation of the ticket's platform.

In addition to two main campaign posters, the ticket of Maureen Gottlieb and Victoria Fetterman created a personalized poster for each dorm, Gottlieb said. Most of the posters use the dorms' mascots as a theme.

The ticket of Chris Zimmerman and Andy Nelson decided to not put up as many posters as the other tickets in the first few

weeks, though Zimmerman said they are planning to hang more during the last week of campaigning.

"We simply think when you put posters up three weeks in advance, people get sick of them," Zimmerman said.

In addition to platform ideas, many of the posters also have slogans the tickets designed to highlight specific parts of their campaigns.

For example, the ticket of Demetra Smith and Yogeld Andre are using the slogan, "Let's keep it real."

"We're coming at this from an outsider's perspective," Smith said. "We've been asking our fellow students to ask questions."

Smith and Andre's platform focus on social issues, such as greater interaction with the South Bend community and a living wage for campus employees.

"[A slogan] helps you remember their issues," said Liddy Bishop, who along with Peter Rossman is managing the campaign of Norton and

Norton and vice presidential candidate Brian Mascona.

"Brooke and Brian are really trying to stress their experience," Bishop added,

referring to the ticket's use of the slogan, "Experience Counts!"

Another Norton and Mascona slogan — "The time is now!" — is more open to interpretation, according to Norton. In part, Norton said, the slogan can mean

that it is the right time for many of the ticket's platform ideas to become reality. However, the slogan can also carry the meaning that it is now the time for Notre Dame to have its first female student body president.

"I do think our school is ready for a female president," said Norton who along with Smith and Gottlieb are the three female presidential candidates.

Either way, the slogan is reinforced by pictures of clocks on the ticket's Web site, another important way for the candidates to express their ideas.

Norton and Mascona, however, are not the only candidates with an Internet sight. In fact, five of the six tickets have a site.

Presidential candidate Holt Zeidler said he is not sure that a significant number of students actually visit each candidate's site. Similarly, Zimmerman said

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"We're coming at this from an outsider's perspective."

Demetra Smith
presidential candidate

SPINNIN' AROUND



A referee disagrees with some of the basketball antics employed by guard Matt Jackson when the Harlem Globetrotters visited the Joyce Center Saturday.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

Students: trip to BOT meeting a success

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
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The Notre Dame Board of Trustees responded favorably to suggestions regarding ways to enhance students' experience of faith presented at Thursday's winter meeting, according to John Osborn and Mike Heinz, co-chairs of the Board of Trustees Reports Committee.

Osborn and Heinz, who traveled to the Board's meeting in Washington with student body president Brian O'Donoghue, suggested the University offer an alternative introductory theology course, strengthen ties between Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns and offer more programs for experiential faith encounters.

"I think [the meeting] went really well," said Heinz. "I got the sense that they really took our recommendations to heart."

The proposals were the product of research done by student government in response to a request by the Board that the committee address the ways in which students understand and articulate their faith. The Board also heard presentations from representatives from the theology department and Campus Ministry.

"They were able to get a

complete perspective on a single issue they'd been talking about all afternoon," said Heinz, who noted that by addressing a topic the trustees had already chosen to discuss, the committee was able to add a student voice.

The Board asked several questions about the proposed alternative to Theology 100 and the options for hands-on faith experiences, according to Heinz. In addition, members expressed support for increased funding for programs such as the Appalachia Seminars and the Notre Dame Encounter to allow increased student participation in these events.

Osborn said that though no immediate changes to the theology or campus ministry programs are expected, students can expect the Board to take action in response to the recommendations.

"I think that the trustees work on a time scale longer than a year or a semester, but we're looking to work together with some of the groups that we talked about and with the administration, so hopefully we'll get some motion on some of our recommendations pretty soon after this meeting," he said.

Both Osborn and Heinz were optimistic that student participation will be encouraged.

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INSIDE COLUMN

All praise wheat

For my 20 years on this earth, I had always understood that the most important part of the Eucharist was the real presence of Jesus and the communion of the faithful through the consumption of His body and blood.

But sadly, I was mistaken. According to the Archdiocese of Boston, the most important part of the Eucharist is not the real presence of Jesus but the physical make-up of the communion wafer. It is critically important that the wafer be made from wheat. Apparently Jesus has trouble transforming anything but wheat into his body. (And for years I had been under the assumption that Jesus was all powerful)

This great enlightenment stems from an article written by the Associated Press on Wednesday. The AP reported that the parents of a 5-year-old girl from Boston petitioned the Church to make an exception for their daughter and allow her to receive a rice-based wafer for her First Communion rather than a wheat-based wafer. Their daughter, Jenny Richardson, suffers from celiac disease which renders her unable to eat gluten — a protein found in wheat and many other grains. When Jenny eats wheat, she gets very sick and she is very susceptible to other diseases.

Luckily for Jenny and other people who suffer from celiac disease, rice does not contain gluten and can be eaten safely. Substituting a rice wafer for a wheat wafer would safely allow Jenny to receive holy communion just like all the other little children. But the Archdiocese wouldn't allow it.

"This is not an arbitrary sort of thing, and we're talking about a religious sacrament," John Walsh, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Boston told the Associated Press. "Bread is central to the Eucharist because of the imagery of Scripture, because of the prayers of the Christian community going back thousands of years."

For years, I always thought I was worshipping Jesus when I went to Mass. But thanks to John Walsh, I now know that Jesus is just a sideshow in the Eucharist... what really matters is the wheat.

It's not just a figure of speech when we ask the Father to "give us this day our daily bread." We are not looking for comfort and protection from God, we want bread. Throw some yeast, water and grain together, bake it and we will be happy. Because that's what really matters: wheat.

The pope even took a stand on this. According to the AP, in 1994, the Vatican issued a statement saying "Special hosts (which do not contain gluten) are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist."

I am completely shocked that the Church would make such a big deal out of this. If Jesus came to Earth in East Asia, rice would probably be the preferred method of celebrating the Eucharist. If he appeared in pre-Columbian America, corn would be the way to remember Jesus' death and resurrection.

In fact, until I read in the AP story that the hosts were made out of wheat, I had no idea what I was eating every Sunday. If I had to guess what the main ingredient of communion wafers were, I probably would have said plaster.

But now I am enlightened. No longer will I think that Jesus is the most important part of mass. I will redirect my praise away from God and instead bow down in worship of wheat.

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

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday

◆ **Concert:** "Mbiradinda," Kimberly Burja, Glen Fittin and Michael Toal, Rhythm-based music from around the globe, part of the "Window for Music Professions," Little Theatre, Moreau Center, noon

Tuesday

◆ **Lecture:** "Panama's Foreign Relations in the 21st Century: Consolidating Democracy and Sovereignty in a Globalized World," Jose Miguel Aleman, Room C-103, Hesburgh Center, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday

◆ **Lecture:** "Killing Cool: Igniting the Soul of Society," Derrick Ashong, actor and activist, Ballroom, LaFortune Student Center, Lecture Series, "Our Achievements of Excellence," 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

◆ **Musical Theater:** "Guys and Dolls," sponsored by Pasquerilla East Hall, tickets available at LaFortune, Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.
◆ **Film:** "Dancer in the Dark," Annenberg Auditorium, 7 and 9:45 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Arrest in Dartmouth murders still not imminent

HANOVER, N.H.

Although the team investigating the double murder of Susanne and Half Zantop continues following up leads, an arrest is still not imminent Friday, according to Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte.

In a news conference held Friday, she said the investigation would continue at full force throughout the weekend and will be reassessed on a daily basis.

"We are in no way short of leads," Ayotte said, emphasizing that the investigation has not reached a dead end.

"We don't feel that we're running out of time," she said, using the words "systematically" and "methodically" again and again to describe the investigative process.



Ayotte continued to refuse comment on whether the crime was committed by one or more than one person, any motive that may have led to the murder or whether the police have a suspect in mind.

She said at this point, investigators

did not suspect that the murderer had fled the country.

She said if the investigative team of about 35 did, in fact, have a suspect in mind, that information would most likely not be made public.

However, State Attorney General Philip McLaughlin said earlier this week that if and when an arrest is made, that information will be made public immediately.

Ayotte confirmed reports that a white sedan was impounded from the Manchester Airport Thrifty Car Rental agency, but she added that a number of vehicles are being examined.

She would not comment on whether the rumors that a "middle-aged man" from Arizona had rented the car or was related to the Zantop murder, as reported by WNDS-TV in Derry, N.H.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Court grants class action status

BERKELEY, Calif.

Thousands of female employees were granted class action status in their lawsuit against alleged sexual discrimination by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the employees announced Thursday. Ronald Sabraw, an Alameda County Superior Court judge, granted class certification to current, former, and future female employees at the laboratory. The certification allows two law firms to represent female employees "who are, have been, or may in the future be adversely affected by discrimination based on gender in rate of pay and promotional opportunities," the court's statement said. The lawyers and the laboratory disagree, however, about the number of employees ultimately affected by the legal action. The court was somewhat reluctant to grant the classification because of the broad nature of the case, Sabraw said.

One of the attorneys representing the women, James Sturdevant, said, however, this is an important step toward bringing the case to trial.

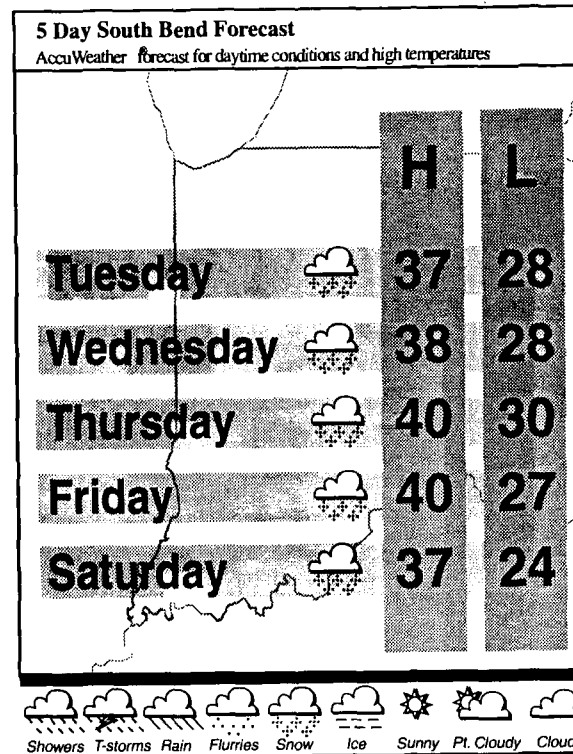
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Commission hides education study

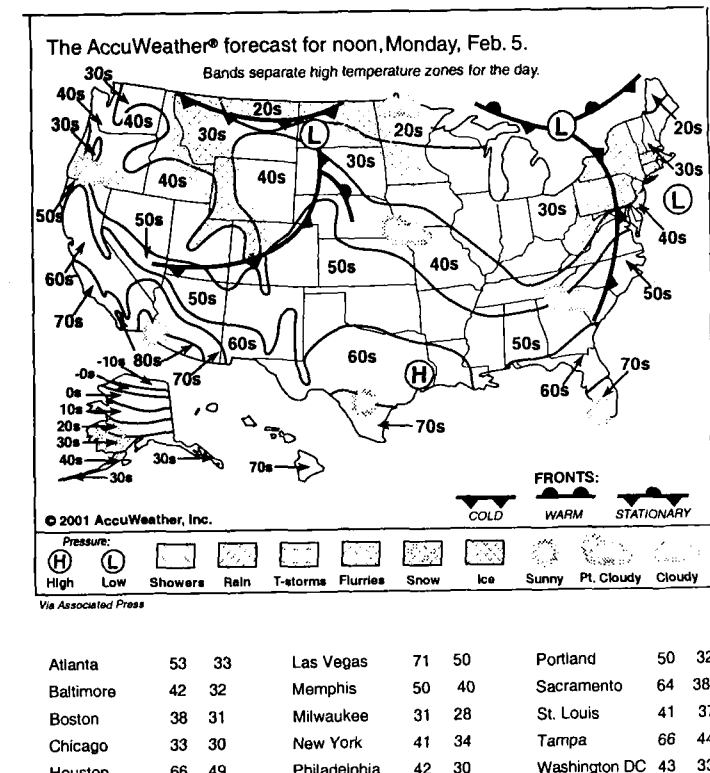
BOULDER, Colo.

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education paid a conservative faculty organization \$25,000 to develop a report on teacher education in the state, but the commission never shared the study's findings with institutions that were reviewed, the Colorado Daily has learned. Moreover, the dean of the University of Colorado-Boulder's School of Education — which the report savaged for "stridently indoctrinated students" — told the Daily that when he asked CCHE about the report, the commission told him it didn't exist. The report, a copy of which was obtained by the Daily under the Colorado Open Records Act, was developed last year by the National Association of Scholars, a group critical of what it says is pervasive liberal bias in higher education. CCHE executive director Tim Foster authorized the report, which wasn't shown to anyone besides CCHE staff, said Jeanne Adkins, the commission's director for policy and planning.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Lecture starts weeklong program

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Notre Dame students should be involved in service, asserted Lou Nanni and Roger Allee as they reminisced about their volunteer experiences and the times they received help from others in the Sunday night lecture entitled "The Call to Fellowship and Service."

"A blessing is certainly not anything that comes to us easily. A blessing comes to us with time and pain," Nanni said to 20 students in the keynote address of the "Blessing Unto Others," a week-long Student Union program promoting awareness about Chilean orphanages.

"I used to think that you had to go through the crucifixion to get to the resurrection. Over the years I've come to think that the resurrection is in the crucifixion," said Nanni, the executive assistant to the University president.

He asserted that the key to achieving a blessing is transforming pain into good. Nanni has first hand experience in this field. He has lived in shantytowns in Chile for five years and has helped run the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Several years ago at the homeless center, Nanni was coordinating a TV program showcasing rehabilitated guests when one of the men at the shelter stole a donated van, starting a seven car police chase. The experience was especially trying for Nanni who had to deal with the media and

assist the now imprisoned man.

"All of a sudden I started to sob and I was just praying to God, 'please don't let me be bitter and cynical, don't let me lose hope,'" Nanni said.

"I can tell you in retrospect that I consider moments like that absolute blessings, they are never easy to go through — I thank God for allowing me to be in a spot where I can confront my limitations," he said.

Nanni charged Notre Dame students to ask themselves how much they need to be working together and to ask for God's help when more assistance is needed.

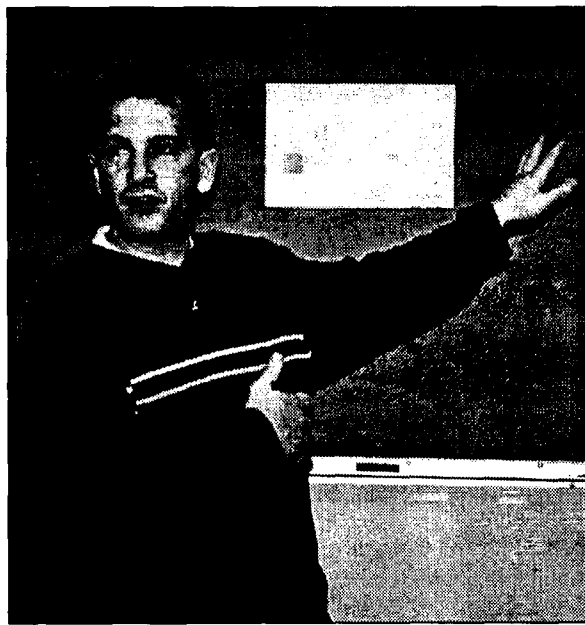
"It's a good thing to be in a position where we get the need for prayer on a daily basis ... We're on the right track," Nanni said.

He also explored the concept of "others" in the program's title "Blessing unto Others."

"We're called as Christians to be part of a bigger circle. Christ's love for us was very powerful ... a love that went well beyond His inner circle of friends," Nanni said.

He challenged students to help the world's most needy. He cited the 27,000 children who die each day from malnutrition, the 55 percent of the world's population who live on an annual income of less than \$800, and earth's many illiterate people as examples of those in great need.

Roger Allee, head of maintenance in Washington Hall, also spoke of his personal experiences during the



Lou Nanni's lecture was the first in the weeklong Student Union program "Blessing Unto Others."

lecture.

"I was really screwed up and I still am. Everything just kept going wrong," he said.

Several years ago Allee had to cope with the deaths of his mother and three brothers, two of whom committed suicide. As a result, Allee was homeless for 1 1/2 years and contemplated suicide.

"I was losing my mind. God got me to the homeless center and when I got there God took over," he said.

Allee has since been diagnosed with three mental illnesses including agoraphobia, the fear of people. Despite these setbacks, Roger now holds a steady job and volunteers monthly at the South Bend Homeless Shelter. Last Mother's Day he received the seven sacraments, becoming a member of the Catholic

Church. Nanni served as his sponsor.

"It comes down to names and faces and intimate relationships," said Nanni after Roger's story.

He called the student body to serve their communities but also not to lose track of their academic work.

"You're education shouldn't be put on the shelf so you can volunteer for 60 hours a week. We need educated people. The important thing is that you want to develop your God-given talents so you can serve to your potential," he said.

"Blessing Unto Others," sponsored by Student Government, will continue to host events and lectures throughout the week. This year, the program's emphasis is on two Chilean orphanages which house over 100 abused, neglected and abandoned children.

Conference addresses living wage issue

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
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Notre Dame took another step in its efforts in anti-sweatshop initiatives when the Collegiate Living Wage Association met on campus last weekend. The CLWA conference was organized by Todd David Whitmore, a Notre Dame professor and is an outgrowth of a recommendation of Notre Dame's Task Force on Anti-sweatshop initiatives.

More than 30 colleges and universities including Saint Mary's sent representatives to the conference. Other representatives at the meeting were from the Fair Labor Association, Workers Rights Consortium and others.

Whitmore said the weekend's conference was a success.

"We accomplished everything on our agenda that we set out to do," said Whitmore. "It was a highly successful conference. Trying to get over 60 people to agree on anything is a challenge."

The goal of the organizational meeting was to set guidelines for the living wage of workers throughout the world who produce collegiate licensed products.

The conference accomplished four main goals over the weekend. It established an organizational committee for next fall, formed a research working group, created a statement of purpose and established a statement of tasks.

"The organizational committee will also have the task of looking for a more permanent home for the association and making proposals regarding the structure and financing of the association," said Whitmore. "Our hope for the research working group is that it will focus on researching what a living wage should be and implementing that. Also, between now and the next meeting they will assemble as much of the existing research as possible so that we will not be duplicating research. In the future, we hope that we will be able to systematize and generate research on a living wage."

The association's statement of purpose says, "The Collegiate Living Wage Association is an association of colleges and universities whose purpose is to define and measure the 'living wage' for workers employed by suppliers producing goods destined for the collegiate logo market. In contributing to the goal of raising living standards of low wage workers around the world, the Association is committed to receiving input from workers and worker-allied organizations, as well as NGOs, government entities, business and other sources of expertise."

The representatives decided it was important to distinguish the association as being a group of collegiate institutions because there are other groups who are working on living wage issues and the association wanted a way to distinguish itself.

The research aspect of the organization is important because the association hopes it will receive information from other groups involved in researching living wages and bring the expertise of those groups to the CLWA, said Whitmore.

The diversity of colleges and universities attending the conference pleased Whitmore.

"What was nice was that we had both public and private universities and colleges in attendance and large and small institutions," said Whitmore. "We want to make sure that any school regardless of size could be a member of this association."

The non-governmental organizations attending the conference also had a positive response to the formation of the new association, said Whitmore.

"Their representatives spoke positively of the possibilities of doing research on a living wage and having an association that could provide a source of unbiased research on living wages for whoever wanted to use it," said Whitmore.

At the next meeting, Whitmore said the association is hoping to establish the conditions for membership in the association.

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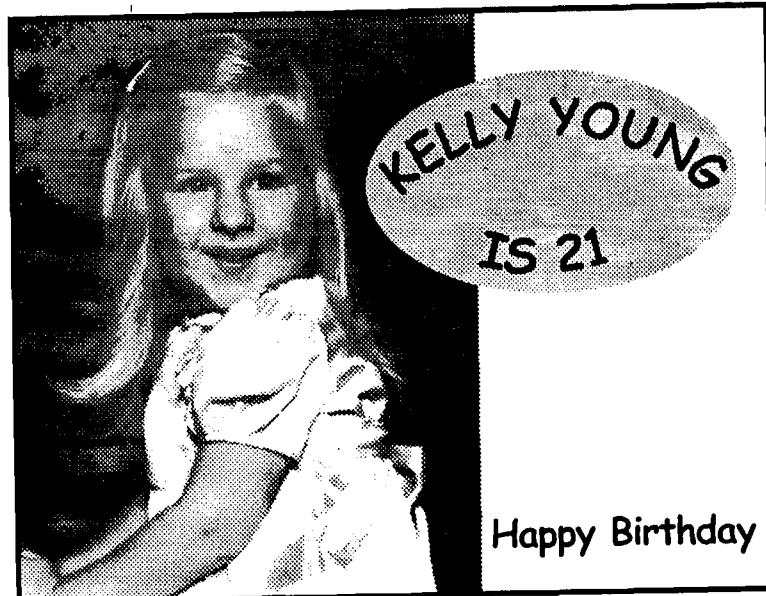


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Campaign

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the number of people who visit his Web site is probably limited, but he added the Internet can still be useful.

"It's the easiest way," Zimmerman said. "It gives you a good way to explain your platform."

"It's an extra medium for all of the candidates to have a place where they can flush out their ideas. We have limited space on posters," Smith said.

Becker and McCord have used their Web site to show students that the ticket has a plan for carrying out its platform, according to campaign manager Dan Loeffler. He said many students have questioned whether Becker and McCord will actually be able to get the bookstore to lower its prices. The campaign has directed those students to the ticket's Web site, which has on it Becker and McCord's actual plan for changing bookstore policy, said Loeffler.

Reading about platforms on posters and the Web, however, does not replace meeting the candidates face to face. The different tickets have already visited dorms, and plan to continue doing so throughout this final week.

"We're going to talk to as many students as possible," said Becker. He and McCord have visited a few dorms already, and will visit the remaining ones this week, he added.

"They're spreading it out so they can spend time talking to people," Loeffler explained.

Indeed, the candidates believe it is crucial for them to interact directly with students during the campaign.

"We're trying to go door to door," Zeidler said. "I think it's important for people to have a conversation with the person who's going to be representing them."

"It gives a chance for students to give ideas and ask questions," said Norton.

Some of the campaigns use the strategy of sending the presidential candidate to some dorms and vice presidential candidate to others. Gottlieb and Fetterman, on the other hand, are visiting dorms together.

"It would be easier to split up,

but we think it's important to go together because otherwise you're missing half the ticket," Gottlieb said.

Behind the campaigning the candidates themselves do, each ticket has other students helping to get its message out.

Becker and his supporters, for example, began planning his campaign several months ago. Since then, they have been meeting about once a week to develop a platform of issues. The group covered a different topic at each of the meetings, which Becker described as "informal."

Despite Becker's early start,

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"We're going to talk to as many students as possible."

Ryan Becker
presidential candidate

on teammates from the debate team to help with their campaign, according to Gottlieb. She added that the ticket probably has official supporters in about half of the dorms on campus.

"It's a good network. We're all pretty close," said Gottlieb.

Smith actually decided to run only four weeks ago, when a group of students approached her with the idea of running. She and Andre then developed their platform themselves and then drew together campaign supporters from people who responded to the ideas of that platform.

"It was a strategy based on interest," Smith said.

W h i l e Zimmerman and Nelson do have a campaign manager, they do not have

someone working for them in each dorm.

"We don't have the vast campaign teams as some others, like Brooke Norton and Brian Mascona," Zimmerman said.

What strategy pays off will be determined next week. But students are taking notice of what the candidates are doing.

Freshman Drew Dewalt, who has not yet decided which ticket to vote for, said a major factor in his decision will be the platform each ticket presents and "if I think they're attainable goals" — not just rhetoric the candidates think students want to hear.

Another freshman, Kerry Perez, said she has already decided whom to vote for. Perez based her decision on posters and the impression she has gotten of four or five candidates that have come to her door.

"I think that's impressive if they take the time to come around," Perez said.

SOUTH AFRICA

Youngest AIDS activist celebrates birthday

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's youngest AIDS activist turned 12 Sunday but was too ill to attend his birthday party because the disease has left him unable to eat or speak.

Nkosi Johnson championed the cause of young HIV and AIDS sufferers and spoke openly about the disease, which remains heavily stigmatized in South Africa even though about 10 percent of the country's 45 million people are HIV-positive.

Last July, he addressed the opening of the 13th International AIDS conference in Durban, where he appealed to people not to shun AIDS sufferers and pressed the government to provide anti-retroviral drugs to HIV-positive women who are pregnant.

Nkosi, the longest-surviving child born with the disease in South Africa, collapsed in December with AIDS-related brain damage and viral infections. He was hospitalized, but doctors said they could do nothing more for him. He was not expected to live much longer and was taken home to

be more comfortable.

In January, he had several seizures and has not spoken since.

His birthday party was held at the school he attended until he fell ill. Nkosi first made headlines in 1997 when parents of the school's other pupils unsuccessfully tried to prevent his admission because of his HIV/AIDS status.

His former classmates and several local television stars attended the party.

G a i l Johnson, who adopted Nkosi when he was 2, told guests packed into the school hall: "I am so proud my little boy made it to his 12th birthday. The

only problem is he is not here."

"Sadly I can't give him the present I wanted to today ... life," Johnson said, choking back tears. "Even lying in bed he conveys the message that people are loving and responding to people dying of AIDS."

A stream of well-wishers visited Nkosi at his home, leaving him exhausted.

His condition had improved slightly in the last few days and he was now spending time watching television, although he was still unable to eat, sleep or walk, Johnson said.

"Even lying in bed he conveys the message that people are loving and responding to people dying of AIDS."

Gail Johnson
adoptive mother

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aged in future winter board meetings, in which students had not been previously represented because winter meetings are not held on campus. Heinz anticipated that the

committee will continue to address topics of the Board's choosing at winter meetings while refraining the right to speak on a topic of its choice at the October and May meetings held in South Bend. The Board is expected to provide the committee with a letter detailing its feedback to the presentation in a few weeks.



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Aristide's party, opposition meet:

Seeking to avert a political crisis just days before Haitian President-elect Jean-Bertrand Aristide's inauguration, members of his party met with opposition leaders Sunday to try persuading them not to form an alternative government. The 15-party opposition alliance Convergence has refused to recognize Aristide's legitimacy, saying he is drifting toward dictatorship and that his party won elections last year through fraud. Aristide is to be inaugurated Wednesday.

Ukrainians rally against president:

Hundreds of protesters demonstrated against Ukraine's leadership on Sunday, painting slogans on fences and calling for President Leonid Kuchma to step down as political tension grew.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

One dies in Alaska avalanche: One snowmachiner died and one was missing and presumed dead in an avalanche about 100 miles northeast of Anchorage. Rescue helicopters and search dogs were sent to try to find the missing man. About 65 volunteers with 12-foot probes were assisting in the search Sunday.

Boy stabbed at movie theater: An 11-year-old boy stabbed another boy to death during an argument at a Springfield, Mass., movie theater, authorities said. Nestor Herrera, also 11, died at a hospital about an hour after the stabbing Saturday evening. The suspected assailant was arrested about 3 p.m. Sunday. The boys were acquaintances who came to the movie theater with separate groups of friends, District Attorney William Bennett said. The two got into an argument in the video arcade, outside a theater showing the R-rated horror movie "Valentine," Bennett said.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Rottweilers shot after attacking child:

Police shot and killed two Rottweilers after the dogs attacked a 10-year-old boy in Indianapolis on Saturday. Benjamin Johnson was riding a bicycle when the two dogs jumped on him in a yard. The larger of the dogs was bigger than the boy, and his jacket was being torn off. The boy suffered a large gash in his right arm and was taken to Wishard Memorial Hospital. Officers did not determine if the dogs had an owner. A passing motorist saved the boy from further injury by trying to back her car over the dogs.

ISRAEL



Newsmakers Photo

A Palestinian man sits in front of his destroyed home near the Netzorean settlement in the Gaza Strip where Israeli troops ruined several houses and buildings two days before the election between Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Likud leader Ariel Sharon. Palestinian shop owners said they will close their shops on Tuesday as a message to Israel that the Palestinian uprising will continue.

Ultra-Orthodox support Sharon

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israel's major ultra-Orthodox parties announced their support Sunday for hard-line opposition leader Ariel Sharon, who denied allegations that he made a private deal with religious blocs in exchange for their support.

All official campaigning, including the broadcast of election ads, was to stop at midnight Sunday, giving the Israelis a day of quiet to contemplate their choice in what Prime Minister Ehud Barak calls "perhaps the most fateful vote in the

last generation."

With polls giving Sharon a lead of up to 20 points over the beleaguered Barak, the challenger appeared headed for victory Tuesday, barring any dramatic last-minute changes. The support of the influential ultra-Orthodox community was an additional boost for the 72-year-old Sharon.

Newspapers representing Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox parties, composed of Jews of European background, published announcements from the religious leadership calling on people to vote for Sharon. The announcements called him

the candidate "who will bring the country closer to Torah," the Jewish holy book.

The Shas party, comprising mostly of religious Sephardic Jews of Middle Eastern origin, also announced support for Sharon. Shas is the third-largest party in the Israeli Knesset, or parliament.

The ultra-Orthodox community, which overwhelmingly follows the voting advice of its spiritual leaders, makes up only about 9 percent of Israel's voters. But other Israeli voters who want to preserve some Jewish religious traditions also tend to be influenced

by the position taken by the spiritual leaders.

Shas and its spiritual leader Ovadiah Yosef "called on all of us to stop study that day and do everything possible in order to let Ariel Sharon win the elections," said Shas lawmaker Yair Peretz.

Barak followers immediately accused Sharon of making secret deals with the ultra-Orthodox.

Sharon rushed to deny the charges and reiterated that if elected, he would seek to form a national unity government that would include Barak's Labor party.

COLOMBIA

Protesters reject guerrilla occupation

Associated Press

BOGOTA

Thousands of Colombians rejected the creation of a second guerrilla stronghold during a protest Sunday in what would be the main town inside the controversial enclave in northern Colombia.

The protest came as the government was close to granting a 1,860-square-mile territory to the leftist National Liberation Army, or ELN. The guerrilla army has demanded the demilitarized zone as an exchange for peace talks with the

government.

During the peaceful demonstration on Sunday, some 12,000 people filled the streets of San Pablo to oppose the plan, said the town's mayor, Danuil Macera, on Radionet radio station. Local media reports put the number at 25,000.

Government delegates have been meeting with the ELN and local residents for months to formalize an agreement. Residents, however, complain they've had no say in how the demilitarized zone would work.

"If we are going to loan out our house, they should let us give our opinions on how it is going to be

run," said Delmare Rufos, the mayor of Santa Rosa, a town just outside of the proposed rebel zone.

Government peace envoy Camilo Gomez said on Sunday a significant number of community leaders would have to support the plan before an agreement with the ELN is formalized. He said he would meet with residents again next week.

The zone, which the rebels would hold for nine months, would be patrolled by a civilian police force chosen by the two mayors and a 150-member international delegation to monitor potential human rights abuses against residents.

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Notre Dame students win film award

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Two Notre Dame Film, Television and Theatre majors won the Communicator Award of Distinction for their production of a public service announcement (PSA), "One Organization Can Make All the Difference."

Senior Charlie Holden-Corbett and junior Tim Ryan won the award for their production of an announcement highlighting El Campito, a multicultural family and day care facility in South Bend. The PSA was shown at the 2001 Student Film Festival.

"We picked El Campito to let people know that it's out there and what services they provide. El Campito is trying to build an image of a multicultural center instead of just day care," said Holden-Corbett.

The PSA was created as part of a class requirement for Professional Video Production. Holden-Corbett and Ryan researched other PSA's before they began production of their own.

"I was inspired by a film I saw a few years ago at the Film Festival which also featured a series of still photographs, so that's kind of where the idea came from. But, Tim and I watched a bunch of other PSA's to help prepare us for making this one," said Holden-Corbett.

Their methods proved successful, as their entry, which features a series of black and white still photos that gradually fade into color, was selected by industry professionals from a pool of more than 3,000 entries from 47 states and eight for-

eign countries.

Ryan and Holden-Corbett's hope their PSA will be aired locally soon.

"Right now we are hoping that it will run on WNDU," said Holden-Corbett. "We have to get El Campito's approval as well as signed release forms from all those who are featured in the announcement."

The class creates PSA to use their talents to give back to the community, according to instructor Ted Mandell.

"Producing PSA's is one way our students give back to the South Bend community, while finding out a bit about themselves in the process," the associate professional specialist in Film, Television and Theatre said. "The award confirms the professional quality of the work, not only by Charlie and Tim, but also by many of our film and video students whose creativity and technical skills are extraordinary for an undergraduate program."

The Communicator Awards are part of a national program that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. The Award of Distinction won by Holden-Corbett and Ryan is given to those whose talent and ability to communicate exhibit a high standard of excellence.

"There are a bunch of different awards," said Holden-Corbett. "I thought we might get an honorable mention, so I was really surprised and excited that we won. I would definitely do it again because it helps to see that our work can compete with those that were done by professional production companies."

"I thought we might get an honorable mention, so I was really surprised and excited that we won."

Charlie Holden-Corbett
senior

Scalia praises Marshall's dedication

♦ Conservative judge lauds activist on anniversary

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va.

The Supreme Court's most quotable conservative, Justice Antonin Scalia, praised the dedication of a predecessor who believed, as Scalia does not, in a strong federal government and an ambitious judiciary.

Scalia delivered a lengthy history lesson on the civic commitment and devotion to family of John Marshall, credited with defining the Supreme Court's early role as constitutional arbiter and the last word on national law.

Speaking late Saturday to about 400 prominent lawyers, legislators, judges and business leaders in Marshall's adopted hometown, Scalia said nothing about the 19th century jurist's judicial philosophy and little about his place in history.

Instead, Scalia praised Marshall as a family man who doted on his nervous wife, Polly, and made time for all manner of clubs, sporting events and civic duties in addition to a law practice and periodic government service.

Honoring the 200th anniversary of Marshall's appointment as chief justice, Scalia said lawyers, government officials and business leaders put too much stock in work and not enough in civic life.

The building blocks of civic

involvement, such as Little League groups, "are not being run by lawyers," Scalia said. "They're too busy putting in their 25-hour days."

Scalia noted approvingly that Marshall had 10 children — one more than Scalia himself. If Scalia saw other parallels between the men — both successful, self-made sons of modest beginnings — he did not say so.

Scalia, nominated by President Reagan, He also said nothing about the Supreme Court's decisive involvement in the 2000 presidential election, in which Scalia was part of the five-member majority that voted to stop ballot recounting in Florida and effectively handed the White House to Republican George W. Bush.

By contrast, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg told an audience in Melbourne, Australia last week that the Dec. 12 decision was a "storm over the U.S. Supreme Court," and implied it may take time for the clouds to clear.

Ginsburg, nominated by President Clinton, was among the four-member minority in Bush v. Gore.

Marshall never faced a similar situation in his 34 years as chief justice, but he might have relished it. Marshall was a vigorous advocate for judicial power of a scope that modern-day conservatives such as Scalia tend to regard with suspicion.

Marshall also favored a strong

federal government, while Scalia has voted repeatedly to grant greater power to states at the expense of federal control.

Marshall wrote the unanimous 1803 decision, Marbury v. Madison, that set precedent for the court to overturn acts of Congress and "say what the law is."

Marshall also presided as the court decided other landmark cases establishing the court's power to set aside or reverse state legislative acts as unconstitutional.

The modern court draws on those powers to decide many of its cases.

Usually known as a colorful speaker with a quick wit and a flair for the dramatic, Scalia allowed only a few extemporaneous thoughts after his chronology

"We have many responsibilities before the job. We have many responsibilities to community, to state ... one who is not doing these is not beign a full participant."

Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court justice

of Marshall's life and service.

"I'm afraid we've lost the knowledge Marshall had," Scalia said at Saturday's dinner, held across the street from the house where Marshall lived much of his adult life.

"We have many responsibilities before the job. We have many responsibilities to community, to state ... one who is not doing these is not being a full participant," Scalia said.

Along with lawyers and business leaders, Scalia pointed the finger at "those who work in the White House who have beepers and think it is a mark of great importance."

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ISRAEL

Despite experience, Barak heads into election as underdog

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Throughout his long and distinguished military career, Ehud Barak was accustomed to giving orders and being obeyed. During his turbulent 19 months as Israel's prime minister, he has found it much harder to call the shots.

The 58-year-old Barak, who trounced Benjamin Netanyahu at the polls in May 1999, now heads into Tuesday's elections very much the under-



Barak

dog. For weeks, public opinion polls have given his hawkish opponent, Ariel Sharon, an overwhelming lead.

Like his political mentor, slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Barak was a general-turned-peacemaker elected on his promises to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace not only with the Palestinians but also with adversarial neighbors Syria and Lebanon. So far, those efforts have failed to bear fruit.

Barak has never looked completely at home in the public eye. An unlikely politician, he speaks with a wooden delivery and a slight lisp. And he has always found it hard to translate the reputation as a brilliant strategist that he enjoyed in his military days into the rough-

and-tumble world of Israeli politics.

Critics say his administration was characterized by one political misstep after another, including an ill-fated alliance with Israel's ultra-religious parties and a falling-out with Israel's Arab citizens, who make up one-sixth of the population.

Barak's stop-and-go efforts at making peace with the Palestinians led him to propose the most sweeping concessions ever by an Israeli leader. But he failed to lay the groundwork with the Israeli public and faced an outcry from across the political spectrum when details of those offers leaked out.

Many Israelis also have seen Barak's efforts to put down four months of bloody clashes in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip as ineffectual — even as the outside world criticized Israel for wielding excessive force. The violence has killed nearly 400 people, about 90 percent of them Palestinians.

His major success was pulling Israeli troops out of south Lebanon, ending a two-decade-long entanglement there, in fulfillment of a campaign pledge. But the pullout nine months ago has drawn grumbling from some in the military establishment who now consider Israel's northern border more difficult to defend, and from jittery Israelis living close by the new frontier.

Barak's personal history has mirrored that of the half-century-old Jewish state. The child of

Holocaust survivors, he was born in 1942 on Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon, a communal farm in central Israel.

As a young soldier, he rose quickly through the ranks of the military, and from 1991-95 served as armed forces chief of staff. After a 36-year military career, he joined Rabin's government. Postings as interior minister and foreign minister were widely seen as a dress rehearsal for his future bid for the prime minister's job.

Barak is an accomplished pianist and is fluent in English and Arabic. He earned degrees in physics and mathematics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a master's degree in systems analysis from Stanford University.

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L.A. replaces red lights to save energy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

In light of California's energy crisis, Los Angeles County will replace 5,000 red lights in traffic signals with new equipment that consumes far less electricity.

The signals' red incandescent bulbs will be taken out in favor of longer-lasting light-emitting diodes, or LEDs.

Although they cost much more — LEDs can run \$75 and up, while an ordinary bulb goes for just a dollar or two — the diodes use less power. A standard 8-inch stoplight uses 69 watts, while the new lights use about seven watts.

Smaller LEDs are commonly used for such things as the tiny red lights that alert people that their stereos are on.

County officials say they are only replacing the red bulbs because the technology for red LEDs has been around for years, leading to cheaper prices, and because red lights are used more. The red bulbs in traffic signals are lit 59 percent of the time, compared with 38 percent for green lights.

Many cities have experimented with the technology, but interest is surging now because of the state's power problems, said Virginia Lew of the California Energy Commission.

"We should have been doing this, even without the electricity crisis," said county Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who pushed for the change. "It's a very good deal for us, and it also saves electricity, which is the name of the game."

County officials expect to recoup within two years the \$700,000 it will cost to install the new equipment, mostly through lower electricity bills. Since the high-tech units last about five times as long as ordinary bulbs, labor costs may drop because work crews won't have to change burned-out lights so often.

The county will begin installing them by the end of the year, said Mike Nagao, a civil engineer for the county.

According to the energy commission, if the entire state swapped its 4 million traffic lights for light-emitting diodes, California would save almost \$95 million each year.

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Bush presents tax plan to opposition

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa.

President Bush said he got a cordial hearing from skeptical Democratic lawmakers Sunday, but will have to wait to gauge his success in winning any of them over to his proposals for tax cuts and other matters on his agenda.



Bush

"I think they listened," Bush said as he left the two-hour session, which had been scheduled to last just over an hour. "I have no idea until the votes come. They were very cordial. These are professionals who want to serve their nation."

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said the president spoke for about eight minutes and spent the rest of the time responding to questions. The meeting was closed to the press. Approximately 300 people attended, about half of them Democratic House members.

"Hopefully we can exceed expectations," Bush told the Democrats, according to the spokesman. "The expectation is, because of the closeness of the election, nothing will get done."

He said much of Bush's remarks focused on improving civility in Washington.

"I hope people can disagree in an agreeable way," he quoted the president as saying.

"Bipartisanship is going to require more than words to put forth good public policy."

Bush added that he believes "the right thing to do is to do what you said you were going to do," according to McClellan.

Echoing previous remarks to lawmakers, the spokesman said Bush told them he was concerned about national debt but also about consumer debt, which he said tax cuts could help alleviate.

Upon his arrival back at the White House, Bush told reporters he had a "good discussion" with the House Democrats.

"People, I think, recognize that we are going to have tax relief," said Bush. "The fundamental question is how big and when."

McClellan said the Democrats questioned Bush on a wide range of issues, including his tax plan, abortion and election reform.

Bush made no firm promises on election reform but said "we ought to do something about it. Absolutely," he quoted the president as saying.

McClellan characterized the tone of the questions as "respectful" and said "there was a commitment on both sides to work together."

The centerpiece of the Bush agenda is his proposed 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut, which he plans to submit to Congress on Thursday.

"I'm feeling good," Bush said as he and chief of staff Andrew Card strode into the Democratic gathering at the snow-covered Nemaquin Woodlands Resort and Spa about 60 miles south of Pittsburgh. Also at Bush's side was his brother-in-law, Bobby

Koch.

Bush said he was delivering a message to Democrats "about having a civil tone of discourse, (and) about an agenda" that includes tax cuts, Social Security and Medicare reform and improving schools.

"And I'm going to answer some questions. And then I'm going to head on home and take a nap," he said with a smile.

The president planned to devote much of his energy this week to building public support for the tax reductions. On Monday, he was bringing to the White House four families who would benefit from his proposed tax reductions, because they would fall into lower tax brackets.

He has moved aggressively to win over lawmakers, especially the Democrats who are suspicious of his proposal.

Bush says the tax cut is necessary to stave off a recession, and many Democrats agree, though some believe a smaller cut of less than \$1 trillion over 10 years is in order.

The two camps drew stark battle lines over the weekend, when Bush warned of "troubling" economic signs in his Saturday radio address, and Democrats responded that Bush's cut would disproportionately help the wealthy.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota charged that Bush's tax-cut plan "short-changes working families." Daschle's comments, delivered in his own Saturday radio address, came a day after Bush made a personal pitch to Democratic senators at their gathering on Capitol Hill.

Deaf student found stabbed to death

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A student found dead in his dorm room at Gallaudet University, a school for the hearing-impaired, was stabbed to death, District of Columbia police said Sunday.

Benjamin Varner, 19, of San Antonio, Texas, had multiple stab wounds to the head and body, said police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile.

He was found Saturday morning in a fourth-floor dorm room of Cogswell Hall.

That is the same dormitory where freshman Eric F. Plunkett, 19, of Burnsville, Minn., was found beaten to death in a first-floor room Sept. 28.

Police Chief Charles Ramsey said there is no evidence of a link between the two deaths, but investigators are looking into the possibility that there could be a connection.

Security was tight at the campus Sunday. University police checked student IDs and wrote down the license plates of vehicles entering the campus.

A fellow student originally was charged with second-degree murder in the Plunkett case, but the charges were

dropped the next day. District of Columbia police said at the time that two freshmen had a dispute that erupted into a physical fight that led to the beating death of one of the male students.

At the urging of police, the university beefed up security over the weekend. Visitors and students could only enter and exit campus through one of five gates.

"We're having 100 percent ID checks right now," said spokeswoman Mercy Coogan.

Extra staff also was in dormitories to provide support to students.

"We're trying very hard to make sure that our students feel safe," she added.

Some 150 students who lived in Cogswell Hall have been moved to other dormitories.

The university also planned to hold daily informational meetings about the investigation. Coogan said some 200 students crowded into a cafeteria Sunday to learn more about the death and voice their concerns. University officials also spent the weekend trying to calm worried parents who had called the school.

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Addressing workers rights

It is an exciting time to be an anti-sweatshop activist. Today the administration is meeting with the Executive Director of the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) and within the next 30 days the administration will decide whether to join the WRC. This is a result of the Progressive Student Alliance's anti-sweatshop campaign, which culminated last March in an administrative promise that within 30 days of an arranged meeting with the WRC, it would make its decision. Now we are finally having that meeting.

The WRC was created by anti-sweatshop activists, primarily students, to monitor facilities that produce university goods to test if they follow the university's standards (as defined by a code of conduct). It was also a response to the creation of the Fair Labor Association (FLA), which activists felt had fundamental flaws.

As the WRC was created by activists, its approach is to fight sweatshops by empowering workers. By contrast, the FLA was created with support of apparel and footwear corporations, like Nike, who only care about sweatshops so much as improving conditions or appearing to do so, helps their public image. This is evident in the fact that the WRC is governed by administrators, student activists, non-governmental organization representatives and worker-allies. Note that the WRC is intentionally excluding

corporations from its board. By contrast, the FLA gives sweatshop corporations veto power over major decisions.

In the wake of this past weekend's conference to form a Collegiate Living Wage Association that Notre Dame sponsored, it is interesting to note that the WRC requires a living wage whereas the FLA does not. As our school has demonstrated support for this concept, it would be strange if we did not join the only monitoring association that calls for its implementation.

Another substantial reason for joining the WRC is that it will require that all working conditions and monitoring reports be publicly disclosed. This means the public can read for themselves whether Notre Dame apparel and goods are produced in sweatshops and guarantees our accountability.

When I last wrote a column about the WRC, it had 20 members. The administration was reluctant to join, because it felt that the WRC had not finalized its structure. Now the WRC has 71 member schools. It also has a new Executive Director, a completed structure, and it even just sent its first delegation to investigate the conditions at a Nike plant in Mexico that fired workers who were trying to form a union.

The only thing that might still be preventing Notre Dame from joining the WRC is a perception that the WRC is associated with an activist approach to sweatshops, which is ultimately anti-corporate. I think this may not prove to be a problem, as Notre Dame has shown that it too is willing to take a strong activist

stance on this issue when it is necessary. It is currently doing so by requiring that workers have a right to organize, although this will mean no more production of goods in China. In addition, as so many other universities and colleges have joined the WRC, it is no longer a radical act to do so.

Notre Dame may or may not join the WRC. However, the issue of worker rights does not end there. Where things begin to get even more interesting is whether our University is willing to apply to itself the same standards that it requires of the producers of our university goods. Will we pay our campus workers a living wage? Will we take a position of neutrality in response to worker attempts to organize unions? Or will we oppose them like we did over 20 years ago when the administration fought the groundskeepers or just several years ago when the administration stopped a secretaries' organizing drive by promising a pay increase, which later was not delivered? And will the University involve students and staff, including activists, in the decision-making process regarding these issues? In the next 30 days, and years to follow, Notre Dame will show by its actions whether it believes in the human dignity of labor.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student's views heard by trustees

In last Friday's Viewpoint an Observer Editorial entitled "Board of Trustees should meet here" was a well written opinion with some interesting points. I would like to thank The Observer for noting the hard work of the Student Union Board of Trustees Committee. Additionally, I am glad to see that they agree with the Student Union's attempts to encourage a student voice at all Board of Trustees meetings. I cannot tell you how important Brooke and I feel that the voice of the students be heard at all levels of University governance. In fact, that is why we have worked so hard to allow students into the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees.

I do, however, feel the need to clarify some of the points raised in the editorial. First, the Board of Trustees does meet on campus twice a year. The Trustees meet three times annually. The Fall and Spring meetings are held on our campus, while the winter meetings remain at an off-campus location, most recently Washington, D.C. Secondly, this is not "the first time in Notre Dame history" that students will address the Board of Trustees meeting. It is our first time to present at the winter meeting of the Board. Students have had access to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees for about the last 20 years at both the Spring and Fall meetings on Campus. While the committee meets for approximately four hours in a given day, the subject matter of the meeting is controlled by the students for about a quarter of this time. It is our opportunity to voice the concerns and issues with which students are most concerned. For the past two meetings, the students have met with both the

Student Affairs Committee and the Social Values Committees of the Trustees, expanding student empowerment even more. Also, students this year, for the first time ever, have access to the full committee agenda. This insight allows students not only knowledge of what the Trustees are discussing, but also empowers us to address such issues in the time we hold the floor. In other words, this past year has seen students with more access to Trustee meetings than ever before. In working with Father Poorman, the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Mr. Goodyear, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, we have garnered the ability to give more student input into the highest level of debate about the future of our University. Brooke and I are extremely proud of these accomplishments.

For the winter meeting, John Osborne, Mike Heinz and the entire Student Union Board of Trustees Report Committee worked extremely hard to ensure that we represent all student viewpoints and not just our own. Such an effort requires a constant self-evaluation for everything we do. I would like to publicly thank these students for their diligent efforts. This past report was perhaps one of the most successful in recent history due to their dedication and hard work for the students. It means a great deal to me not only as a part of their team, but as a student whose views are represented.

Brian O'Donoghue
Student Body President
February 4, 2001

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Writers aren't exactly people ... they're a whole lot of people trying to be one person."

F. Scott Fitzgerald
author

VIEWPOINT

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Paper versus procrastination

Ever woken up at 11:30 and had a Philosophy paper due at 1? You sprint over to the cluster. Winded. Smelly. Hung-over. You start by being distracted by the hot girl on the computer across from you, laughing at her computer just so you know that her friends write the funniest e-mails ever. If you have, your internal monologue may have gone something like this.

Josh Kirley

Swift's
Confederate

"OK. Find a short question with a simple answer. That will give me the momentum I need to get through this bit of busy work. Here we are, No. 5. Short and sweet. What is holistic about 'anomalous monism?' OK. Six words in the question, I know three of them. If I walk back to my room for a dictionary, I won't be able to get a computer when I get back. Will you look at those pathetic wannabes eyeing this one? Like they'd slit my throat to get on this computer, just to check their e-mail. No respect for academia. Scavengers! It's probably best that I do the questions in order anyway. They probably build on each other. Noon. One hour 'til class, seven questions left. That's roughly eight minutes per question, allowing time to print this out, which irresponsibly assumes I'll find a printer that works, and time to walk to class, that's about seven minutes per question.

Must work. OK, just seven questions, answered in essay form. Let's go, pump 'em out. No. 1. Does a Functionalism account of mind imply that, at least in principle, robots or computers which are

"functionally isomorphic" with a human's mental life, ipso facto must be said to have real minds? OK, No. 2, then.

No. Get serious. Read the question; break it up into smaller parts. I bet it's a trick question anyway. Why am I in this class? I'm a business major. I have no interest in philosophy. When will I ever use this? Doesn't this professor know that I'm only in here because it's required? I bet he doesn't even care. They never care.

I bet I can list 20 reasons to not do this assignment. I think I will. I've already thought of at least five, the first of which, being that the professor is unsympathetic. Man, if I'd been writing the reasons out as I thought of them, I wouldn't be wasting this time now. Need better time management. Wow, 12:10. I've been working on this thing for almost 15 minutes. Doogie said I didn't have the focus to work on an assignment for 10 straight minutes. I proved him wrong four minutes ago. I think I'll e-mail him right now just to rub it in his face. Hey, I have new mail. Wow. Three new messages. And ... all from my parents. 'What?! How can I still owe my dad \$20.' That's like 10 beers. I don't have that kind of money ... to spend ... on debts. Why is it that cognitively, beer is my standard unit of currency? Always used in price comparison or deciding whether or not I can afford something. Well, only 40 minutes 'til class. It's crunch time. Man, college is stressful.

Hey, there's that blue-haired kid from my class. He's e-mailing too, there's no way he'll finish this on time. At least, I won't be the only one. If he's trying to express his individuality with that look, why does he have a blue hair-do and tat-

tered clothes identical to that of all his friends? Collective individuality. Quite daring. Hey, maybe I can work that into the answers of one of these questions. Dang. He's printing out his paper. Over-achieving freak! All right, can't be shown up by him. Use him as inspiration. Freak is my muse.

Back to work. How can this guy expect us to answer seven poorly worded questions in just 40 minutes? ... Without having read the essay or gone to the lectures, no less. Is this guy mad? Slave driver. He gives us more work than I get in my real classes. It is absolutely impossible to give this assignment its due attention and complete it in the time allotted. I need an extension. I'll go to him before class and get an extension. No, too desperate. I'll run to his office. No, he'll give me some dribble like, 'I assigned this two weeks ago and you're coming to me now.' With a condescending emphasis on the now. That's another thing. The instructors know we or I, don't start the assignment 'til the day it's due. Yet, they insist on telling us about it weeks in advance. Only, so they can rub it in our faces when we don't get it done. Conspiracy is what that is. That's another reason to not even bother. I'm a conscientious objector. Civil disobedience in the face of this academic machine. Now, there's an essay. They should give no

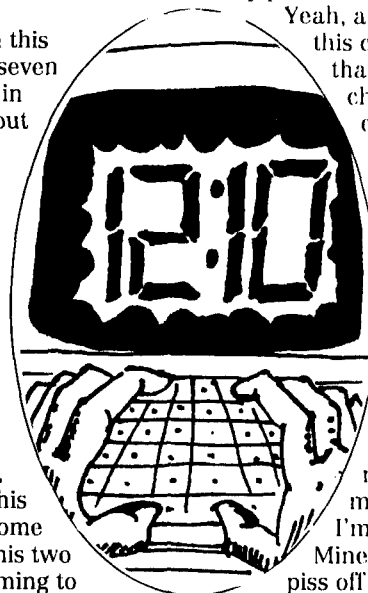
more than one day's notice of an assignment before the day it is due. If for no other reason than to put all students on the same, equal, competitive level ... with me. I think I'll propose that to Monk. I'll e-mail it to him now ... That's it! I'll e-mail my professor a request for an extension.

Yeah, and I'll set back the date on this computer. How do you do that? Will it work? What if he's checked his mail recently? Can e-mail get lost in the e-mail? Who cares? I'll say 'but didn't you get my e-mail?' He'll return to find it waiting for him at his office, feel stupid, be apologetic and give me an extension, with bonus. Pure genius. Hell, if I'm backdating it, assuming that's possible, I've got plenty of time to write that letter. Time to make out that list. Even more time to do that assignment. I won't even go to class. I'm just gonna sit here and play Minesweeper, guilt free. Just to piss off those scavengers in line.

Yeah, just chill. Maybe do a little e-mail. Wow, I've been working on this assignment for almost an hour. Deal with that, Doogie.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping to fight cancer

Juniors Conor Murphy and Brionne Clary as well as 14 year-old Scott Delgadillo of San Diego shared a deep love of Notre Dame and touched the hearts of countless people on this campus. Their recent deaths have brought the Notre Dame family together as we grieve their loss and celebrate their lives. No one will ever forget the way each of them inspired us with their strength, courage and faith over these past months.

These three beautiful people also shared the fate of being stricken with leukemia, a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. This cancer is the No. 1 disease killer of children under the age of 15. However, it is not just a killer of children. Leukemia strikes nearly 10 times as many adults as children. More than half of all the cases occur in persons over age 60. Every week there are 1,900 new cases of leukemia and the related diseases of lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease diagnosed in the United States. Each week approximately 1,100 Americans die of these diseases. No one has to look very far to find a relative, neighbor or friend who has been part of these tragic numbers.

We can grieve the deaths of these three incredible members of the Notre Dame family but what can we do to continue their fight against these diseases? One of the answers came in the overwhelming student response last year to register as bone marrow donors. If you missed this opportunity, you can register by contacting blood donor services at the South Bend Medical Foundation 234-4176 Ext. 6-411.

Another answer might be to join The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training (TNT) where you would be a symbol of hope for local leukemia patients. TNT has trained more than 60,000 runners, walkers and cyclists and raised more than \$160 million for cancer research since its launch in 1988. You are matched with a local patient with a blood cancer in whose honor you walk, run or cycle and raise funds for a cure. Instead of a local patient, you could choose some-

one you know who is struggling with the disease or dedicate your fundraising and athletic efforts in memory of Conor, Brionne or Scott.

Team in Training gives its members comprehensive coaching and training as well as fundraising support. They ask healthy people to run, walk or cycle on behalf of those stricken with leukemia. Upcoming events include the Indianapolis Life 500 Half Marathon (May 5), the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego (Scott's home) on June 3, America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride (100 miles) in Lake Tahoe on June 3 and the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Ala. on June 23. All team members have to raise set amounts of money for leukemia research. In exchange, Team in Training provides travel, accommodations, entry fees and other logistics for these events. Running a half marathon or a marathon, biking 100 miles, or walking a marathon is no easy task. It becomes much easier when you realize the daily struggle leukemia victims face in their battle with this cancer.

The local chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training is just starting up its training program for the events listed above and there are members of the Notre Dame community already committed. If you are interested in joining the fight against leukemia in this fashion, please contact Kim Dueringer at (219) 264-7334 or e-mail her (kim_dueringer@yahoo.com). The TNT website is www.lsa-teamintraining.org.

The lives of Conor Murphy, Brionne Clary and Scott Delgadillo were taken too soon by leukemia. Do what you can to help find the cure for future generations.

Tim Rippinger
Development Department
February 4, 2001

CARE addresses monologue issue

CARE and the Womyn's Center at Saint Mary's are very sorry to bring you the news that our administration has refused to support a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" this semester. We have been informed that under no circumstances are we to perform this play and we'd like to apologize to all those who were looking forward to seeing it. We'd also like to thank all the students, faculty members and administrators who have supported us either last year or at the "speak out" this year.

For those who are unfamiliar with "The Vagina Monologues" and the V-Day College Initiative, it is a nationwide movement to take a stand against violence toward women. The play was written by Eve Ensler and is a compilation of thousands of women's experiences all over the world. Neither Ensler nor the V-Day College Initiative receives any compensation for our performance. All proceeds are donated to the local charity of our choice. Last year, we raised more than \$1,000 for Sexual Offense Services, a local organization whose mission is to help women overcome the pain that results from the many forms of sexual violence perpetrated against women. More information is available at www.vday.org.

And though we cannot perform the play this year, we are still committed to the mission set forth by the College Initiative: to stop all forms of sexual violence against women. We know that both of our campuses are likewise committed to this mission and we thank you for all the supporters who attended CARE's "Take Back the Night" and the various CARE meetings throughout the year.

As a final note, we'd like to thank all those students, faculty and staff who voiced their opinion, whether in support or opposition, about the effect The Vagina Monologues has had on our campuses. To those who have not yet spoken out on this issue, please do not let your voice go unheard.

The Officers of Saint Mary's CARE
Julie Frischkorn
senior, off-campus
Emily Koelsch
senior, Annunciata Hall
Angela Romano
senior, off-campus
Katie Poynter
senior, LeMans Hall
January 31, 2001

Notre Dame 'top ten' lists abound in the cold of winter

Places to go after midnight in South Bend:

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| 10. Study loft | 5. Denny's |
| 9. Library | 4. Meijer's |
| 8. The Huddle | 3. Reckers |
| 7. Osco Drug | 2. Nick's Patio |
| 6. Hollywood Diner | 1. Nowhere |

Nicest-Looking Buildings on Campus:

10. Water Tower
9. Old College
8. Dillon Hall
7. The Rockne Memorial
6. Alumni Hall
5. South Dining Hall
4. Washington Hall
3. Bond Hall
2. The Main Building
1. Stepan Center

Student Activities Throughout the Year:

10. Registration
9. Moving In
8. Fisher Regatta
7. Finals
6. Dances
- 5.-1. Notre Dame football home games

Things People Talk about at Parties:

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| 10. Football | 5. Hello, how are you? |
| 9. Basketball | 4. How are we going to get home? |
| 8. Where are the cups? | 3. Nice outfit. |
| 7. Where is the keg? | 2. Other parties |
| 6. Who is that girl? | 1. How wasted they are |

Dining Hall Favorites:

10. Beets
9. Toad in the Hole
8. Salisbury steak
7. Italian sausage
6. Left over peanut butter and jelly sandwich in the container
5. Garbonzo beans
4. Grits
3. Broccoli quesadilla
2. Yellow Jell-O
1. Hello Dolly Bars

Interesting Facts:

10. Chances a ND student will marry another Domer: 2/3
9. Average number of socks lost per student while at ND: 6 pairs
8. Number of ND daily planners sold each year: 6,000
7. Average number of hours a ND student spends on a computer during the school year: time equal to 33 days
6. Average number of boyfriends/girlfriends the average student has while at ND: 1.9
5. Average length of boyfriend/girlfriend relationship: 11 months
4. Average number of lifelong friends made: 3
3. Average number of enemies made: 0.1
2. Average number of movies watched in four years at ND: 367
1. Person to bathroom ratio: 18:1

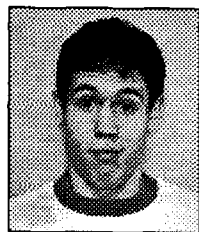
Interesting Facts II:

10. PETA is doing research at ND regarding the overfeeding of squirrels
9. Average number of real fires at ND per year: 2.1
8. Average number of false fire alarms at ND per year: 17
7. Percentage of people on campus who have glasses: 86%
6. Percentage of Domers who have had cosmetic surgery: 1%
5. Percentage of undergrad students who live off campus: 16%
4. Average time spent per year in the shower for men: 42 hours
3. Average time spent per year in the shower for women: 4 days, 13 hours
2. Number of pairs of underwear the average ND male has: 7
1. Number of pairs of underwear the average ND female has: 16

Reasons to skip class:

10. Enjoying the weather (well, not yet)
9. Eating
8. Playing a video game
7. Too tired
6. Too hung-over
5. Still drunk
4. Sick
3. Class is too boring
2. You knew there wasn't going to be a quiz
1. Doing work for another class

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Scott Little

just a little



JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

The Mendoza College of Business is highly regarded for its high post-graduate employment rate but on campus, it is mostly known for its rumored easy class schedules.

Business majors thrive on success of Mendoza College

By SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Writer

Meet Brad. Brad is the kind of guy that every student at Notre Dame knows. He's the one guy that never seems to be doing anything when the rest of the campus is having a collective aneurysm over their the next paper, the next final, the next second of existence.

Most of Brad's time is divided between playing Playstation NHL Hockey and going to and from the Boat Club. As he curls up into bed at 11:30 a.m., passersbys on their way to write historical analysis papers or prepare their coming chemistry labs are known to curse the leisure that Brad, the business major, enjoys.

The business major is an interesting animal. However, his program of study is much more complex than the Boat Club and NHL Hockey. Welcome to the elusive course of study know as the Mendoza College of Business.

The Mendoza College of Business did not always bear the Mendoza name. In fact, the college was originally named the College of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in 1921 when it opened its doors to Notre Dame students.

In 1961, the college was renamed the College of Business Administration, a name it retained until March of 2000 when Tom and Kathy Mendoza (the former, a 1973 Notre Dame alumnus) gave the University a naming grant of \$35 million, the largest donation in the school's history.

Tom Mendoza is the president of Network Appliance, a technology infrastructure company that currently handles the majority of the world's e-mail communication. His wife Kathy serves as the senior director of Worldwide Strategic Operations at NetApp and serves on the Advisory Board of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Mendoza grant serves the 1,947 undergraduate students — a whopping 24 percent of the Notre Dame student body — who are enrolled in the business school. Their programs of study include accountan-

cy, finance and business economics, management, management information systems and marketing.

The study of business is half way between a science and an art. For example, while marketing majors must take number-crunching economics courses, they must also acquire a number of behavioral psychology credits.

But what is so great about the business college? Besides the extra amount of sleep, the college's track record speaks for itself.

Graduates of the Mendoza College of Business consistently report close to 100 percent employment by three months after their graduation, with an average salary of \$42,801. It has also been ranked among the highest in alumni networking by numerous news magazines including Newsweek and Time.

But what about that extra sleep? Is it really true that business students have to do significantly less work than other majors?

"That stereotype is absolutely false," said Dan Sirkin, a sophomore accountancy major. "It's just that the standard of a business student is someone who can organize their time and get their work done efficiently. That's what being a business student is all about."

"I think all the different majors have a serious chip on their shoulders," said senior computer science major Mike Crowley. "They want to believe that they have it so much worse off than other majors. [But] all the majors have a heavy workload."

In fact, the Mendoza College of Business is widely recognized as one of the country's most challenging programs of business study.

Its faculty, like marketing instructor Kevin Bradford who received the American Marketing Association's "Best Paper Award" in 2000, has also been highly acclaimed by news journals and professional associations alike.

Like most business students, our subject Brad knows how good his college is. But now it's time for him to get some sleep. He has a 8:30 a.m. micro-economics class, and he needs to rest up for the evening at Boat Club anyway.

Ethnic clubs work to promote cultural awareness

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

Many people argue that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses lack a serious degree of diversity. And while the number of minority students may seem small, the enthusiasm they bring to campus is anything but.

In a wide array of student-run ethnic clubs, these students share their culture with the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities, creating opportunities for minority and non-minority students alike. Those featured here are only a few of the many which work hard to promote diversity throughout campus.

Filipino American Student Organization of Notre Dame (FASO)

Like most ethnic clubs on campus, FASO was originally created to provide Filipino students with a chance to explore their culture. The group now functions mainly to share that culture with students of every background.

"We really just want to tell others on campus about Filipino culture and share it with them," said Adrienne de la Rosa, a sophomore member and treasurer of FASO. "We target everyone on campus for participation ... a lot of members bring their roommates who aren't Filipino to [club events] and they enjoy participating as much as the other club members who are [Filipino]."

Most of these events center around traditional Filipino rights of celebration like dancing. Dances like the *Tinakling*, in which a bamboo stick is used to pound out beats on the floor, and the *Binasuan*, where female dancers balance candles on their head and open palms, are performed at various times throughout the year. Students can usually see these performances in the annual Asian Allure, which is organized by the Asian American Association of Notre Dame, or at other special campus events like the Welcome Back Picnic.

"This year we performed for the alumni at the JACC over a couple of football weekends," said de la Rosa. "That was pretty special because the events usually only feature the cheerleaders and the pom pom squad."

Upcoming FASO events include the annual Fiesta Filipino, which will take place Feb. 24 and will feature dances from all three of the main Philippine islands. The event will be followed by a traditional Filipino dinner prepared by FASO members.

"We do a lot of cooking because food is very important to our culture," said de la Rosa.

FASO members often meet to learn more about cooking Filipino cuisine, learning techniques such as the rolling of eggrolls. These events are open to and attended by students of all backgrounds.

With all this cooking and performing, the club just wants

to promote the beauty of their culture throughout South Bend. "In the end, FASO's a lot of fun, and we try to make a family for each other," said de la Rosa.

Le Cercle Francais

In a long standing campus tradition that was resurrected in 1995, Le Cercle Francais is an organization of French-speaking students who meet to celebrate the French language and culture. With the help of professors in the Department of Romance Languages, the members of Le Cercle Francais work toward two main goals: to promote French culture on campus and to give students a chance to practice the language in a casual environment.

Once a week, members of Le Cercle Francais meet to work toward this second goal. At "La Table Francaise," students gather for casual discussion on anything from campus happenings to world news. The only stipulation is that students only speak in French.

"Most people that come [to "La Table Francaise"] have returned from studying abroad in France and want to keep up their skills," said Jill Boruff, one of the club's two co-presidents. "But don't be scared if your French isn't great — that's why we are here."

"La Table Francaise" meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Recker's, and is always open to new students who are interested in French culture. Meetings are easygoing and provide students with an opportunity to meet professors in a casual and personal setting. Le Cercle Francais is currently looking to increase participation in this tradition, so if you are at all interested, stop by any week to experience it for yourself.

Other club events include French masses, which are held each semester, and an annual film festival which is currently running films on campus. The third and final film of the series, "La Patinoire" (The Ice Rink) is showing Friday at 2 p.m. in the Annenburg Theatre in the Snite Museum. Le Cercle

Francais is also planning a trip to Chicago this semester to dine in a French restaurant and hopefully see some French art. Interested students should contact Boruff for more information.

India Association of Notre Dame

The India Association of Notre Dame, like most ethnic clubs, wants to share Indian culture with all students on campus. Their focus is not just for Indians, but anyone interested in India and its culture.

Members meet for a variety of different events, including club parties, game nights, movie nights and dances. Last year, the India Association held a festival of dances called

Bongo Night, which they hope to turn into an annual event.

"Bongo Night was a great success, but there weren't enough non-Indian students, so this year we are hoping to attract more students from different backgrounds," said senior club member Aswini Ramkumar, who served as the club's president during the 1999-2000 academic year.

The night features a number of traditional Indian and Asian dances. The Indian music will also provide fun for anyone interested in Indian culture.

The India Association will be participating in the International Village, a week-long celebration of diversity at Notre Dame which will be held in mid-March. The festival features many different international organizations that will sponsor various ethnic movie screenings, book sales and exhibitions. The International Student Services and Activities homepage on the Internet provides more information on this upcoming event.

Pakistan Association of Notre Dame

The Pakistan Association, one of the younger clubs on campus, was created two years ago by its current president, Ali Qazilbasah.

"When I started the club," said Qazilbasah, "there was not a previous outlet for Pakistanis on campus, but then, there weren't many Pakistani students either. The club started with only two members."

The club has since grown, and now works with a faculty advisor to promote Pakistani culture on campus with a focus on intellectual activity. Last year, the club organized panel discussions with representatives from various countries including Pakistan, India, Mexico and South Africa. The original panel topic was "Issues Around the Globe," and a second discussion followed concerning the future of democracy and human rights in South Asia and India.

Upcoming events include another panel discussion entitled "Rethinking Pakistan." The club is also planning on inviting various scholars to speak on campus, and is currently preparing for a lecture on the origin of the game cricket and its role in Pakistani culture.

The Pakistan Association also plans to participate in the International Village, with various activities to add to the event. One of the more popular is the teaching of Henna, the art of body painting which is not permanent but resembles tattooing.

Like all other ethnic clubs on campus, the Pakistan Association is not limited to Pakistani students, and encourages students of all backgrounds to get involved. Anyone interested in joining should contact Qazilbasah for more information on upcoming events.

Students interested in joining or learning more about any ethnic clubs should contact the Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) office for further information.

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Treasurer of FASO

Things to do this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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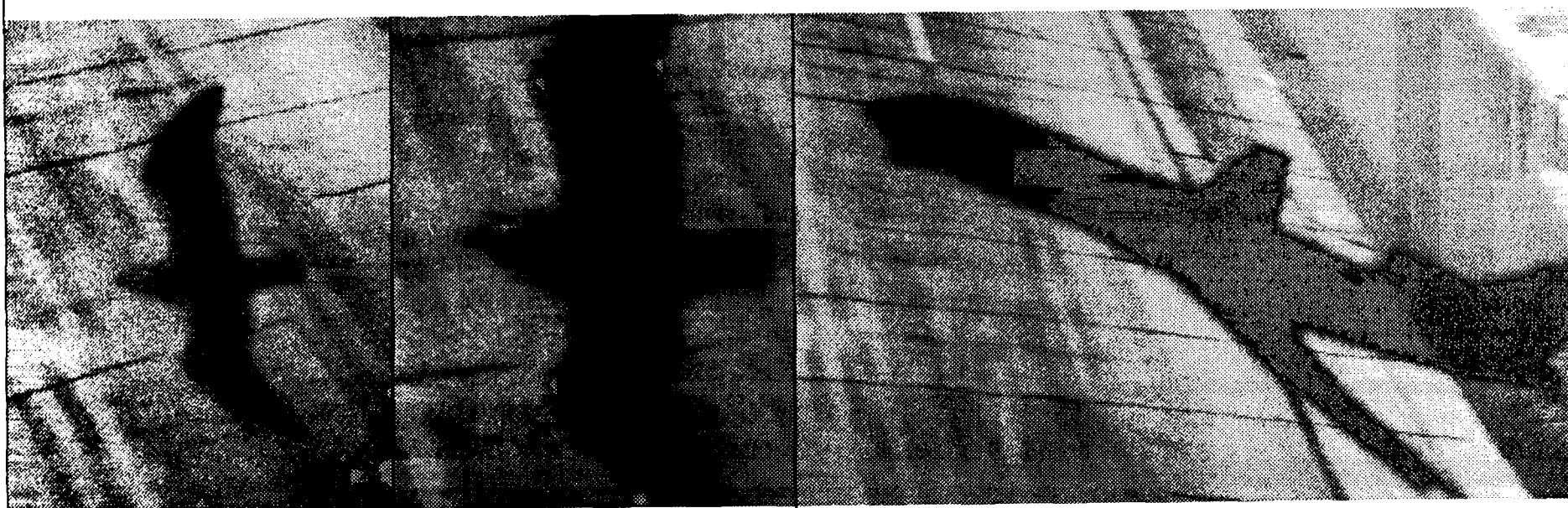
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish win 2 meets, qualify swimmers for Big East

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Sports Writer

After winning back-to-back meets, the Notre Dame men's swimming team is well-prepared for the intense competition and strenuous schedule of the upcoming Big East Championship.

"We've had four meets in nine days and we've won them all," said head coach Tim Welsh, "which is a real tribute to the team's ability to reenergize and respond well."

"I hope this has us well-prepared to go into the Big East Championship," Welsh continued. "One of the reasons we try to schedule back-to-back meets on Fridays and Saturdays at the end of the season is to prepare for the three days of consecutive competition at Big East."

The team's first objective going into the weekend's meets against Cleveland State and St. Bonaventure University was to win both meets. The second goal was to post qualifying times for the Big East Championship.

The Irish crossed off both objectives. The team won beat Cleveland State 136-102 and posted seven individual wins in events. The swimmers topped St. Bonaventure 137.5-100.5 to finish the dual meet season 7-2.

"We were pleased we were able to fill out our entries for Big East," Welsh said,



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"and we set two pool records in the meet at St. Bonaventure."

The meets provided a chance for Welsh to gauge the team's progress going into the Big East Championship.

"We are a better team going into the Big East Championship than we were two weeks ago," said Welsh. "What's really exciting even more than the individual performances is the team's performance. We're racing faster in getting ready for the championships and doing even better in both our long and short distance events. Also important is that we've been able to win on the road which is a sign of a competitive toughness."

Swimmers who made qualifying times for Big East over the weekend include sophomore John Hudson in the 200 backstroke, senior Brian Skorney in the 200 backstroke and Michael Flanagan in the 1,650 freestyle.

The Irish diving contingent of Herb Huesman, Andy Maggio, Joe Miller and Tony Xie closed out the season undefeated in the dual meet season in both the one- and three-meter events.

"Our divers had another marvelous performance," said Welsh. "What is really great is that all four divers have contributed at least one win, so it is not just one person carrying the divers."

All four divers qualified for the Big East Championship, which has left Welsh optimistic for the Big East weekend.

"I hope that the divers can continue the success they've had so far this season," Welsh said, "so that they contribute points to our overall total at Big East."

Pitt

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West Division. The Irish didn't blink at a Pitt squad that upset conference opponents Georgetown and Seton Hall in January, showing why Notre Dame is back in the national rankings after a short hiatus.

Junior David Graves, who moved out of the starting lineup in mid-January only to play his best basketball of the season, scored 24 points in 31 minutes off the bench while bringing down six rebounds.

"That sixth starter was excellent," Brey said. "He's accepted that role, and now he really relishes it. He's good in that role."

Graves and point guard Martin Ingelsby both took second-half charges, highlighting Notre Dame's new attention to defense.

"I think we're starting to realize that we're going to score," Graves said. "We've started to realize that the way to win games is to stop people. We're starting to believe, and I think that's the key."

The Irish defense kept the Panthers to 44 percent shooting, holding Pittsburgh guard Brandin Knight scoreless on the night.

Top player Ricardo Greer sat out the first half for Pittsburgh with back spasms, battling through the

injury in the second half to play 16 minutes and score nine points. Panther forward Donatas Zavackas spurred his team's scoring with 22 points as he shot 5-for-6 from behind the arc.

Notre Dame's 37-23 edge on the boards, led by nine from Ryan Humphrey, didn't hurt matters. Neither did accuracy from the free throw line, as the Irish hit 20 of 25 free throws, providing a boost that helped it get past league foe Georgetown Jan. 27.

"These are the steps that we need to take to become a championship team," Graves said.

Notes

♦ Notre Dame recruit Jemere Hendrix will not be joining the Irish basketball team next fall due to academic reasons, Brey told the South Bend Tribune last week.

Hendrix, a 6-foot-8, 215-pounder from Covington, Ga., had signed with Notre Dame in early November along with Chris Thomas of Indianapolis and Jordan Cornette of Cincinnati. Brey may or may not ink another recruit, now that he has one scholarship to give, since many top players have already signed letters of intent.

"We're back to a two-man class," Brey told the Tribune. "You've got to be smart. We'll look around at who is out there. There won't be a knee-jerk reaction."

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 Ryan Shay (left) set the school record in the 5,000 meters Friday, running the race in 13 minutes, 52 seconds.

Track

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Shay highlighted this weekend's Meyo Invitational by setting a school record in the 5,000-meter run. The senior ran a blazing 13 minutes, 52 seconds, the fastest Irish indoor 5,000 since Mike O'Connor ran 13:56 in 1990.

"I think he's progressing exceptionally well," Plane said. "Our plan is working, because Ryan just ran the second-fastest 5,000 in the nation."

Shay finished second in a talented field at this weekend's Meyo Invitational. The senior's time automatically qualifies him for the NCAA indoor finals to be held in March. Kyle Baker, one of the elite non-collegiate runners in the race, edged him out.

The talent level in the 5,000-meter run was so high that five runners ran fast enough to meet the automatic NCAA qualifying time, while an additional four posted the provisional qualifying time. The first five runners were separated by less than four seconds.

Plane plans to rest Shay next week, then enter him in the 3,000 and the 5,000-meter runs

at the Big East conference meet on Feb. 17.

Shay wasn't the only runner to shine at the individual-oriented meet. Dozens of professional runners entered the meet, making the 14th annual Meyo Invitational one of the most talent-filled indoor invitational in the nation.

Besides top individual athletes, the Irish got a good look at Big East

f o e s Georgetown and Miami. In particular, Miami looked very impressive in the sprinting events. Even without their top sprinter,

football star Santana Moss, the Hurricanes still claimed six of the top 12 spots in the 60-meter dash.

"Their team is basically sprinters and jumpers," said Plane. "But they have a lot of them."

Travis Davey was one of the few Irish sprinters to crack into the dominating sprint crew and place highly. Davey took fifth in the 60-meter dash, finishing in 6.92 seconds and won his heat

in the 200 by running a 22.1, fast enough for seventh place.

"The thing about sprinting is you need races, you don't just go out and run fast every time, you just keep racing until you hit your peak," Irish sprints coach John Millar. "I was pleased with Travis' performance. He gave it all he had and held his own."

Despite Notre Dame's strong performance, Plane feels Georgetown is the team to beat in the Big East. The Hoyas' middle distance crew seemed nearly impossible to overcome. In fact, in the

Meyo Mile, an event aimed at getting a collegiate runner under the magical four-minute barrier, Georgetown's Chris Miltenberg ran a 4:02.

"It's going to be a dogfight," Plane said. "I like our chances, but right now, the odds-on favorite has to be Georgetown."

The one event the Irish did dominate was the 500-meter dash, quickly shaping up to be one of Notre Dame's strongest events. Terry Wray led the event from start and finished in 1:04. Nick Setta and Mike Mansour finished in third and fourth place, only a half second behind Wray.

"Terry went out and tried to control the race, and I thought that was a real positive thing," Irish sprints coach John Millar said. "They all ran well, and I think that's an event where we go into the Big East meet and have a lot of depth."

Godwin Mbagwu had a great weekend for the Irish. He took third in the long jump with a 22 feet, 11 inch leap, and then won the triple jump with a 48-10 effort.

"He did fine this weekend," Irish field events coach Scott Winsor said. "He beat some really good jumpers."

The Irish also got a strong performance from Josh Heck in the pole vault. Heck cleared a personal-best 16-2 1/4 and took fifth place.

"I said earlier that I thought pole vaulting would be a concern, and that we needed some production out of that area," said Winsor. "Josh has responded very well. He had a good attempt at 16-9, and we're trying to get him on a bigger pole."

The 1,000-meter run was one of the most exciting races of the weekend. Sean Zanderson led the race up until the last lap, but he faded during the final sprint and finished seventh. However, Notre Dame got a strong performance from Tom Lennon, who ran a 2:28.8, good enough for third place.

"The guy who was the most surprising was Tom," said Plane. "He's been hurt, and his running as well as he did [Saturday] was a pleasant surprise."

Meanwhile, in the 400-meter dash, freshman James Bracken continued his surprising indoor season. Bracken finished in fourth place and ran a 48.63 despite running out of a slower heat.

"He's one of those guys that started out and faltered last week," Millar said, "and showed this week what he's capable of. The thing I see about him is that he competes, he goes out there and gives it all he's got."

Notre Dame will compete next Friday and Saturday at the Cannon IV Invitational in Indianapolis.



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Picking the mind of basketball coach Mike Brey

Reading the same sort of column every week gets old, doesn't it?

The Notre Dame men's basketball team ran its Big East winning streak to five games on Saturday with a 75-67 win at Pittsburgh, completing a season sweep of the Panthers.

But instead of write about the game or what the players and coaches had to say about it, I took a little inspiration from Dan Patrick's "Outtakes" column in ESPN The Magazine and sat down last Thursday for an interview with head coach Mike Brey.

What follows are my questions, denoted with a "TF" before them, slightly condensed because I tend to ramble, and Coach Mike Brey's answers with an "MB" in front of them (it took me three hours to devise this complex nomenclature).

Like any interview, I don't have room to put in everything he said. But, we still get a chance to find out just how "legendary" legendary coach Morgan Wooten is, and, probably more importantly, who would win the one-on-one battle between the coach and a certain All-American.

TF: If you could clone one player you've ever coached, who would it be?

MB: Certainly it would be great to have Murphy around on a yearly basis. I have just thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He's absolutely driving us to this thing [NCAA tournament]. I mean, he'd flush any individual thing down the toilet right now if he knew we could get in this bracket. And he's absolutely driving the group to it."

TF: If Troy Murphy and Shane Battier were ever matched up in a game Duke and Notre Dame play, who would you say would draw the foul on who?

MB: Tell you what, that'd be a heck of a

matchup. I have a feeling, I don't know if Mike [Kryzewski] would have Battier on him much, you know, he'd probably start [Carlos] Boozer on him. But eventually Battier would have to guard him. That would be two crafty guys, as crafty as Murph is offensively, as crafty as Battier [is defensively].

Of course, if we're playing in the Joyce Center, Murph would get all the calls. If we're playing in Cameron, it'd be the other . . . of course, if we meet, it won't be at either one of those places.

That'd be just an all-out great matchup.

TF: I know you were a great scorer (Brey laughs). So how about Mike Brey in his prime vs. Troy Murphy — who's going to the line there?

MB: You know what, he'd go to the line more. I'd really be reaching in a lot. I don't know if I'd get a shot off over him in my prime. He's a little too big.

TF: You've been around Cameron Indoor a lot [as a coach at Duke]. And now a place like the Carrier Dome [at Syracuse] that obviously holds a lot more people, but which to you is a tougher place to play?

MB: Cameron's got a special place. That's some of the thing we want to try to do here when we redo this building [the Joyce Center] to get close to that atmosphere. There's an aura about Cameron, with the students and everything, and tradition. I haven't seen it matched.

TF: Every time you hear about [DeMatha coach Morgan Wooten] on TV, it's always prefaced with "the legendary" (Brey laughs). Does he ever get tired of people always prefacing his name with "the legendary"?

MB: As down to earth as Morgan is, I think he does get tired of that. Morgan is a real teacher, coach, basic guy. That's

why he's stayed in high school coaching his whole life.

It's almost part of his name now, which is a little weird. You know, it's like: "The Legendary, Morgan Wooten." [But] he deserves it.

He's done it, man. He's a special guy in teaching and coaching. The kind of guy you'd want your son to play for. TF: Me and my roommate want to get in to coaching, and we said if we won 20 games a year, it would take us 40 years to even get to 800.

MB: Well, I've always said if I didn't play for him and coach with him, he would have got to 1,000 [wins] a lot quicker. He was carrying me there for three years as a

player and five years as an assistant. He may have got in the Hall of Fame four years ago. So I always apologize to him (laughs).

TF: You've coached at a lot of different levels, in high school and college. You've played at both levels. Is there a way that you can now, weighing your experiences, say whether you enjoy playing or coaching more?

MB: Well, I wish I could've played a lot longer.

You never want to put the ball away. And I think probably one of the reasons I'm in coaching is because it was the closest thing to continue playing.



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"Probably one of the reasons I'm in coaching is because it was the closest thing to continue playing."

ing and be around it. But I think as a player, when they take the ball away from you, for me it was right after college, you're disappointed because it's such a part of your life.

I've been into coaching now a long time. I really enjoy it. I enjoy the practice. I enjoy the two hours, the two and half hours on the floor with the guys. That's the fun part, that's the most fun for me.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Grow guns it on homestretch to beat Olympian

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The gun went off for the women's 400 meters, and Liz Grow found herself in an unfamiliar position.

Second place.

Canadian Olympian Foye Williams blasted out of the blocks and led the talented Irish junior for the first half of the race. In fact, Williams led by almost five meters with only 100 meters to go, an almost insurmountable margin with such a short distance remaining.

But Williams appeared to slow down on the final straightaway, and Grow surged past the Canadian to take first place at the 14th annual Meyo Invitational.

"Foye took it out very fast," Grow said. "I thought if I just hung on and tried to stay close to her, I could catch her in the end. It was basically all adrenaline."

Grow shattered her own school record in the 400 by running 53.3 seconds, an astonishing .75 seconds faster than her old mark set last year. Her time ranks among the fastest times run by a collegiate athlete this season.

"I was real excited for her," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "I think she went into that meet with a purpose, and obviously her purpose was to win that race and qualify for NCAA. It was an outstanding performance for her."

Grow also qualified for the 60-meter dash final, but scratched from the final in order to prepare for her specialty, the 400.

"We discussed [scratching] after the first round of the 60," Millar said, "and we thought it might take some energy away from the 400. She felt pretty good and wanted to focus on the 400. Obviously, it worked."

Because there was no team scoring at the Meyo Invitational, the focus was on individual performances. Millar was especially pleased with the efforts of Ayesha Boyd and Kymia Love. Both

runners ran their best times of the season — Boyd ran a 7.64 in the 60-meter dash, and Love ran 55.98 in the 400.

Boyd and Love teamed up with Grow and Kristen Dodd to take first place in the 4x400-meter relay, running their fastest time of the season, 3:49.88. Boyd put the Irish on record-setting pace with her 55.9 third leg. The Irish missed the old record, set last year, by four seconds.

Tameisha King won the long jump for the third straight week, but the sophomore All-American sophomore false started in both the 60-meter dash and the 60-meter hurdles, disqualifying her from both events.

"We talked a little bit about it, and that's one of those things you can't get mad at her for," said Millar. "I think part of this has to do with concentration and focus. I told her yesterday 'You're allowed one mistake,' and she had hers."

As they have all season, the Irish dominated the pole vault competition.

Jaime Volkmer took second place with a vault of 12 feet, breaking her week-old school record. Natalie Hallet and Jennifer Van Weelden took third and fourth place.

"They're doing a great job," Irish field events coach Scott Winsor said. "They're very consistent. The best thing a coach can ask for is consistency."

In the high jump, freshman Jennifer Kearney's 5-3 jump was good enough for third place.

Notre Dame fielded their first distance medley relay of the season, and the team of Megan Johnson, Amanda Alvarez, Leanne Brady and Jennifer Handley took second place with a time of 11:49.

"I thought we had three good legs, but our 800 leg [Brady] wasn't very strong," said Irish distance coach Tim Connolly.

Brady redeemed herself in the 1,000. With one lap to go, she was in seventh



LIZ LANG/The Observer

The Irish women's track and field team fared well at the Meyo Invitational this weekend. Junior Liz Grow set a new school record in the 400-meter dash, as did Jaime Volkmer in the pole vault.

place, but she out-kicked a tight pack to finish second.

"She actually ran real intelligently and stayed under control," Connolly said. "She's had trouble learning how to stay under control early, but this year, she's learning how to race."

Connolly cautioned his runners against going out too fast and trying to stay with the top runners. For example, in the 3,000 meter run, professional runner Kris Eihle, who ran in last summer's Olympic Trials, ran a blistering 9:12.

Notre Dame runners Bridget O'Brien and Hillary Burn started towards the back of the pack, but finished seventh and eighth.

"They weren't ready to go out 9:12 — going out that fast would have been suicide," Connolly said. "They had to run well, and I thought they ran a good race. They

were able to run hard at the end of the race, as opposed to struggling to finish."

In the 5,000 meter run, Chrissy Kuenster ran a personal-best 17:44, but Connolly believed she could have gone even faster.

"Chrissy ran too fast," he said. "She ran a PR, but I think she probably could have gone 15 to 20 seconds faster had she gone out slower."

The Irish also got solid performances from Handley and Johnson in the mile.

Handley ran her best open mile of the season (4:53) to take fifth place overall. Johnson was in last place for the first two laps, but then she moved through the field to take eighth place.

"That's the first race of Megan's life where it's gone out hard and stayed hard," Connolly said. "She's a kid that if she can stay under control early, she's going to finish well. She had a good race."

Notre Dame's next meet is Friday and Saturday, when the Irish will compete in the Cannon IV Invitational held in Indianapolis.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Leahy sisters compete on same court for first time

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. The Leahy sisters stood just inches apart, each attempting to grab a rebound.

There was 1:15 remaining in Saturday's game, Notre Dame ahead 78-58, when Boston College's Nicole Conway toed the free throw line after being fouled by Meaghan Leahy, Notre Dame's senior forward. So Meaghan lined up next to her sister, Maureen, a Boston College freshman, underneath the basket.

Only one small problem. "She (Meaghan) didn't know if it was 1-and-1 or two shots," Maureen said.

When Maureen recalled the pre-shot conversation after the game, Boston College coach Cathy Inglesse, who was standing a few feet away, offered a quick response.

"I hope you gave her the wrong answer," Inglesse said.

She probably didn't.

This wasn't sibling rivalry. Instead, it could be classified as sibling revelry.

Sure, the Irish and Eagles clashed in an important conference contest. But the Leahys, Massachusetts natives, did not exactly put all their family ties aside.

"Even when she was out there, I was like 'I want Meg to score,'" Maureen said. "You just can't help it."

Said Meaghan: "We're each other's biggest fans."

It's always been that way. They shot baskets in their driveway as kids, scrimmaged together when they got older at the local high school gym and both prepared this past summer for the 1 1/2 mile run that Inglesse and Irish coach Muffet McGraw recommended in their off season conditioning programs.

But before Saturday, Meaghan and Maureen had never played against (or with) each other in an organized game. Meaghan went to Suffield Academy in Connecticut, while Maureen attended Minnechaug Regional, the public high school in the Leahys hometown of Wilbraham. And with the age difference, they were always on different AAU and recreation teams.

Both sisters dominated the inferior high school competition. Meaghan, a four-year starter at Suffield, is the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. Maureen averaged 17 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks last year and led her team to three state titles.

The older Leahy struggled adjusting to Notre Dame and after her freshman season tried to tell her sister that big-time college basketball is far different from the New England high school scene.

"She would be going in to lift and I'd be like, 'I don't need to lift,'" Maureen recalled. "I was like, 'I want to go hang out with my friends.'"

"We did Mickey Mouse lifting (in high school). I just wanted to make my arms look good. I don't remember ever having someone

being that much stronger than me. When I came here I was so weak."

Maureen has quickly learned what her sister preached three years ago. On Saturday, Maureen matched up against Ruth Riley and struggled mightily. In less than seven minutes of playing time, the freshman committed five fouls, attempted zero shots and had no rebounds.

Her sister did not perform much better. Meaghan scored just two points and had three fouls in 11 minutes.

Regardless, the weekend remained a special moment for the entire Leahy family.

Over 50 friends, family and relatives filled Conte Forum, including the Leahy parents, who received tickets from their youngest daughter and sat in the Boston College section.

That was about the only favoritism they showed. William Leahy, the father, wore a Notre Dame sweatshirt and a Boston College hat during the game, while Molly Leahy, the mother, had a Boston College shirt on for the first half, then switched to a Notre Dame shirt in the final 20 minutes.

Molly received some grief for her choice of attire.

"I was watching Meaghan warm-up and she and the other girls were pointing at me," Molly said. "I don't think they were very happy. I should have held up the Notre Dame shirt."

Don't fret, Irish fans. Despite their bipartisan views on Saturday, the Leahys bleed gold

and blue through and through. In fact, their house is decorated in Irish garb.

"Notre Dame's a few years ahead so they definitely have the advantage," William said. "We have Notre Dame everything around here."

They will drive to Piscataway, NJ for the Feb. 17 Rutgers game and fly out to South Bend for Senior Night on Feb. 24. From there, they plan on attending each of the Irish's NCAA contests.

But the first weekend of February will forever be etched

in the Leahys minds. The Boston Globe's Saturday sports section featured a front-page profile of Meaghan and Maureen and the two were also interviewed on Fox Sports Net's halftime show. Even the parents got to share in the spotlight.

"It was kind of like being a celebrity for an hour with people talking to me," Molly said. "My friend that was sitting next to me was up in the lobby where they have the TVs and she was like 'Oh my God, the TV was on you Molly and you had your hands over your face.' From then on,

we decided that the TV camera might be on us, so we better look good."

Around 2:15 on Saturday afternoon, with the tape recorders shut off and the camera lights dimmed, the Leahy sisters headed back to their locker rooms.

They stood just inches apart, laughing and enjoying their afternoon back home.

They loved being in the company of their biggest fan.

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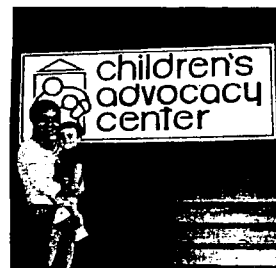
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"Obviously with Ruth inside, if it's one-on-one she can score 50 points," said Inglese. "You know you've got to do some things with her."

By sending defenders over to prevent Riley from dominating inside, Boston College left Irish sharpshooters Alicia Ratay, Jeneka Joyce and Niele Ivey open on the wing.

The fearsome threesome combined for seven 3-pointers on the night. Freshman Joyce, in particular, excelled — tying her season-high with 11 points including three from behind the arc.

"I thought she had a great game — definitely player of the game off the bench," said McGraw. "She really had some big shots — the best she's shot in a long while."

Joyce most impressed her coach with her ball-handling skills, committing zero turnovers in 22 minutes on the floor.

"The thing about Jeneka is she's not turning the ball over," McGraw said. "For the season I think she has three turnovers. She's a smart player."

The Irish committed only nine turnovers as a team in the game, tying a school record for fewest turnovers set against DePaul on Jan. 27, 1985.

Junior forwards Nicole Conway and Becky Gottstein led the Eagles with 16 points apiece. Conway impressed McGraw, coming through on seven of 13 shots from the field.

"I thought Conway had a great game," McGraw said.

"We were really on her and she made some tough shots down the stretch to really kind of keep things going for them."

Despite the lopsided final score, the game was close for most of the first half. Notre Dame never led by more than five points until Riley found Kelley Siemon open underneath the basket with 4:22 left in the opening half.

The game was Siemon's first since Notre Dame's upset of Connecticut on Jan. 15. The senior forward missed the following three games with an injured hand that still requires a padded glove.

"She didn't practice at all Friday, she was very sore. She's just so mentally tough and she can really play with a little bit of pain," said McGraw. "We'll kind of re-evaluate her on a daily basis, but we expect in the next week or so, she'll be back full-time."

Notre Dame pulled away in the second half behind 14 points by Riley and eight points from Ivey — who finished with 16 to go along with 7 assists and three steals.

McGraw was happy with the team's offensive performance, but wants to see a more complete effort in the future.

"Providence was the best defensive game we've had in a long time," said McGraw. "[Saturday] was a good offensive game. I think that we'd like to put that whole game together and have a game that we feel good about at both ends of the floor."

The Irish will have a chance to try for that perfect game as 9-11 Pittsburgh visits the Joyce Center on Wednesday night in another Big East match-up.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Knights dominate Belles

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Calvin Knights' homecoming game was anything but hospitable to the visiting Belles as they dropped their ninth consecutive game 80-45 Saturday. Problems that seemed to be on their way out the door Wednesday against Kalamazoo came back to haunt Saint Mary's.

"I think they really came out pumped up and ready to play," senior starting guard Julie Norman said. "We didn't come to play the first half."

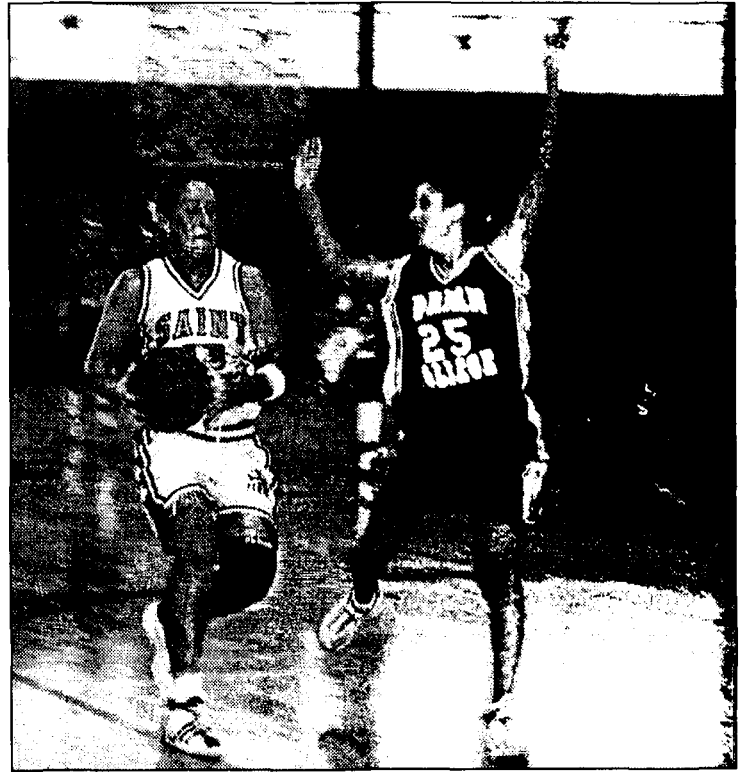
The Knights' victory marks its second straight homecoming victory against Saint Mary's, bringing Calvin into a tie for third place in the MIAA and dropping the Belles to last place with a record of 1-9.

Head coach Suzanne Smith returned Kristen Matha to the starting rotation for Saturday's game. Norman, Mary Campione, Katie Christiansen and Anne Blair joined her for the first minutes on the floor.

Calvin dominated the court for all 40 minutes. The Knights' intense defense held the Belles to 13 points in the first half to lead at the break 47-13. Saint Mary's shot just 15 percent from the floor during the first half. The Knights also forced 15 Saint Mary's turnovers in the first half alone, two more than the game total of 13 from Wednesday night's game.

"We took a back seat approach," Norman said. "There were a lot of mental mistakes. Every aspect of our game fell apart."

Calvin's offense scorched



CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Belles' forward Julie Norman takes the ball upcourt against Adrian on Jan. 20 at the Angela Athletic Facility.

the Saint Mary's defense, shooting 67 percent from the floor during the first half to take the 34-point lead.

The second half was less dramatic and exhibited better play by the Belles.

During the second half, Calvin only outscored Saint Mary's by one point, 33-32. The Belles more than doubled their shooting percentage in the second half to 33 percent, but fell short of Calvin's 46 percent from the field.

"We came in very upset with the way we played the first half," Norman said. "We put on the press right away and got them to turn over the

ball."

The Belles forced Calvin into nearly as many turnovers as the Belles committed — 23 to 26.

Sophomore guard Christiansen led the Belles with 18 points and three rebounds.

"[Christiansen] was getting good shots off," Norman said. "She has just really stepped up."

Sophomore forward Kristen Matha added six points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jennifer Plakmeyer led Calvin with 19 points, three assists and three steals. Teammates Emily Mejeur and Tara Bergsma joined the effort with 11 points and 12 rebounds respectively.

Saint Mary's will face off against MIAA leader Hope on Wednesday at home.

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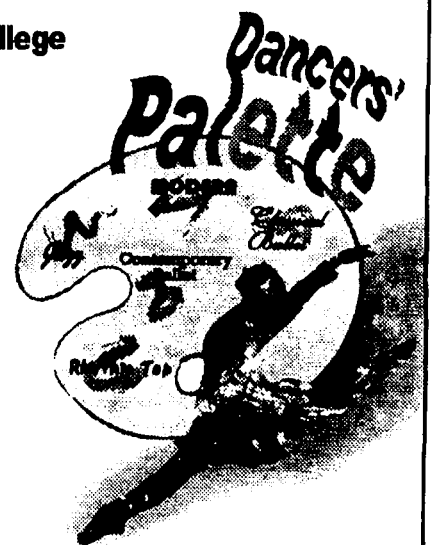
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish netters go two for two in weekend dual meets

♦ Dasso, Varnum sail to semis in Rolex National Intercollegiates

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team held off Illinois State and Western Michigan in dual competition Sunday even without top players Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum.

Dasso, a senior All-American, and Varnum, split off from the team to compete in the Rolex National Intercollegiate Championships, where they reached the semifinals in doubles, with Dasso also advancing to the semis in singles play.

The meet, held in Dallas, hosted some of the nation's best players in the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association grand slam.

The third-ranked and third-seeded Dasso advanced to the semifinals of the tournament by beating Stanford's 21st-ranked Keiko Tokuda, Arkansas' 30th-ranked Chin Bee Khoo and UCLA's Sara Walker (6-1, 2-6, 6-4).

Dasso surged all the way to the semifinals, where she was struck down by Stanford's top-seeded Laura Granville, who is currently on a 52-match win streak.

"I feel that I played really well," said Dasso. "I served very, very big in the first and second rounds, and overall, I was very happy with my play."

The eighth-ranked Irish duo of Dasso and Varnum had an impressive tournament in doubles competition as they advanced to the semifinals by beating Texas' seventh-ranked and fourth-seeded team of Vladka Ulhrova and Janet Walker 6-0, 6-4.

After two hard-fought victories, the Irish lost a tough

match to Pepperdine's top-seeded and second-ranked Paola Palencia and Ipek Senoglu 6-3, 6-2.

"We were very happy with our play," said Dasso. "Becky and I played really well and that really helped our confidence."

"We were both really excited to be in the semifinals," Dasso continued, "and were looking for a little revenge against the team from Pepperdine, who we lost to last year in the NCAA's, but it didn't happen."

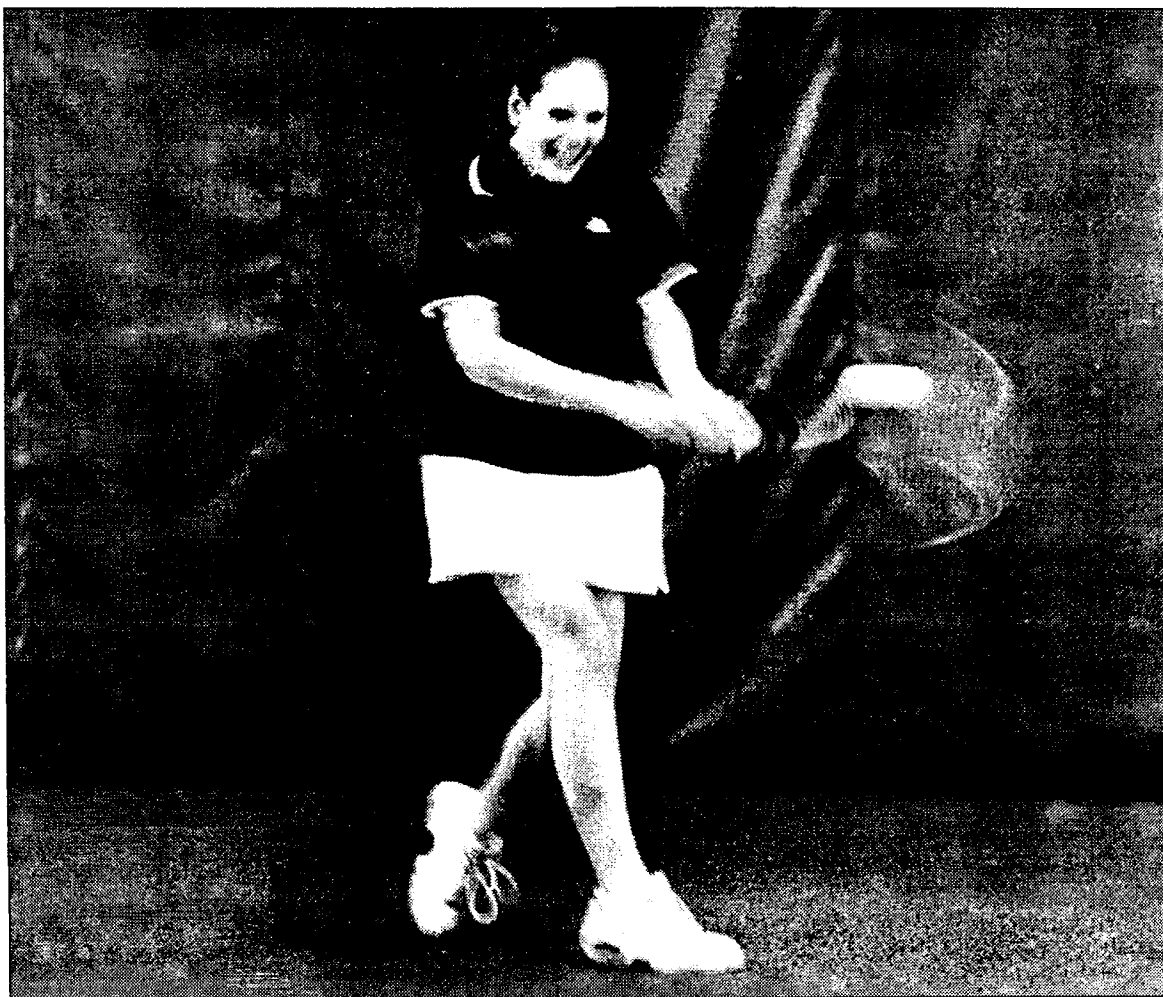
After the Rolex Intercollegiate Championship, Dasso returned to South Bend to take on Illinois State and Western Michigan in dual matches on Sunday. She sat out the first match and cheered on her teammates as they dismantled Illinois State 7-0 without losing one singles match.

The Illinois State match showcased some of the younger players' talents along with veterans like Kimberly Guy and Nina Vaughan, who played a higher seed with Dasso and Varnum missing from the lineup.

"Everyone played well today," said Dasso. "Kim Guy and Nina [Vaughan] had very tough matches where they both lost the first set but showed composure and came back to win."

The second dual match of the day against Western Michigan was much of the same for the Irish as they won 6-1 and improved their record to 2-1. The Irish lost a doubles point, but picked up the rest from the singles matches as Dasso returned to the lineup and led off the match by beating Larissa Chinwah 6-3, 6-4 in No. 1 singles.

"It was a little tiring and I wasn't sure if I was going to play," said Dasso when asked about her physical condition. "I felt good, but my arm was pretty sore from playing all weekend."



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team defended its No. 13 ranking this weekend, beating Illinois State and Western Michigan in dual competition. All-American Michelle Dasso and junior Becky Varnum also fared well in the Rolex National Intercollegiate Championships, advancing to the semifinals in doubles play. Dasso also made it to the semifinals in singles.

After watching Dasso's dedicated performance, the rest of the Irish picked up right where she left off and swept the singles matches.

Freshman Alicia Salas and Lindsay Green each won matches 6-0, 6-0, and Nina Vaughan beat Melanie

Remynse 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 singles to lift the Irish to a 3-1 advantage. Guy then sealed the deal for the Irish at No. 3 singles with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Frederika Girsang for a 4-1 lead.

Senior captain Dasso, who watched the first match from

off the sidelines, is excited to be back playing in dual matches and was impressed with the play of her teammates.

"People on our team can really step it up and they really showed that today," said Dasso. "I was very happy with the way we played."

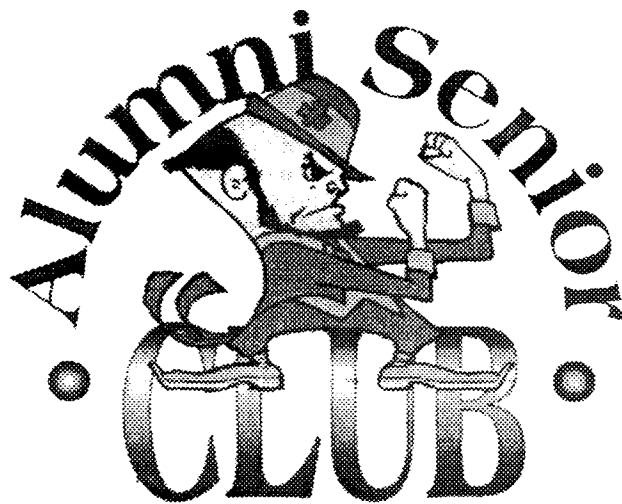
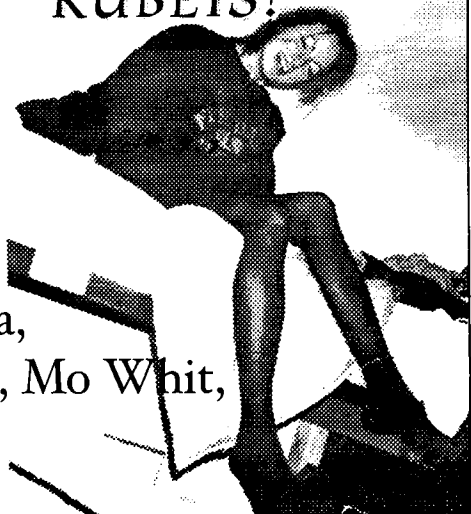
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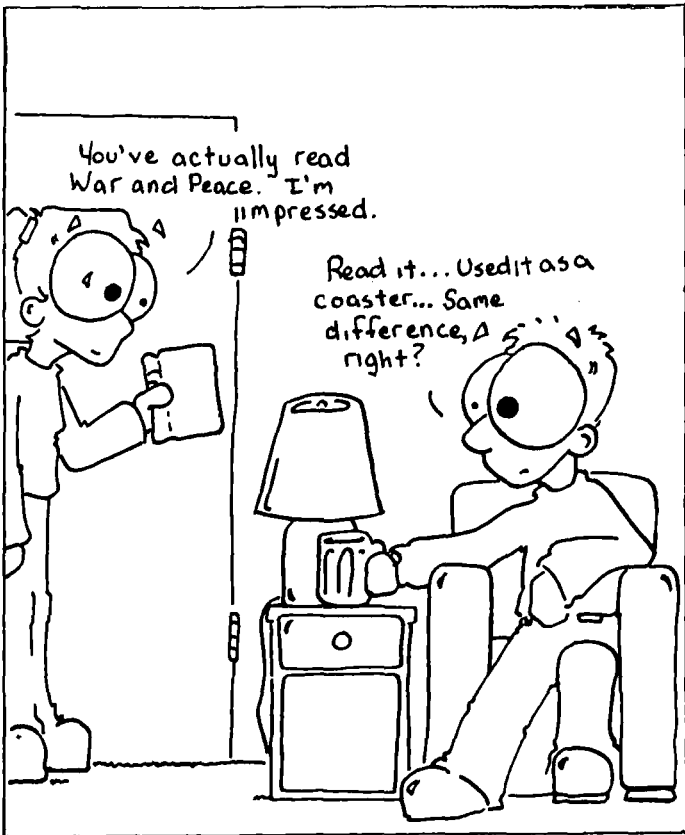
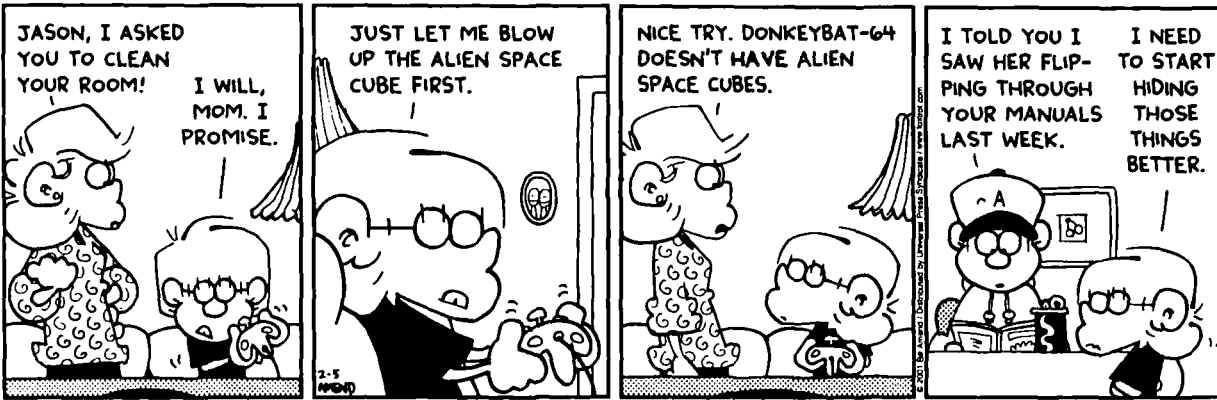
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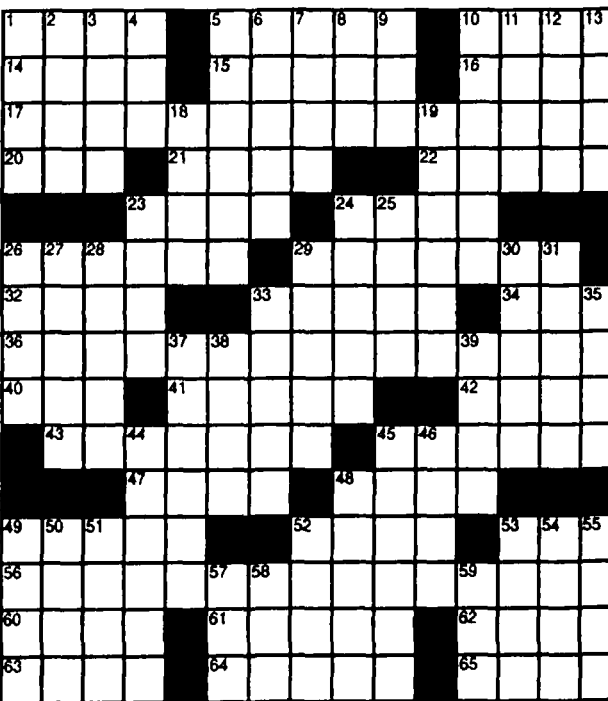
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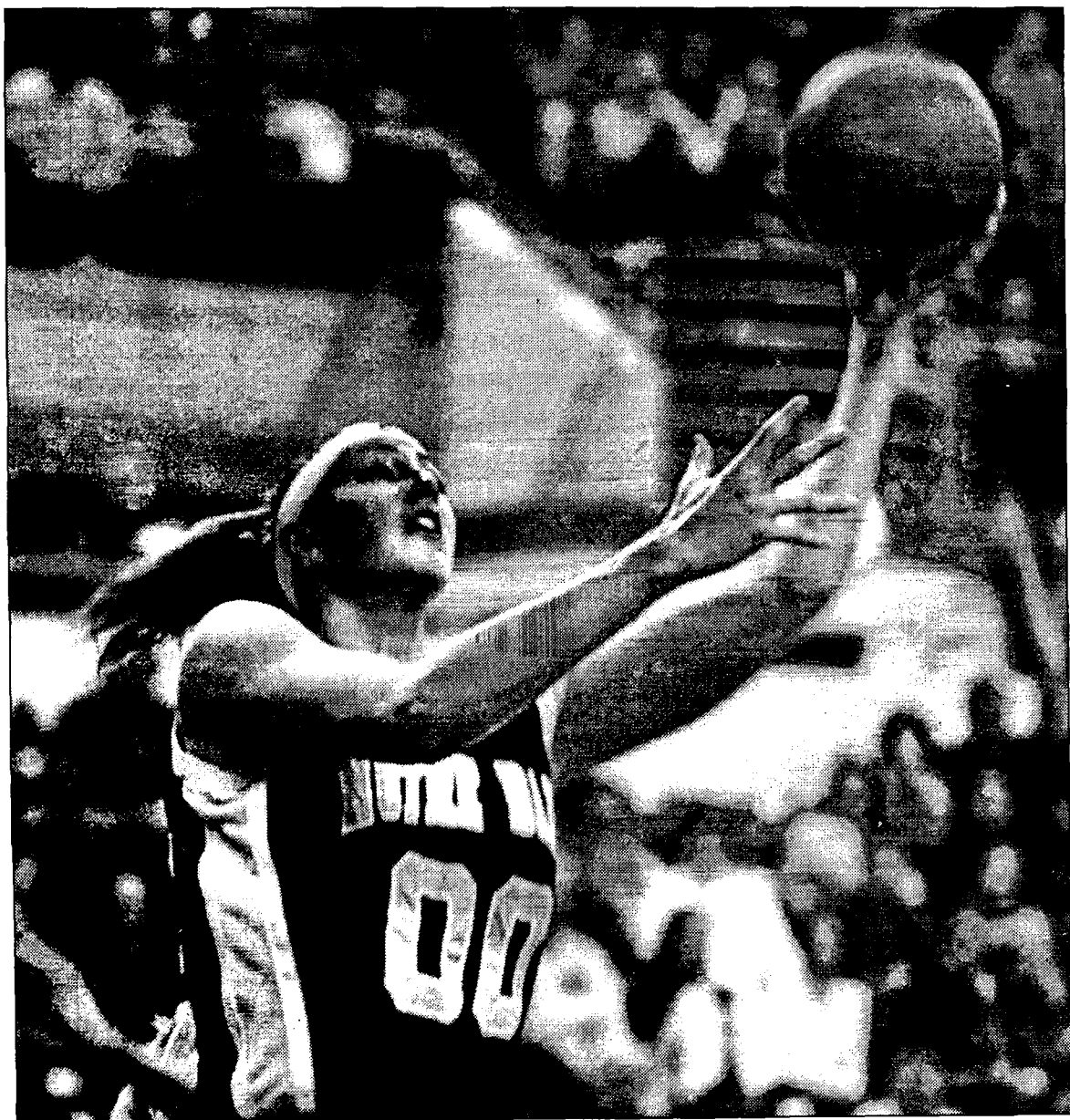
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Split-team success
The Notre Dame women's tennis team won two dual meets while Michelle Dasso and Becky Varnum competed at the Rolex National Indoor Championships in Dallas.
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior center Ruth Riley goes up for a lay-up during Notre Dame's 81-65 victory over Boston College on Saturday. Riley led the Irish with 24 points and 13 rebounds.

No. 1 Irish shoot down Eagles

21-0 start sets team record for consecutive wins

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. In the concourse at Boston College's Conte Forum sits a trophy case highlighting the Eagles' athletic accomplishments over the last several decades. The case holds a picture of the scoreboard at Notre Dame Stadium, displaying a final score of 41-39 after Boston College ruined Notre Dame's perfect 1993 football season.

Next to that picture is the Sports Illustrated cover from the week following that fateful game

in 1993. The headline reads "No. 1 Goes Down (again...)." But not on Saturday.

The Irish women's hoops squad set a school record with its 21st consecutive victory as the Irish shot down the Eagles to the tune of a 81-65 final. The No. 1 team in the country remains unbeaten at 21-0, including a perfect 10-0 record in the Big East.

Senior All-American center Ruth Riley led the way for the Irish scoring a game-high 24 points while pulling down 13 rebounds. Riley also made 10 of 12 free throws.

Riley was able to overpower the undersized Eagles' defenders. Boston College had only three players taller than 6-foot-2 to counter the 6-5 Riley.

"We were obviously trying to go inside as much as we could and take advantage of the mismatches that we had in there," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "I thought she played well and shot well from the free-throw line."

Eagles' coach Cathy Inglese realized the challenge of guarding Riley and decided to double-team the senior center.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fifth straight win is special in Big East

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

On a cold night in Pittsburgh, the Panthers started out hot by hitting their first five shots while the Irish were the team on ice, trailing 21-10 early on. But Notre Dame chilled Pittsburgh's hopes of winning with 54 percent shooting and hard-nosed defense as the Irish recorded their fifth straight win 75-67.

"This is a big step for us," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game interview with U-93 FM. "I told the guys, 'you have a chance to be special if you get this one.'"

Notre Dame (14-5, 6-2 Big East) did something special by winning back-to-back league road games for the first time ever.

Even more distinctive was the fact that a team known

for its high-octane perimeter shooting won while only hitting one 3-pointer in the game. The Irish turned their game inside to convert on the Panthers' defensive strategy of not double-teaming All-American Troy Murphy.

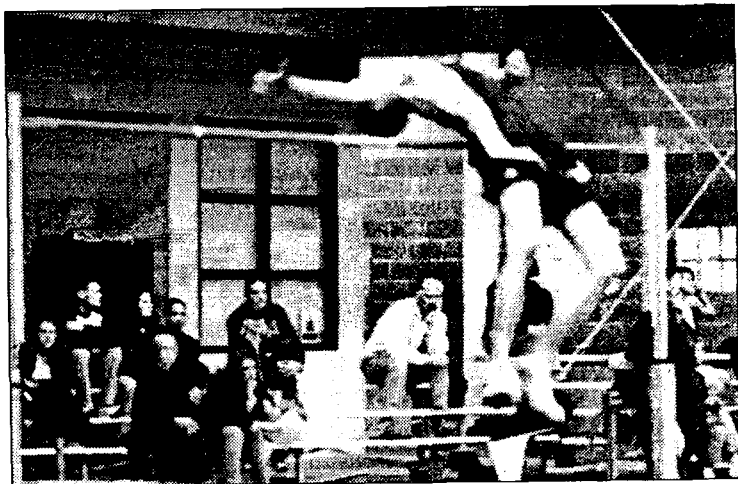
The Irish avoided frustration when they fell behind early, responding to an early Panther attack by reeling off 13 straight points.

"Over the past couple weeks, we've had a certain poise and maturity about us," said Murphy, who scored 24. "We withstood it and knew our time would come."

Notre Dame's time is here, as it extended its school record for consecutive Big East wins to five and pulled into a tie with Syracuse for first place in the league's

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



ELIZABETH LANG/The Observer

Andrew Cooper took eighth in the high jump at the Mayo.

Shay returns to 5,000 in record-setting pace

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Before Notre Dame's first meet against Ball State and Western Michigan, Irish head coach Joe Piane said he wanted senior Ryan Shay to slowly become accustomed to racing again. After all, the All-American hadn't raced since he finished 10th in the

10,000-meter run at the Olympic Trials last August.

Piane wanted to move Shay along by running him in the mile, the 3,000 and the 5,000 in successive weeks and see how the star distance runner progressed.

After his 5,000-meter race last Friday, it's safe to say that Shay is coming along just fine.

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