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Movie critic Van Buren Giles reviews the new film "Hannibal" but says it is not as appealing as its predecessor.

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## PlanetIrish.com provides diverse links, services

### ♦ Student-run site overshadowed by other online media

By NATE PHILLIPS  
News Writer

Largely unknown to the Notre Dame student body, the University-sanctioned Web site Planet Irish may be a diamond in the rough. Deeply shadowed by such prominent sites as NDToday and the Notre Dame homepage, PlanetIrish.com serves as a student-run online community that offers many links and resources.

"We, as the students, built the site and keep it up and running," said student manager Kevin Campbell.

Proposed in November 1998,

Planet Irish serves as a pet project for the on-campus Dome Designs. "The idea of an online community was getting big, and we thought it would be a good idea to jump aboard," said Campbell.

"We thought it would be cool to have a weekly campus calendar, message boards, class and extracurricular information," said assistant manager Matt Wilkerson.

Campbell, a senior, has been with Planet Irish since its conception. He helped present the idea to the administration, and asked for school funding for the project. It took two years for the administration to grant its approval of the site, and even then, they still neglected to provide it with any monetary support.

"We really wanted the school to not only endorse us, but also to



fund us," said Campbell. "Unfortunately, we did not end up getting that."

In order to fund the Planet Irish project, Dome Designs opened the site to advertisements from a plethora of restaurants and other local establishments. The site also offers the screen times for all of the local movie theaters, hotel and taxi information, and details about a number of local churches.

"Restaurants pay us to put their menus on the site," said Campbell. "It provided us money that helped us develop it, consid-

ering we really have limited funds. Frankly, I think it's a real asset to the site and to the students."

"We put in the menu of nearly every restaurant in the area, page for page," said Wilkerson. "It's just a really awesome resource for everyone at Notre Dame."

Despite not having school funding, the site does have official University backing, unlike other sites like NDToday. This is a major advantage for the site; they are able to use any of Notre Dame's resources.

"Having official backing by the University allows us the opportunity to use Notre Dame trademarks, and it gives us resources through the OIT and the web administration that we can tap into," said Campbell.

The site posts official University links to the Notre Dame phone book, IrishLink, Webmail and the official University calendar.

"Planet Irish is a faster way for students to access important Notre Dame information," said Wilkerson. "The key is speed. We don't have a lot of cosmetic details; we just bring students what they really want to see."

On top of the academic resources and local information, the site offers a link to the Chicago Tribune and to the Observer for up-to-date news

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## Losing tickets make endorsements

By LAURA ROMPF  
Assistant News Editor

With 35 percent of the student body's vote going to the four tickets eliminated in Monday's primary election for student body president, certain tickets have decided to support either Becker/McCord or Norton/Moscona.

The Smith/Andre ticket said their platform, which focused on social concerns, has more in common with the Norton/Moscona ticket.

"I feel strong about supporting Brooke and Brian," Demetra Smith said. "Although I am impressed by the Becker/McCord ticket, I feel Norton and Moscona are best equipped to accomplish all their goals."

The Zimmerman/Nelson ticket said their main concern was to have student government accessible to the needs of every student on campus. Chris Zimmerman said the Becker/McCord ticket addresses this issue best.

"We feel Ryan and Nikki will best represent the student body here at Notre Dame," Zimmerman said. "It is time to get some new blood into the office of the president."

The Zeidler/Henisey ticket chose not to endorse either ticket.

"I think they both would do a wonderful job if elected," Zeidler said.

The Gottlieb/Fetterman ticket could not be reached for comment Wednesday night.

Run-off election voting will be today in dorms. Off-campus students vote outside the DeBartolo computer cluster from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Renowned political philosopher Young to lecture at SMC tonight

By KATIE McVOY  
News Writer

One of the pre-eminent female political philosophers in the United States will take center stage at Saint Mary's when Iris Marion Young speaks at the College tonight.

Young, a political science professor at the University of Chicago, will speak as part of the third annual "Women in Philosophical Landscape Lectures."

"The idea [of the lecture series] is to bring in distinguished women philosophers in a variety of fields," said Patti Sayre, philosophy department chair. "[The speakers] lecture on why philosophy is important drawing on their special field."

Young's field of philosophy includes political theory, normative analysis of public policy and feminist social theory. Much of her work involves connecting theory to practical application in policy and politics. She argues against repressing group identity and encourages affirming present differences between genders and cultural groups.

Young's lecture, entitled "Self-sufficiency, Autonomy and Welfare Justice," will be in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7 p.m.

Young will also be part of a colloquium discussion entitled "Power, Violence and Legitimacy" on Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Stapleton.

Young received her Ph.D. in philosophy from Penn State University and is currently teaching at now teaches at the University of Chicago where she is also associated with the Gender Studies Center and the Human Rights program.

Before going to Chicago, Young taught political theory to graduate students at the University of Pittsburgh.

Young is the third speaker to be a part of the "Women in Philosophical Landscape Lectures."

Other speakers were Naomi Schuean and Mary Mahowald. The lecture series began three years ago and is sponsored by the Saint Mary's philosophy department.

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Patti Sayre  
philosophy chair



MOLLY WALSH/The Observer

Student body presidential ticket Demetra Smith and Brian Andre threw its support to rivals Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona, following Smith and Andre's third-place finish in Monday's primary election. Other losing tickets have followed suit, backing either Norton and Moscona or Ryan Becker and Nikki McCord in today's run-off election.

INSIDE COLUMN

Roses make me sneeze.

Dorothy's trip through the poppies was nothing compared to walking past my hall's front desk yesterday morning. Even Glenda the Good Witch couldn't revive me. I was in awe, but luckily, I was ready. A previous Valentine performance had prepared me.

Last year I was in shock when I left my room and saw the stacks and stacks of flowers and gifts at the front desk. Never before had I seen such an array of colors, plush and pollen all in one place. To put it another way, Wal-Mart's garden center ain't got nothin' on a front desk in a women's hall on Valentine's Day. It was like a war zone. They were all over, I was surrounded.



Kelly Hager

Copy Editor

There were lilies, daisies, roses. There were teddy bears, kittens, goldfish. There were girls standing in line to claim their goodies. There were girls standing and watching the other girls. And, there were girls standing in front of the delivery board, searching for their name. This year was no different.

There were so many, gifts and girls, that the deskworkers had made signs of the alphabet to direct traffic. The constant flow of girls picking up flowers was only matched by the constant flow of more gifts coming through the front doors.

On Valentine's Day, it seems like everyone can be divided into two categories: those who got something, and those who didn't. And then, even further than that, there are those who care about not getting anything and those who couldn't care less. I am one of those people. I just don't see the need for all the hoopla. My view: Save a tree, boycott Valentine's Day.

I think it is silly for there to be a day specified to say I love you. That doesn't mean that I think St. Valentine doesn't deserve recognition, but I think he is strangling cupids in the heavens with each delivery truck that unloads into my hall. Although the feast day of St. Valentine is marked only once on the calendar, I think the spirit of Valentine's Day should be a 365 day a year holiday. Love should be shared, expressed and felt everyday of the year. Feast day or no feast day. Girlfriend or no girlfriend. Roses or no roses. Name on the board, or no name on the board.

If at anytime you feel the need to tell your girlfriend or boyfriend you love them, don't wait until February 14th. It is already a year away — and, perhaps, it will be a year too late.

So, to everyone who felt left out because they didn't receive flowers or candy, consider this a special valentine from me to you: Happy Thursday of the sixth week of ordinary time.

Now it's your turn. Go on over to their dorm and be the first to wish your girlfriend or boyfriend the same sentiment. Remember, nothing says I love you like a big hug and a goofy smile. And, I am sure that your heart will be as happy as all the roses whose lives you spared. Because, after all, love should be about the simple things, not about how much money you spend on roses, dinner and chocolate. Love is great, and the best love is free.

A dozen dead red roses, sent and delivered — 45 dollars. An expensive dinner with live entertainment — 100 dollars. Seeing your significant other's face when you run up to hug them and wish them a Happy Thursday of the sixth week of ordinary time — priceless.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ <b>Performance:</b> "Verdi's Requiem," Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir, 8 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's	◆ <b>Event:</b> "Blak Koffee House," to purchase tickets call 631-6841, 3 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom	◆ <b>Event:</b> Notre Dame Junior Parents' Weekend	◆ <b>Event:</b> Notre Dame Junior Parents' Weekend
◆ <b>Event:</b> Acoustic Cafe, 8 p.m., "open mic," LaFortune Ballroom	◆ <b>Event:</b> "Dancer's Palettes," dance program, 8 p.m., Little Theater, Saint Mary's	◆ <b>Concert:</b> Notre Dame Jazz Band, 2:30 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ <b>Chess:</b> get together and play, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., North Dining Hall
		◆ <b>Film:</b> "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," 7:30 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium	◆ <b>Mass:</b> "Misa en Espanol," 1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Threats become concern for college campuses

**SAN JOSE**  
Rich Barbaria said his reaction to bomb threats hasn't changed much throughout the years.

The San Jose State University junior recalled his nonchalant response when his middle school was evacuated because of a bomb threat.

Barbaria, who was in eighth grade, said he walked casually out of the school and hoped he would be allowed to go home.

"I look at it as a way to get the hell out of class. I just walk out and go home," Barbaria said, echoing the response of a number of other SJSU students who said they are no longer scared of bomb threats. "I look at it as kind of a release. It's cool. It's kind of a surprise day off that the

*"For years, college campuses have received bomb threats from students hoping to avoid taking final exams."*

**San Jose State University Administration**

school gives you."

Three Bay Area college campuses have been evacuated in recent weeks because of threats of violence.

In the case of De Anza College, it was because a student had allegedly planned to blow up buildings on campus.

Two days later, Las Positas College and Santa Clara University evacuated

their campuses because of bomb threats that were called in. Both threats turned out to be false.

For years, college campuses have received bomb threats from students hoping to avoid taking final exams, SJSU administrators said.

But now, the administrators said, it seems students are becoming increasingly frustrated throughout the school year — not just at finals time.

President Robert Caret, whose son attends De Anza, said the averted plan at the college signals the need for counseling for "really, really frustrated" students.

"It brings home the danger," he said. "It's a siren that we seem to have created a society which has a lot of individuals who want to lash out at society," said Caret.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Cheerleader suffers back injury

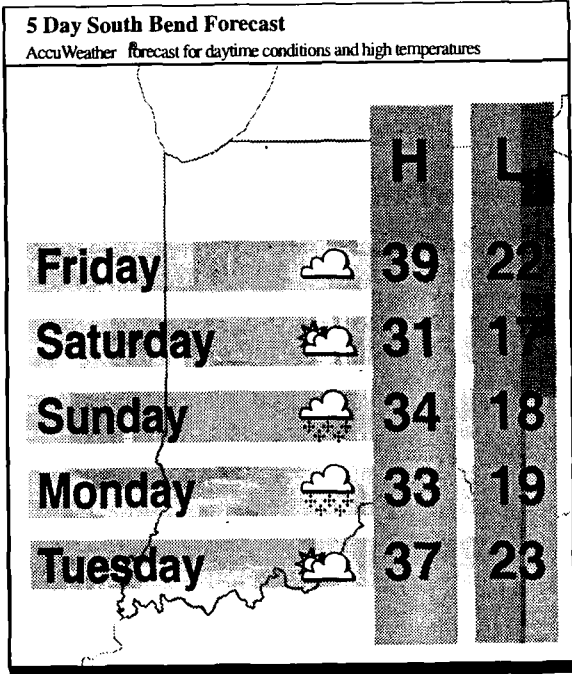
Kent State University cheerleader Angie Grace suffered severe back injuries after an accident during practice Monday. According to Athletic Director Laing Kennedy, the cheerleading team was practicing a normal pyramid routine at the Kent State Field House when the pyramid gave way. The spotters were moved out of position by the falling pyramid. Grace, who was on the top of the pyramid, landed on her shoulder causing the back injury. Hospital officials report that Grace is currently listed in serious condition at St. Thomas's Intensive Care Unit in Akron. "The prognosis for recovery is good," said Kennedy, who has been in contact with Kent State Sports Medicine, "but in a situation like this, you can't be 100 percent sure." This will end her cheerleading for the year and "she'll have to go through extensive physical recovery," Kennedy said. Both Tim McAtee, a current cheerleader, and Lenee Buchman, cheerleading coach, were reached but refused comment on the situation.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERISTY

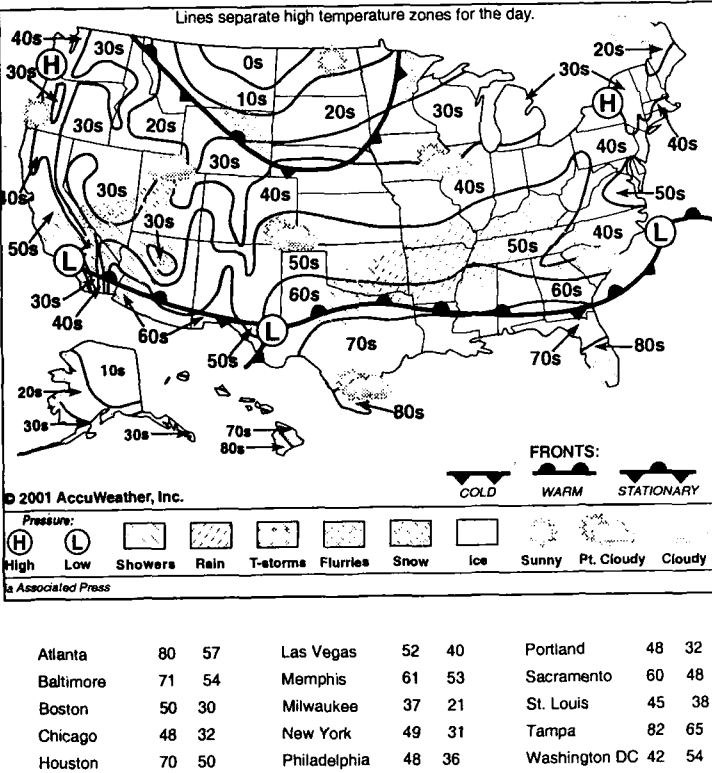
Gore's presence sparks protest

Middle Tennessee Solidarity, a campus organization at Middle Tennessee State University that promotes socialism, feminism and anti-racism, protested Monday afternoon against Al Gore's course on community building. The protest began on the steps of the James Union Building at 3 p.m., one hour before Gore's class was to begin. The protesters marched across campus to the Business and Aerospace Building, the site of Gore's first lecture, chanting, "Al Gore's a corporate whore. We demand so much more," and carrying signs reading, "Practice What You Preach" and "Money's Tyranny is Shamefully Ugly." The protesters believe it hypocritical for Al Gore to claim to advocate community building while supporting organizations like NAFTA, which attempt to globalize the economy, which they say has very negative effects on many third-world communities. Members of Solidarity claim that it is a social injustice to allow communities to be exploited in the name of corporate profit.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



# Woo lectures on ethics in COB

## ◆ Dean's speech headlines ND's annual Ethics Week

By GEOFFREY BRODIE  
News Writer

Turning out ethical as well as successful graduates has long been the major goal of the Mendoza College of Business.

Dean Carolyn Woo emphasized this and more in her lecture "What Ethics Week Means to the Mendoza College of Business," which Wednesday in the Jordan Auditorium.

Woo's lecture headlines Ethics Week 2001, which began Monday with a series of daily lectures and one panel session. A wide variety of subjects ranging from personal behavior to confronting investment advisors were represented.

Ranked as the top ethics program in the nation by Business Week magazine, the College of Business has more than enough reason to reflect on the meaning of the week and showcase their own accomplishments in the area

at the same time.

"Ethics Week is about who we are," said Woo. "It is about the Notre Dame value system."

Notre Dame as a whole has always been concerned with the teaching of moral and social responsibilities to its students. Success is not always defined by just financial gain.

"Success is not what we achieve, but how we achieve," said Woo. "We want students to find the dignity or soul of their profession, and care about the rules involved with it."

But the goals of the college involve much more than just ethics. According to Woo, the

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Dean Carolyn Woo  
Mendoza College of Business

value based thinking, instilling a sense of community and becoming technologically savvy are all goals of the College's curriculum.

Later in the lecture, Woo spoke of the importance of trustworthiness, and how it is the top attribute the faculty are trying to instill in their students. This is due to the

current trend of unethical practices in the business world today and the tolerance that has grown in society for such actions. Extreme views of tolerance have often lead to feelings of unaccountability.

These practices can also end up being illegal, and are "playing with fire," according to Woo.

When business practices become a legal matter, it begins to involve society as a whole. The interdependence between the business world and society is quite strong. Strong values are needed to keep the relationship balanced.

"Values are needed for the economy to run properly," said Woo. "One cannot succeed on a narrow view of self interest."

Woo concluded the lecture by reaffirming the importance of the week to Notre Dame business students and how the College will continue to emphasize its ethical teachings.

"Ethics week is about our tradition, faith, mission, and hope."

*"We want students to find the dignity or soul of their profession and care about the rules involved with it."*

Dean Carolyn Woo  
Mendoza College of Business

"If we only emphasized ethics, we would be failing our students," stated Woo.

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# Campus events honor Black History Month

By KELLY HAGER  
News Writer

Halfway through Black History Month, the events continue on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

Terri Johnson, director of the Office for Multicultural Affairs (OMA) at Saint Mary's, is pleased with the turnout of events so far.

"I think it is important to learn about the history and traditions of different cultures," said Johnson.

Kevin Huie, assistant director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) for Notre Dame agrees.

"The programs try to give opportunities for people to celebrate their own culture and give other people the opportunity to learn about each other," said Huie.

Together, MSPS has been working with the Saint Mary's organization to promote events on both campuses.

The Notre Dame community will continue the events on Friday with Black Koffee House. Featured artists will perform a variety of acts remaining true to the "coffee house" form, however, in a more formal environment. The performance will include dancing and music, including an appearance by "Voices of Faith," the Notre Dame Gospel Choir. Also featured will be some original poetry works and songs, being premiered at this event. The show will begin at 8:00 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom. Seating is limited, so MSPS asks that ticket preparations be made ahead of time by calling 631-6841.

On Feb. 22, MSPS will co-sponsor a relationship forum in association with the NAACP titled, "What Brothas Think, What Sistahs Know." The

forum will focus on inter-racial relationships. Deneva Milner and Nick Childes will facilitate the discussion, co-authors of the above titled book, "What Brothas Think, What Sistahs Know." At the forum, students will be encouraged to share their own experiences and comment on the issues of inter-racial dating. This event will begin at 7 p.m., at LaFortune Ballroom.

Sociologist Ronald McGriff will be lecturing regarding inter-racial discrimination, Monday, Feb. 19. In this lecture, he will explore the historical roots of this genre of prejudice and how it has been played over time. He will also discuss different strategies that will hopefully mitigate this ongoing issue. McGriff is the author of "Inter-racial Prejudice: the Myth of the Brotherhood." The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in Haggard Parlor, Saint Mary's.

There will be an Interfaith Prayer Service on Thursday, Feb. 22. The

New Horizon's Church of South Bend will be in attendance to lead the community in song and prayer. Also, the Outreach Ministry Love Choir will share their ministry in

song. The service will begin at 9:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel Holy Cross, Saint Mary's. People of all faiths and background are encouraged to attend.

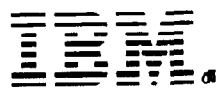
Journalist and contributing writer for Essence magazine Joan Morgan will be giving a lecture explaining the importance of hip-hop culture on Monday, Feb. 26. Morgan, author of the book, "When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost — My Life as a Hip Hop Feminist," is a feminist writer who is committed to accurate documentation of hip-hop culture. In this lecture, she will plunge into heated issues such as sexism in hip-hop; the precarious state of her generation's relationship with feminism; the crippling mouth of the "endangered black man" and its equally destructive counterpart, the myth of the "strong black woman." This lecture will begin at 7 p.m., and will be held at Carroll Auditorium, Saint Mary's.

Together, both OMA and MSPS have worked to promote awareness of black traditions and culture on campus. Through these events, they hope to give students the opportunity to explore their own culture, while learning about others in Black History Month.

"If you don't attend, you're missing out on an important bit of culture," said Johnson. "You learn by meeting new people and new challenges — and when given the opportunity to learn, you should."

*"The programs try to give opportunities for people to celebrate their own culture and give otehr people the opportunity to learn about each other."*

Kevin Huie  
MSPS assistant director



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## STUDENT SENATE

## O'Donoghue runs for finish line

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY  
News Editor

Notre Dame's 2000-01 student government team will keep working for the student body through their last day in office, said representatives from the Office of the President at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

In his opening remarks, student body president Brian O'Donoghue said his administration will not shut down between today's election and the end of their term April 1.

"We are not going to do that this year," he said. "There won't be a lame duck president this year."

O'Donoghue noted that he, student body vice president Brooke Norton and others in their administration have 45 more days in office and 16-17 projects in progress. Norton encouraged the senate to stay active, and chief of staff Jay Smith reiterated O'Donoghue's comments.

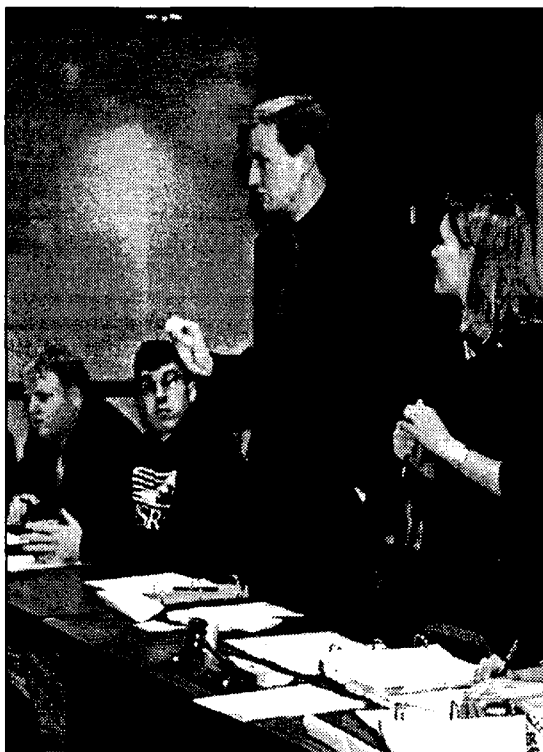
## In other Senate news:

♦ Mary Edgington, acting director of Student Activities, announced that the computer lab in the basement of LaFortune is now open 24 hours. Students may access the lab by showing their ID to security personnel, who will then give them a key code.

♦ Student union secretary Trip Foley announced that the Blessing Unto Others campaign had raised a total of approximately \$10,000 for Chilean orphanages, including \$2,000 in proceeds from two concerts.

♦ Senate Parliamentarian John Osborn announced that in coordination with the "Affairs of the Heart" Celebration, a blood drive will be held at Rolfs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22 and 23. The celebration will also offer free aerobics and blood pressure checks. Students may call 1-6100 to register.

♦ Student government chief of staff Jay Smith reported that student government has tentatively booked the Johnsonville brat grill truck, which



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

**Student body president Brian O'Donoghue told the Senate Wednesday that his administration will work until April 1 — its final day in office.**

was present at the Fiesta Bowl and has been billed as the nation's largest grill, to campus for student appreciation day on Feb. 28. The group is still soliciting funding for this event.

♦ Student body Vice President Brooke Norton informed the senators that the week of Feb. 26 to March 2 is Body Image Awareness week. The group is working to bring Rosie O'Donnell's personal trainer to campus to speak about fitness, among other visitors.

♦ Matt LaFratta is the new Alumni Hall senator.

## Worker sparks morning fire in Main Building

Observer Staff Report

A fire Wednesday morning in the Main Building caused no damage to a second-floor office and resulted in no injuries, Notre Dame Security/Police officials said.

According to Rex Rakow, director of Security/Police, the fire occurred at a meeting in Room 218 at 7:10 a.m., after a student caterer knocked over a heating unit which ignited a tablecloth. Workers responded quickly to the fire, and damage was contained to the tablecloth, Rakow said.

"The employees grabbed an extinguisher and had the fire out in a matter of a few seconds. There was some smoke but no damage," he said.

Rakow said the room remained open for use Wednesday, and the fire did not affect operations in other classrooms and administrative offices housed in the Main Building.

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coverage, a local weather forecast, and a "ND book bag" which provides students an alternative way of selling their books.

"We wanted to provide a venue for students to place their books on sale in order to escape the rip-offs from the bookstore," said Wilkerson. "The website offers much more than just an ordinary academic resource."

The site also offers 30 different online games, message boards for students to communicate to each other, and a driver-rider board. The driver-rider board provides students a place to request rides to or from Notre

Dame.

"It's all about responding to the students' needs, without making them hunt for it," said Wilkerson.

Although the site is just beginning to take off, there is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done. Wilkerson and Campbell have set their sights high, and to them, the sky is the limit for Planet Irish.

"We want to provide a place for all student to come together as an online community," said Wilkerson.

"We want it to grow, and to be a place where students can go hang out online," said Campbell. "We want Planet Irish to not only be a resource for Notre Dame students, but also a place for them to come together."

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## Summer Shakespeare

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audition dates:

friday, february 16  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

saturday, february 17  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Afghan opposition gains major city:

Opposition troops captured a key city in central Afghanistan, cutting the only road that links the capital of Kabul to northern areas of the country. The capture of Bamiyan is the first major military victory for the opposition, led by ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani, in more than one year, opposition spokesman Gulam Raza Azizada said Wednesday.

### Couples marry in the buff:

Wearing top hats, veils and body paint, 11 couples married in the buff in Jamaica on Wednesday. "People get married skydiving, in hot air balloons, scuba diving," said one bride, Jane Jones, a 43-year-old native of California. "It's just nice to do something different." The nuptials sparked protests from clergy, the government and about 12 demonstrators. But the pastor was undeterred.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Judge decides Internet case:

A St. Louis custody battle that is part of the tangled international dispute over the Internet adoption of twin girls should be closed to the public, a judge ruled Wednesday. Circuit Judge Steven Ohmer, assigned to the case after the lawyer representing the twins' natural mother asked for a change of judges, decided a hearing on the case should be delayed indefinitely and ordered it closed, attorneys in the case said.

### Democrats to unveil tax cut:

Congress' top Democrats planned to lay out their own broad principles for cutting taxes on Thursday, following weeks of attacking President Bush's \$1.6 trillion, 10-year plan as being too big and tilted toward the rich. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., will embrace no specific proposals. But their goal is to try taking the offensive in a tax debate that Bush has so far dominated and give their rank-and-file lawmakers something to favor, rather than only attacking Bush's plan.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

### State trooper under investigation:

An off-duty Indiana State Police trooper who provided security at a fraternity party in Bloomington, is under investigation in connection with the death of a student. The officer was working at the time for Alliance Security, a security company operated by the Indiana State Police Alliance, the executive director of the trooper group, Don Cook, said Wednesday. Cook would not disclose the name of the trooper or the nature of his duties at the party.



Two Black Hawk UH-60 helicopters crashed during exercises Monday at the Kahuku Military range on the northern part of the Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

## Soldier: Humvee struck helicopter rotor

Associated Press

### HONOLULU

A soldier aboard one of two Army helicopters that crashed on a night training flight, killing six men, said Wednesday he believes a Humvee carried on a sling beneath one of the Black Hawks struck the rotor on his aircraft, sending both plunging to the ground.

An Army spokeswoman said the soldier was speculating.

The accident happened Monday night. The military said there was a light rain at the time and the pilots were wearing night-vision goggles.

"As we came in above treetop level, I saw some-

thing smack into our rotor blades," Sgt. 1st Class Leslie Frye II said in a telephone interview from his home. "I believe it was the Humvee underneath" the other helicopter.

Frye's helicopter crashed on a dirt road, and he and the 10 other soldiers aboard were injured; he was treated and released. The other Black Hawk went down in a ravine about 100 yards away, killing all six people on board.

He said he and his fellow soldiers had been riding on the No. 1 helicopter in a group of four, and had been assigned to secure a landing zone for the other Black Hawks.

Frye said his helicopter

"hit the ground like a sack of rocks. We were like a fish out of water, bouncing and shaking."

A spokeswoman for the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Maj. Cynthia Teramae, confirmed that one helicopter was carrying a sling load but said the crash was still under investigation. She said of Frye's account, "He's speculating."

A team from the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., was brought in to investigate.

It was the second major accident involving the military in Hawaii in less than a week. A surfacing Navy submarine sank a Japanese

fishing trawler off the coast of Oahu on Friday. Nine men and boys aboard the Japanese ship were feared dead and 26 others were rescued.

Flags were flown at half-staff Wednesday for the victims of the helicopter accident.

The dead were identified as Maj. Robert Olson, Minn.; Chief Warrant Officer George Perry, Calif.; Chief Warrant Officer Gregory Montgomery, Calif.; Sgt. Thomas Barber, Champlin, Minn.; Spc. Bob MacDonald, Alta Loma, Calif.; and Spc. Rafael Olvera-Rodriguez, El Paso, Texas. Some hometowns were not released.

## ECUADOR

## Kidnappers agree to ransom, 7 hostage

Associated Press

### QUITO

Kidnappers who murdered a U.S. oil worker last month agreed to a ransom offer shortly before a deadline to kill another captive, Ecuador's military chief said Wednesday. Four of their seven hostages are American.

"The criminal group said it would not execute anyone else and I understand they have reached some economic arrangement," said Vice Adm. Miguel Saona, adding that he did not know details of the ransom plan.

The body of kidnap victim Ronald Sander, 54, of Sunrise Beach, Mo., was found in the jungle Jan. 31. He had been shot five times in the back and was covered in a white sheet scrawled with the words in Spanish: "I am a gringo. For non-payment of ransom. HP company."

Sander, a technician with Tulsa, Okla.-based Helmerich & Payne Inc., was seized from oil camps in October in the El Coca jungle region, some 150 miles east of Quito. Nine others were seized — four other Americans, a Chilean, an Argentine, a New Zealander and two Frenchmen. The two Frenchmen escaped,

Unconfirmed media reports here said that the kidnappers had warned they would kill another of the hostages if ransom was not paid by Feb. 15.

"With relation to the deadline of today or tomorrow to execute a second captive, I have information that yesterday negotiations were restarted," said Saona, who is head of Ecuador's military Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The information that we have about this is not very broad because all negotiations are being conducted between the criminal group and the embassies or companies that employ the captives," Saona said.

### Market Watch 2/13

<b>DOW JONES</b>	<b>10903.32</b>	<b>-43.45</b>
Up: 1,598	Same: 216	Down: 1,468
AMEX:	934.32	-3.38
Nasdaq:	2427.72	-61.94
NYSE:	657.72	-3.27
S&P 500:	1318.66	-11.65

### TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-3.59	-1.06	28.50
NASDAQ 100 SHAR (QQQ)	-3.12	-1.78	55.30
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-5.23	-2.13	38.50
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-1.91	-.44	22.56
LUCENT TECH INC (LU)	-8.51	-1.26	13.54

# Culligan discusses Super Bowl ads

By CECILIA OLECK  
News Writer

An estimated 46 million people watched the Super Bowl this year and not all of those people were paying attention to the game. The Super Bowl is as important to advertisers as it is to football fanatics.

The unveiling of new commercials has become a much-anticipated event, becoming competition for the game itself. There are the good ones, there are the bad ones and there are the forgettable ones. So what actually makes a Super Bowl ad successful?

Sponsored by the department of Business Administration and Economics, Executive-in-Residence Beth Culligan addressed that issue Tuesday and Wednesday at various speaking engagements at Saint Mary's. Currently the chief operating officer of A&P, a grocery chain on the East Coast, Culligan began her career with a strong interest in marketing.

As the executive-in-residence for 2001, Culligan will spend most of this week speaking to and working with business classes and clubs.

At her lecture Tuesday night, Culligan highlighted 30 ads that aired for the first time during this year's Super Bowl on Jan. 28. Because a 30-second Super Bowl spot costs a company at least \$2 million, not to mention the cost of developing an ad, Culligan maintained that the "stakes are really high for advertisers." In 30 seconds, a company needs to pro-

mote its product in such a way that viewers are able to see its value, be able to distinguish it from other products, and remember it.

Commercials from a variety of businesses won Culligan's approval, including Snickers, Staples, Federal Express, e-businesses and investment companies, among others.

The ad that caught Culligan's attention and won her vote for the best Super Bowl ad was a series from Verizon Wireless. The ads featured 2 young people at a Woodstock-like concert. Unable to hear each other over the noise of the crowd, they pull out their cell phones are able to page each other. "In my opinion, based on marketing and advertising principles, this is the best. It's directed to the target audience, it has news to talk about, and it's creative and captures interest," evaluated Culligan.

Also receiving high marks from Culligan were the commercials from Anheuser-Busch. Culligan estimated that the company spent around \$21 million on ads. The goal was to bring awareness of Budweiser to its highest level. One of the ads was a spoof on last year's popular "Wazzup?" commercial, showing the preppie counterparts asking the question "What are you doing?" Another featured a man accidentally

spraying his date with a Bud Light. A third was also a reminder of the "Wazzup?" ad, with an alien returning to its planet to tell what it had learned while on earth. The final spot was a public service announcement discouraging underage drinking starring boy band N\*Sync. Culligan applauded the ads for looking at the company from different angles.

Not all the ads featured received such praise. Some of the more popular ones seemed to baffle Culligan. Pepsi, which purchased four spots, was at the top of Culligan's list for vague marketing strategy. The commercials depicted

a young man drinking Pepsi on a subway who was transported into a picture of Hawaiian beauties; Bob Dole performing a back flip after drinking a Pepsi; a Pepsi machine being taken captive by

inmates at a state correctional facility; and a Pepsi machine taking revenge on a cocky chess champion. Culligan reasoned that although the ads were amusing, they actually did nothing to sell the product, and she was not sure Pepsi had received its money's worth on the ads.

In the end, Culligan expressed that as a marketer, the goal is to keep focused. "A commercial is meant to sell a product. Yes, it can be entertaining or provocative, but the bottom line is to communicate the product."

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**Beth Culligan**  
executive-in-residence

# Bush plans trip to Mexico, promises 'we'll be friends'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush is promising Mexico, "We'll be friends" in advance of his landmark visit to a dusty central Mexican ranch Friday, setting a cozy, casual tone for the first foreign trip of his presidency.

Bush and Mexican President Vincente Fox are likely to discuss immigration, drugs, trade and energy during their schedule 7 1/2-hour summit amid the broccoli fields surrounding the village of San Cristobal, 210 miles northwest of Mexico City in the state of Guanajuato.



Bush

But the leaders — both newly elected presidents who favor western wear, enchiladas and ranch life — plan to stress their personal ties, not their nations' differences.

"I think it's going to be a good signal to the Mexicans, and others in our hemisphere, that the best foreign policy starts at home," Bush told reporters previewing the trip. "We've got to have good relations in our hemisphere."

The former two-term Texas governor is making a quick trip to a familiar country before taking the training wheels off his foreign policy: He travels to Canada in April for the Summit of Americas, and has overseas journeys penciled in for later this year.

When criticized during the campaign for lacking foreign policy experience, Bush pointed to his relations with Mexico. He made more than a half dozen trips to the country as Texas governor from 1995 to late 2000, though much of his work was ceremonial. He and Fox have met about three times, just enough for Bush to claim Fox as a pal.

## ND AFTER FIVE

### Thursday, February 15

**5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** Romance Language Department's Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131

**8:00 p.m.** Ginseppe Verdi's "Requiem" - Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir, O'Laughlin Auditorium (SMC)\*

**8:00 p.m.** Mary Lee O'Connell speaking on "Women and Sexuality", A women's only presentation, Farley Hall

**8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.** Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC

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

**9:00 p.m.-Midnight** Best of Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle

**10:00 p.m.-Midnight** Stepan Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

**10:30 p.m.** Movie, "The 6th Day", DeBartolo 101\* and "Girlfight", DeBartolo 155\*

### Friday, February 16

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

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

**7:30 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye", Snite Museum\*

**8:00 p.m.** Movie, "The 6th Day", DeBartolo 101\* & "Girlfight", DeBartolo 155\*

**8:00 p.m.** Blak Koffee House, LaFortune Student Center-Ballroom\*

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

**8:45 p.m.** Flipside Movie Night at Movies 14, Van departing Library Circle at 8:45pm\*

**9:00 p.m.** JPW "Gala", Joyce Center Arena (ticket needed for admission)

**9:30 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye", Snite Museum\*

**10:30 p.m.** Movie, "The 6th Day", DeBartolo 101\* & "Girlfight", 155\*

### Saturday, February 17

**5:30 p.m.** Junior Parents' Weekend Mass - Joyce Center

**6:45 p.m.** JPW "President's Dinner", Joyce Center (ticket needed for admission)

**7:30 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye", Snite Museum\*

**8:00 p.m.** Movie, "The 6th Day", DeBartolo 101\* and "Girlfight", DeBartolo 155\*

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

**9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.** "Bounce" Inflatables, Games and Music, Stepan Center

**9:30 p.m.** Cinema at the Snite, "The Eyes of Tammy Faye", Snite Museum\*

**10:30 p.m.** Movie, "The 6th Day", DeBartolo 101\* and "Girlfight", DeBartolo 155\*

**\*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students.**

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# Student murder suspect: robbery was motive

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A 20-year-old freshman accused of murdering two fellow deaf students at Gallaudet University admitted in a videotaped confession that robbery was the reason he stabbed one classmate to death and fatally beat the other, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Joseph Mesa Jr. of Guam was ordered held without bond after an appearance in District of Columbia Superior Court.

"There is substantial probability that Mr. Mesa committed these murders," said the hearing commissioner, J. Dennis Doyle, who rejected a defense request that Mesa be released to a halfway house. A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 23.

Mesa's lawyer, Ferris Bond, did not contest the evidence that Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Collins presented. "We'll have a lot to say about that later," Bond told Doyle.

Mesa is charged with two counts of felony murder while armed in the deaths of two 19-year-old freshmen killed about five months apart at the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf.

Both Eric Plunkett of Burnsville, Minn., and Benjamin Varner of San Antonio were killed in the dormitory, Cogswell Hall, which is next door

to Krug Hall, where Mesa lived.

Plunkett was found beaten to death Sept. 28 in his first-floor room. Varner was found Feb. 3 stabbed to death in his fourth-floor room.

Details about the videotaped confession and the crimes were provided in a statement outside court from the U.S. attorney's office.

According to prosecutors, Mesa said robbery was the motive for both killings. There is evidence that on Feb. 2 — within an hour of Varner's murder — Mesa cashed a \$650 check on Varner's account. Also, Plunkett's debit card was used in several transactions after the time they believe Plunkett died.

Prosecutors said Mesa said stabbed Varner in the neck with a knife he found on top of a microwave oven in the victim's room, and beat Plunkett to death.

Mesa spoke to detectives for the first time on Monday, but did not admit to the killings until Tuesday, when he provided the videotaped statement with the aid of interpreters, authorities said.

Mesa's arrest lifts the cloud of suspicion from former Gallaudet student Thomas Minch, 18, of Greenland, N.H., who was arrested five days after Plunkett's death but later released. He has not been allowed on campus since that time.

"Mr. Minch was not involved in the murder of Eric Plunkett," said the city's police chief, Charles Ramsey.

*"There is a substantial probability that Mr. Mesa committed these murders."*

**J. Dennis Doyle**  
hearing commissioner

# Clinton book deal gets go-ahead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has received approval from the Senate Ethics Committee for her \$8 million book deal, she said Wednesday.



Clinton

Clinton, D-N.Y., quietly submitted her memoir deal for the committee's approval Jan. 11, almost a month after she made the lucrative agreement with New York-based publisher Simon & Schuster. She was notified the committee approved the deal Tuesday.

"I am pleased that the Senate Ethics Committee has found that my agreement with Simon & Schuster fully complies with the Senate ethics rules," Clinton said in a statement.

Clinton did not have to obtain the committee's approval for the deal, which was agreed before she was sworn in as a senator. She chose to submit the matter to remove ques-

tions surrounding it, aides said.

While Republican criticism for the former first lady's book deal has been muted, watchdog groups questioned its ethics. Gary Ruskin of the Congressional Accountability Project wrote a Dec. 18 letter to Clinton urging her to submit the deal to the committee and asking her to forgo an advance in favor of straight royalties.

Asked at the time if she would seek ethics committee approval, the Clinton camp said only that she was complying with ethics guidelines.

Ruskin said Wednesday the committee's approval demonstrates it had no teeth.

"This is part of the liberal permissiveness about public corruption of our ethics laws that has been embraced by both parties," Ruskin said Wednesday.

There was no comment from the ethics committee.

Controversy over Newt Gingrich's \$4.5 million

book deal prompted the House to revise its ethics guidelines to bar members from accepting advances, but there is no similar ban in the Senate as long as the deal is "usual and customary."

Clinton's \$8 million advance is believed to be the second highest ever for a nonfiction book, trailing only \$8.5 million received by Pope John Paul II.

Her lawyer, Bob Barnett, said Wednesday that

*"I am pleased that the Senate Ethics Committee has found that my agreement with Simon & Schuster fully complies with the Senate ethics rules."*

**Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
D-N.Y.

Clinton already received one-third of the advance on royalties, or about \$2.7 million. The rest of the advance is paid out is to be paid out over several years.

The book is to be published in early 2003.

Clinton has yet to begin writing the memoir, which will focus on her eight tumultuous years in the White House. She also has yet to select a collaborator from the 40 people who have applied for the job.

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through February 23

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Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, 5:30 p.m.  
Joyce Center

**Junior Parents' Weekend Mass**

Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.  
Notre Dame Room, LaFortune

**RCIA Class**  
**Mass at 11:45 a.m.**

Sunday, February 18, 1:30 p.m.  
Zahm Hall Chapel

**Spanish Mass**  
**Presider: Fr. Thomas V. Bednar, c.s.c.**

Beginning Monday, February 19  
through February 23

**Sign-up Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #65**  
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Monday, February 19, 6:30 p.m.  
201 DeBartolo

**RCIA Study Session**

Monday-Tuesday, February 19-20,  
11:30 pm-10:00pm

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall  
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Badin Hall Chapel

**Campus Bible Study**

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Siegfried Hall Chapel

**Confirmation - Session #9**

Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 p.m.  
Morrissey Hall Chapel

**Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Weekend Presiders

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**Saturday, February 17 Mass**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Rev. James F. Flanagan, c.s.c.

**Sunday, February 18 Mass**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Rev. John I. Jenkins, c.s.c.

**11:45 a.m.**

Rev. J. Steele, c.s.c.

## Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2nd Reading 1 Cor 15: 45 - 49

Gospel Lk 6: 27-38

## How is your (prayer) life?

by Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

While walking on campus or eating in the dining hall or waiting for a class to begin it is very common to see two people greeting each other. Usually the conversation starts off with "How was your weekend?", or "How was your break?", or just, "How's it going?" It's an easy way to begin a conversation from scratch.

What would happen if, when passing a friend on the quad, you did something completely different and asked her, "How's your prayer life?" Now I'm not advocating a total change in the way we relate to each other in the dining hall. Nor am I saying that something like our prayer life can (or should) be discussed in a 30-second conversation before a class. I simply want to suggest that, if we really care about each other and want to know how the other person is doing, it is very appropriate that we ask about and encourage one another's spiritual life.

So how IS your prayer life? Are you satisfied with the way you pray each day and throughout the week? Are you doing more or less than you did before you came here? If you are like most

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people in the world, you're probably not totally content with the way you pray or the amount of time you put into nourishing your relationship with God. I know I'm not.

Fortunately, it's never too late to start praying well.

The saints from St. Paul onward tell us to pray without ceasing. St. Teresa of Avila simply invited us to "Pray always." A quote from the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross comes to mind: "To serve [the Lord] honestly we must pray always and not give up" (#25). There is much evidence that, when he wasn't teaching or healing or performing miracles, Jesus spent the bulk of his time in prayer to his Father.

While most of us would probably agree that constant prayer would be the ideal, we tend to think that this is something best left up to monks and nuns. After all, we are engaged in all sorts of activities that take up a lot of time: studying, eating, traveling, working, sleeping, socializing, etc. How can we "pray always" when we are doing so much already?

It is true - many prayer activities involve a certain amount of commitment and time, and there is no shortage of prayer forms available to us on campus. We can spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, read the Bible or other spiritual books, pray the rosary, join a prayer group (like Emmaus or Interfaith Christian Night Prayer), go on a retreat, or simply sit in our room and quietly converse with God. It is most helpful to have a routine or a regular time set aside for prayer; for example, for 10 minutes in the morning or at night, or reading one book of the Bible a day or stopping by the chapel or a church a couple of times a week.

In addition to all of that (which, believe me, CAN be fit easily into our busy lives), we would do well to communicate constantly with Christ. By that I mean that we could go throughout our day - whatever we are doing - keeping in mind that we are never alone. While walking to class or driving in a car or waiting in line for tickets or admission to something or even while eating, we can be praying. I'm not saying we need to be on our knees 24 hours a day engaged in contemplative prayer, but I do hold that we can all do better in our relationship with God.

St. John Damascene said that prayer is "The raising of one's mind and heart to God." Our Holy Cross Constitutions puts it this way: "Prayer is our faith attending to the Lord" (#23). Simply stated, then, prayer is paying attention to God. It can be as simple as recognizing God's presence in nature, in a friendship, or in ourselves. One student told me that she thinks of God whenever she is walking outside and feels a breeze. Others quietly pray a decade of the rosary or praise God in their heart as they walk to class. Still others like to sit in their room early in the morning or late at night and meditate on a passage from Scriptures.

I constantly hear myself and others saying, "I just don't have time to pray." As Christians who rely on God for the very air we breathe, that is unacceptable. There is always time for prayer. God waits for us and invites us: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will enter your house and stay with you" (cf. Rev. 3:20). May the doors of our souls be opened constantly to God.

CONSIDERATIONS...



# AFL-CIO to oppose Bush tax cut

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The nation's union leaders on Wednesday endorsed a one-year \$400-per-person "prosperity dividend" payment from the government as part of an alternative to President Bush's tax cut plan.



Bush

A payroll credit and an increased child tax credit also won support from the AFL-CIO executive committee as organized labor leaders pledged at their winter meeting to fight Bush's \$1.6 trillion, across-the-board tax proposal.

"Workers believe the surplus should be directed at their priorities like prescription drugs and Social Security and children's health care and education — and not a huge tax cut to those who need it the least," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said.

Also Wednesday, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao met with the council and said later that she came "to listen and to learn about the concerns of organized labor." She said the meeting was "productive," and looked forward to "a very cordial and long and productive relationship."

"I am going to work very,

very hard to find areas of commonality in which labor and the department can work," Chao said.

The resolution on tax cuts said the AFL-CIO supports:

♦ A one-year, \$110 billion "prosperity dividend" of \$400 per person paid this year to all Americans regardless of income.

♦ A refundable income tax credit that exempts the first \$5,700 in earnings from the employee portion of the payroll tax. The plan would cost about \$45 billion annually and yield an annual tax cut of \$427 a person.

♦ Increasing the child tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000 and making it refundable, which would cost \$44 billion annually. The average benefit would be \$1,120.

"For tax relieve to provide an efficient and effective stimulus, it must flow to those who will most likely spend it," the resolution said. "This means ensuring that low- and middle-income families receive the bulk of the tax cuts."

The dividend, compared to companies' payouts to shareholders, "would put money in people's hands quickly rather than out in the sixth year" of Bush's plan, said Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer.

The dividend plan is similar to a proposal in Congress by Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., which would offer a \$300 rebate to each person. Sanders' plan also suspends

the dividend if there is no budget surplus.

"Right now, we have a surplus and some of it can be returned to the American people. But it should go to everyone equally, not given mostly to the rich," Sanders said.

Leaders who met with Chao said she did not provide substantive answers to policy questions such as Labor Department cuts or the future of the new ergonomics standards, saying she had only been on the job eight days.

She did tell the labor leaders that she and the Bush administration would disagree with unions on labor-management partnership agreements, said Denise Mitchell, AFL-CIO official. Bush is considering disbanding such agreements created by President Clinton.

Sweeney said Chao assured union leaders she would listen to them.

"I think she conveyed a similar message as the president has conveyed to me, that we will have our differences, but we will have the opportunity to discuss these issues," he said.

Meantime, Sweeney said unions are concerned about the slowing economy and the potential for many more layoffs. Those uncertainties show a need for unions for American workers, Sweeney said.

"We'll be mobilizing and organizing in whatever political atmosphere and whatever economic atmosphere we're faced with," he said.

# U.S. attorney to probe Clinton's Rich pardon

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Federal prosecutors have opened an investigation into former President Clinton's last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a source familiar with the case said Wednesday.



Clinton

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White in New York "is trying to determine if there was a transfer of money to buy the pardon," the source told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

White was expected to examine bank records, telephone records and other documents to determine whether there was anything criminal in Clinton's decision to grant Rich a pardon, the source said.

White, who was named U.S. attorney by then-President Clinton in June 1993, has said the pardon was granted without consultation with her office. A spokesman said she would have no comment.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, through a spokesman, declined comment and referred questions to her husband's transition office, which did not immediately return a call.

The Jan. 20 pardon was one of 141 by Clinton, who also commuted the sentences of 36 others on his final day in office. It has prompted bipartisan criticism and probes by House and Senate committees.

Before the pardon, Rich was wanted by the Justice Department on charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

He was indicted in New York on federal charges in 1983, shortly after he fled the country to Switzerland. The indictment was filed when Rudolph Giuliani, now the Republican mayor of New York and Mrs. Clinton's one-time Senate adversary, was running the U.S. attorney's office.

Also in the mix is Rich's former wife, Denise, a major contributor to the Democratic Party and Mrs. Clinton's Senate campaign. Denise Rich also gave at least \$450,000 to the Clinton Presidential Library Fund.

She has refused to answer questions from the House committee, citing her constitutional right against self-incrimination.

The House panel also expects to subpoena records this week from two of Denise Rich's American banks; records from the Clinton library on all donations and pledges of \$5,000 or more; and records from the Democratic National Committee related to her.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The power of your vote

Today is the run-off election for the 2001 Student Body President/Vice President race. When I took on the job of elections commissioner a year ago, there was a great deal of skepticism and doubt about the value of student government and the quality of the elections process here at Notre Dame. Over the past year, Judicial Council and I have worked to provide the students with the best possible atmosphere for an election.

Many people have worked hard to bring you organized campaigning, a candidate forum and a debate. Perhaps the people who have worked hardest however are the candidates themselves.

As a government major I have listened to many distinguished professors and scholars discuss elections in a variety of contexts. A number of my professors have addressed the significance of the vote. "One vote," they have said, "does not matter." According to their views, which I highly respect, the only case where a vote matters is when an election is decided by only one vote. Statistically speaking, I suppose that this is indeed correct.

However, as a social science major and in the spirit of election day here at Notre Dame, I would like to offer a varying perspective to the Notre Dame student body.

A vote is not limited to its numerical value. A vote, to begin with, is an expression. Whether you vote for a candidate because they are your best friend, because you believe in their

platforms or maybe just because you like their last name, a vote is an expression of what matters to you.

There is no wrong reason for why one casts a vote. Many people will not vote today. I do see this as an abomination of civic duty. However, I would like to offer some thoughts on what a vote can mean.

Every candidate in this election has worked long and hard to discuss ideas, propose changes and solicit your support. By voting you show appreciation for their efforts. Whether a candidate gets 1,000 votes or one vote, that one vote recognizes the efforts they have made to serve others.

When this day is over, one ticket will ascend to the office of student body president/vice president, but there will not be five losing tickets. The power of that one vote can give any student, person or candidate the support they need to realize that their contribution was valuable. Having worked with all six tickets in this year's election, I have realized the quality of the student body here in a way I never experienced before.

Everyone who has run this year has been truly committed to serving students to the best of their abilities. Though they can not all win this election, they have demanded the respect of Notre Dame students for the efforts they have made in order to offer you a choice. We are all privileged to have this choice today. I have no doubt that the candidates in this year's election will all leave Notre Dame and contin-

ue to serve and lead in life wherever they go. They have attained many new skills and built on existing strengths from their experience in this election.

It is my belief that your vote matters. While it might not be the statistical significance that sets your vote apart from the rest in the end, by marking that ballot today, you have endorsed leadership, service and hard work. You have acknowledged the efforts your peers are making to create a better Notre Dame and you are solidifying those qualities that will make them successful when they leave here. Having said this, I ask only that you reflect for a moment on one time when you put all your efforts into a task.

The most wonderful feeling is knowing that other people found value in your contribution. Don't let numbers interfere with expression. Support. Confirm. Create. Your vote is what will turn students into leaders.

Thank you also to everyone who has worked so hard to make this election the success it has been. I can't believe I will actually regain my social life this weekend. Most importantly though, thank you to the 12 candidates who participated in this year's election. Your diverse range of backgrounds, ideas and modes of creativity has re-inspired my faith in the future. You all have much to be proud of.

John Bauters  
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February 14, 2001

# Complaining just for sake of it

Another issue of The Observer, another batch of startling philosophical insights into the human psyche. Needless to say, I await each new Viewpoint section of The Observer with breathless anticipation, because, as a typical Notre Dame student, I'm utterly incapable of believing anything that hasn't been handed down to me by the Church or the Administration.

The Feb. 14 Observer certainly didn't disappoint in this respect. Let's recap, shall we? Don't break parietals, women shouldn't wear revealing clothing, students shouldn't have sex, nobody's signing our damn petition and the Keenan Revue is "harmful." Does that about cover everything?

And I'm paying how much a year to attend school with you people? Instead, I'd like to propose a few different suggestions for improving life here on campus. I didn't get any of these suggestions from Sunday Mass or a ResLife meeting, but maybe that's why they're so useful.

Assert your independence. This isn't Bible Camp, this is training and experience for the real world. And if it's not, I'm wasting my time and money here.

Wear clothing that you like, clothing that makes you feel good about yourself. Don't let anybody tell you differently or project their insecurities onto you — ever.

Be with the person you love and don't let society or this school dictate the details of your relationship. Make your own decisions because you want to make them, not because du Lac is threatening you with possible expulsion. Think for yourself.

Choose your battles wisely. Not every little thing needs to be offensive. Realize that everybody has different tastes and stop trying to create wars in order to make up for the general air of boredom and apathy on this campus.

Most of the time, the best course of action is to simply live and let live. Deal with it.

And finally, there's a big difference between trying to seriously open up important lines of discussion and simply complaining for the sake of complaining. A lot of my new letter-writing buddies in the Viewpoint section need to figure this out.

And yes, that does make this letter hypocritical. Thanks for asking.

Jeremy Slater  
senior  
off-campus  
February 14, 2001

## DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

## QUOTE OF THE DAY



"It's all right letting yourself go, as long as you can get yourself back."

Mick Jagger  
musician

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Valentine's Day is a good day for the vagina

I will never forget this time last year walking into my residence hall and noticing the huge sign on the door spelling out the word "vagina" in bright bold letters. Shocked and a little disturbed, as many were, I proceeded to go to class and passed numerous women with T-shirts on that said on the front "V-A-G-I-N-A," on the back were the words, "It's coming." It was only later that I found out what all of this about.

The Vagina Monologues. The concept is wonderful, I applaud Eve Ensler for creating such a fantastic idea, and I am

equally proud of Saint Mary's for bringing such a unique and emotional event to campus.

However, I along with many others did not approve of how the event was publicized. I was accused of not being comfortable with my body and it's terminology because I disagreed with how advertising was mishandled. I find it offensive that when people disagree, they are accused of being unable to deal with controversial topics. I had the experience of seeing such a wonderful opportunity evolve into people wanting

to shock the system, shock the school, and force people out of their comfort zone.

On the cover of Marie Claire magazine this month, the feature story is about Ensler's effort. Their shirts said V-Day. The "V" could stand for Valentine, Violence, or Vagina. Perhaps these words are not so different. This is the core of what the Vagina Monologues represent. Putting an end to violence through love. What better day than Valentine's Day? Had the promoters of The Vagina Monologues emphasized this

the first time it came to campus, perhaps this letter would not have needed to be written.

You cannot shock people into awareness. Last year, the show should have been the center of attention, unfortunately, it was not and now there is a price to pay.

Kimmi Martin

class of '00

February 12, 2001

## Finding the folly in parietals

On Saturday night, I went to a party with a lady friend of mine. Rather than get sloppy like most of the other partygoers, we left the party and went back to my room to watch some Austin Powers. We got back to my room a little after one in the morning. We started watching the movie, and then all of a sudden, the lights went out; the lights in the hallway that is. Turning off the hallway lights is the inter-campus symbol that boys and girls are no longer allowed to play together. At this point, Dr. Evil had not even expressed the inconsequential details of his life and I realized something that a lot of students have probably noticed at this same time: Parietals suck.

Rather than just complain about these rules that we are subject to during our stay on campus, I would like to propose a challenge. I want someone to actually explain why we have parietals. I will not take any answer referring to tradition seriously, because as the renovation of the stadium recently showed, traditions can change. I would like to hear all about the benefits of parietals from an objective perspective. I will soon stake my claim as to why I feel we do not need parietals, but I am willing to consider the opinions of others. So, if you are a student, faculty member, member of the administration or have any connection to the Notre Dame family, I propose to you that you use this forum of free press to contradict the argument that I will explain.

Du Lac states that parietals are instituted in order to "foster the personal and social development of residence hall students and at the same time respond to the safety, security, and privacy needs of students sharing common living space." This is obviously the reasoning that the administration will give for enforcing parietals. As for the personal and social development section of this reasoning, I feel that parietals most likely inhibit the personal and social development of Notre Dame students. This is one of the largest reasons that this campus suffers from strained gender relations.

Based on this past weekend, I would say that taking my friend back to her dorm rather than hanging out with her clearly did not foster our relationship. Telling someone to go home usually is not the best way to strengthen a relationship. Cutting off these male-female relations probably also leads to some personal development problems. Some guys just do not know how to interact with women, due in part to the shadow cast on this campus by parietals. Some examples could be the freshman down the hall from me who scorned his SYR date (before even meeting her) in favor of a case of beer, the guys who just look to get as much action as possible before two a.m. and Zahm. Obviously, this also works for women who are not good at relationships with men.

As for the safety, security and privacy of residence hall students, I also think this is a bogus argument. First of all, our school is one of the safest in the country. Most people feel extremely safe on this campus, and it has little to do with parietals. Dorms are locked at night, or in some cases, 24 hours a day, and we have a great security/police department. I will grant the fact that some girls may feel unsafe, for whatever reason, knowing that there are guys in their dorm overnight. I don't think this should be a big worry, because of the ethical standards of our university and the idea that someone can do the same thing at five at night as they can at five in the morning. But I will address this further when I dis-

cuss how we can survive without parietals.

As for privacy, I do not think that there should be a difference if the opposite sex or the same sex surrounds someone, because we have little privacy in these close quarters anyway. As for me personally, I don't think guys can claim that having girls in their dorm would restrict them from walking around naked, basically because they shouldn't be walking around the dorm naked anyway. Seriously, I don't want to see that. Besides, we have cleaning ladies walking around the dorm well before parietals are over. There seems to be no problem of lost privacy or safety in this case.

One of the more popular reasons that most students feel we have parietals is to prevent us from having sex. As we all know, having sex is reason enough to kick us out of the University, because of Catholic standards (which, by the way, I feel is unfair to non-Catholics who have different beliefs). First of all, as I said before, people can do the same thing at five at night as they can at five in the morning.

Secondly, many Notre Dame students do not feel casual sex is acceptable.

Finally, if the good Catholic students are being good Catholic boys and girls, then they will not even think of having sex.

My argument is not based on sex though. I just feel that we would be better off having the opportunity to extend relations with the opposite sex for as far into the night as we see fit, without leaving the comfort of our own room. If my roommates and I want to finish watching the second tape of Braveheart with some of our female friends, we should be able to. If my roommate wants to sleep beside his girlfriend, then he should be allowed to experience that great feeling, as a consenting adult. If I want to have my sister come visit me without getting her a hotel room, I should be able to.

Some clear objections come to mind immediately, so I will try to tackle them and save some people the effort of writing their opinions to The Observer. First

of all, some may argue that they would, in fact, lose their privacy if parietals didn't exist. For example, one might say, "How would you feel if your roommate kicked you out so his girlfriend can sleep over?" I think this is a case where roommates can install their own sets of parietals. That is, they should have the say over who sleeps in their room, not the administration.

Other objections would be based around life without parietals. If the administration feels they are such a necessity, then maybe they could still keep some rules. For example, if they feel that girls' dorms will be drastically more dangerous for its residents, then maybe they could have parietals in girls' dorms still. I would be greatly against this also, but limited freedom is better than lack of freedom. Maybe the most plausible way would be having sign-ins on the weekends, as most women's dorms do. The only difference is that you would not have to worry about getting kicked out of school if you don't sign out until the next morning.

I realize that some people do like having parietals. In a poll taken last year, the same number of people wanted to keep parietals as those who wanted to merely extend them.

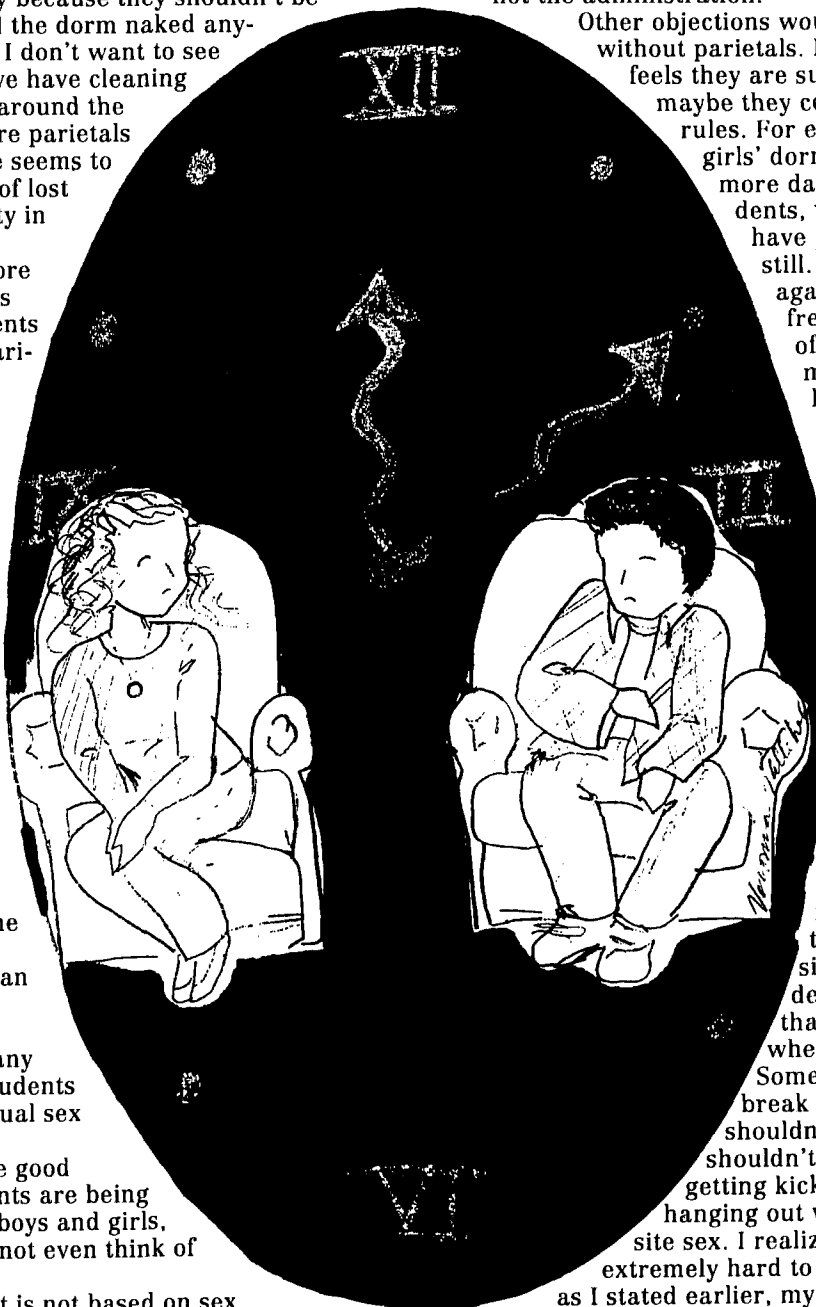
But, I am afraid that not enough people are truly thinking about this situation. Too many students are just accepting that parietals are here whether we like it or not. Some abide by them, some break them. I just think we shouldn't have them. We shouldn't have to live in fear of getting kicked out of school just for hanging out with a friend of the opposite sex. I realize it is going to be extremely hard to get changes made, but as I stated earlier, my goal for now is to just raise awareness. I want to have an open, intellectual conversation on this topic (that means not calling me names because you disagree with me, or criticizing my grammar). If I just get people to think about parietals and question the need for them, then I will be satisfied, for now. So, to all those in the Notre Dame family, take serious consideration on this topic, and then tell me, what are parietals good for? I say absolutely nothing.

Thomas Pariso

junior

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February 14, 2001





## 'Gladiator,' 'Tiger' lead Oscar nominations

Associated Press

The Academy Award nominations were announced Tuesday morning, and the sword and sandals epic "Gladiator" led the pack with a total of 12 nods. Here's a rundown of the major categories:

### Best Picture

"Chocolat"  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
"Erin Brockovich"  
"Gladiator"  
"Traffic"

### Best Actor

Javier Bardem, "Before Night Falls"  
Russell Crowe, "Gladiator"  
Tom Hanks, "Cast Away"  
Ed Harris, "Pollock"  
Geoffrey Rush, "Quills"

### Best Actress

Joan Allen, "The Contender"  
Juliette Binoche, "Chocolat"  
Ellen Burstyn, "Requiem For a Dream"  
Laura Linney, "You Can Count On Me"  
Julia Roberts, "Erin Brockovich"

### Best Supporting Actor

Jeff Bridges, "The Contender"  
Willem Dafoe, "Shadow of the Vampire"  
Benicio Del Toro, "Traffic"  
Albert Finney, "Erin Brockovich"  
Joaquin Phoenix, "Gladiator"

### Best Supporting Actress

Judi Dench, "Chocolat"  
Marcia Gay Harden, "Pollock"  
Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous"  
Frances McDormand, "Almost Famous"  
Julie Walters, "Billy Elliot"

### Best Director

Stephen Daldry, "Billy Elliot"  
Ang Lee, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
Ridley Scott, "Gladiator"  
Steven Soderbergh, "Erin Brockovich"  
Steven Soderbergh, "Traffic"

### Best Adapted Screenplay

"Chocolat," Robert Nelson Jacobs  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Wang Hui Ling, James Schamus, Tsai Kuo Jung  
"O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Joel Coen, Ethan Coen  
"Traffic," Steven Gaghan  
"Wonder Boys," Steven Kloves

### Best Original Screenplay

"Almost Famous," Cameron Crowe  
"Billy Elliot," Lee Hall  
"Erin Brockovich," Susanna Grant  
"Gladiator," David Franzzone, John Logan, William Nicholson  
"You Can Count On Me," Kenneth Lonergan

### Best Cinematography

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"  
"Gladiator"  
"Malena"  
"O Brother, Where Art Thou?"  
"The Patriot"

### Best Foreign Language Film

"Amores Perros," Mexico  
"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," Taiwan  
"Divided We Fall," Czech Republic  
"Everybody Famous!" Belgium  
"The Taste of Others," France

The winners will be announced on Sunday, March 25, during the annual Oscar telecast.



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

Russell Crowe and "Gladiator" slayed the competition in Oscar nominations, receiving 12 in total, including nods for Best Actor and Best Picture.

## MOVIE REVIEW

# Hopkins is on the loose in 'Hannibal'

By V. VAN BUREN GILES  
Scene Movie Critic

"Hello, Clariice." Yep, he's back again and this time he's not just a bit player. The new Ridley Scott film "Hannibal," based on Thomas Harris's novel of the same name, was the big winner at the box office this weekend as people flocked to the theater to get a taste, so to speak, of the chilling cannibalistic psychiatrist that terrified audiences in 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs."

Anthony Hopkins returns to the role that made him a household name, playing the disturbed, but extremely learned psychopath, Hannibal Lecter.

Commonly misunderstood as a sequel, "Hannibal" is actually the third installment in the psychological drama series that has turned the highly intelligent, but monstrously dangerous doctor into a cultural icon. Director Michael Mann's "Manhunter" was based on Harris' first Hannibal novel, "Red Dragon." In that film, Brian Cox portrayed Hannibal as we see him in "Silence," imprisoned and playing

mind games with federal agents hot on the trail of serial killer.

The premise of "Hannibal," however, is that Lecter has been on the loose for quite some time and has fallen out of public view, and off the F.B.I.'s Ten Most Wanted List. But Clarice Starling remembers the good doctor all too well. Thanks to encounters with the doctor at the Baltimore behavioral institute, she was able to capture the notorious serial killer "Buffalo Bill."

Another person who remembers Hannibal is one of Dr. Lecter's old patients: Mason Verger, a filthy rich, but emotionally unstable sophisticate who was tortured and horribly disfigured on one of the doctor's visits. Verger has the connections and the bankroll to track Hannibal to the corners of the earth in hopes of someday settling the score.

Since escaping Washington, D.C., Dr. Lecter has made his way to Florence, Italy and has assumed the identity of a museum curator named Dr. Fell. The doctor seems at ease in the artistic and social grandeur that Florence offers. But it is not long before Inspector Pazzi (Giancarlo Gianinni) of the police department figures out the real identity of the deranged doctor. He must now decide if the doctor's apprehension is a federal matter, or if he should claim the million-dollar reward.

Julianne Moore ("Boogie Nights") is new to the role of Special Agent Clarice Starling. Jodie Foster won an Academy Award for her performance as Starling but opted out of "Hannibal," leaving the door

open for Moore. Gary Oldman ("J.F.K.," "The Professional") is uncredited as the repulsive Mason Verger and Ray Liotta ("Goodfellas") is Starling's superior at the F.B.I.

Audiences should know that the psychotic doctor does not make his grand entrance until thirty minutes into the film. What's great about "Hannibal" is that people take pleasure in rooting for the bad guy. We get to see him mingle in society, perfectly at ease and refined in manner. This is the greatest effect of Ridley Scott's movie as before we only

understood the caged animal in "Silence," and now we get to observe the monster running loose around the world.

As a whole, "Hannibal" is not as good as its precursors. Readers of the book should know that the ending is different, which is a real blessing having personally laid out the \$27.95 for the hardcover edition. This is one of few recent films that really makes the most out of the 'R' rating. Those who have difficulty sitting through films like "Psycho" or "Rosemary's Baby" will most assuredly lose their lunch.

It's difficult to name a movie murderer who brings as much style and grace to his gruesome craft as Hannibal Lecter (he quotes Dante and frequents the opera). He even makes the simple feat of licking an envelope into a menacing act. The real scare of Hannibal is not his artistic nature in which he disembowels his victims, but rather his savagery in exploiting human weakness.

### "Hannibal"



out of five shamrocks

**Director:** Ridley Scott

**Starring:** Anthony Hopkins,  
Julianne Moore, Ray Liotta and  
Gary Oldman



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Anthony Hopkins returns to the role of Dr. Hannibal Lecter in Ridley Scott's newest film, "Hannibal," also starring Julianne Moore as Clarice Starling.



## MOVIE FEATURE



"Goodfellas," one of Martin Scorsese's greatest efforts, stars Ray Liotta (center, on left), Robert DeNiro (center), Joe Pesci (center, on right) and Lorraine Bracco (right) as participants in the mafia lifestyle. The film spans three decades, tracing Henry Hill's (Liotta) involvement in gambling, robbery and drug trafficking.

# 'Goodfellas' depicts 30 years of life in the mafia

By MATT NANIA  
Scene Movie Editor

The success of Martin Scorsese's stunning Mafia epic "Goodfellas" is twofold. First, he makes a strong argument for why a gangster's life of crime and violence would be so tantalizing to the film's central character; and secondly, he portrays how that life paid off for a while, but eventually led to his self destruction and the destruction of all those around him. Indeed, the film's main strength lies in Scorsese's ability to make the Mafia life completely appealing and completely repulsive at the same time.

"Goodfellas" tells the true story of Henry Hill (Ray Liotta), a lifetime gangster who is now an anonymous suburban resident in the government's witness relocation program. He told his story to journalist Nicholas Pileggi, who worked with Scorsese in adapting the book "Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family" for the screen.

An Irish-Italian kid who grew up in the streets of New York, Henry watched all the gangsters on his block get everything. In his narration, he describes how they could park in front of fire hydrants and not get tickets, and stay up all night playing cards, and no one ever called and complained.

Henry quickly found a way to get into the lifestyle: running odd jobs for Paulie (Paul Sorvino), the neighborhood boss. At 14, Henry proved his worth, and soon he was skipping school on a regular basis, and making the Mafia his full-time job. When his father found out he had been skipping school, his Mafia buddies took care of the situation by beating the tar out of the mailman who delivered the school's letter. When Henry got pinched selling stolen cigarettes, all the Mafiosos met him outside the courthouse with open arms, proud of him for "taking it like a man." All these scenes work intricately together to show how the lifestyle was irresistible to a young kid from a blue-collar family. He was a part of something important, and he didn't see how it could ever go bad.

By the time he was 21, Henry was a full-time member, along with his buddy Tommy (Joe Pesci), and the older, sly Jimmy Conway (Robert De Niro). Everything in life was sweet because he had power and respect, even though he was really just a middleman. According to Henry, "Anything I wanted was a phone call away." This was the life he led, and he admits that he and the rest of the Mafiosos thought that living any other way was "nuts."

Henry met and married a Jewish girl named Karen (Lorraine Bracco), who was naively enthralled with his power and money. Their marital bliss was short, as Henry tended to stay out all night engaging in various criminal and extramarital activities. Karen caught on soon because

Henry didn't do much to hide his transgressions. She quickly understood that she was left behind with the kids and the cooking while Henry was out taking full advantage of the lifestyle.

After enticing the audience with everything that Henry and his partners have, it is the wrecking ball Scorsese throws at us that sets this apart from all its rehashes. As we see how quickly things can go wrong, and, in fact, how nothing was ever truly secure in the first place, we begin to see exactly where Martin Scorsese was going with the film. This is not necessarily a propaganda picture for crime, but a condemnation of the things that make it so mesmerizing. The flash of the guns, the unending cash flow, everything is dependent on throwing your life into an oblivion that will, almost certainly, lead to your death.

In its two and a half hour running time, "Goodfellas" covers a lot of ground. It digs deep into its characters, whether that be Henry's inability to know where to draw the line, the confusion and frustrations of his wife, or the random psychotic impulses of Tommy, who is just as capable of telling a hilarious joke as shooting someone in cold blood for no reason. Every actor in this film is in top form, easily conveying their characters' changing attitudes as situations around them evolve and decline over three decades.

Scorsese is at his best in the most intense moments. There is no pulpy delusion that any of this is glorified. The violence is raw and sickening, and it doesn't discriminate. These characters lead a violent life, and they receive just as much as they dish out. And anyone can murder anyone else. Loyalty is an illusion, and betrayal is an everyday part of life.

As a cinematic experience, "Goodfellas" is a feast for the eyes and ears. Scorsese punctuates the action and period clothing with a searing soundtrack of rock songs. Ever since Robert DeNiro made his entrance in "Mean Streets" to the sound of The Rolling Stones' "Jumpin' Jack Flash," Scorsese has been known as a director who makes good use of musical cues. Nostalgia for the good old times is illustrated with easy-listening 1950s pop songs, while depression, paranoia and bad times find their expression in more neurotic rock songs of the late 1960s and 1970s.

But the soundtrack is most effective when it is used as ironic comment: easy listening tunes make a strong emotional contrast to the scenes of violence and bloodshed. With the use of an ironic soundtrack, "Goodfellas," when it first came out in 1990, represented the new standards of black humor that would become very popular a few years later during the Tarantino era.

Scorsese also uses incredibly deft camerawork, utilizing cranes, dollies, and zooms as well as a finely paced editing style that crams in volumes of information without being confusing. One scene in particular follows Henry and Karen from the street as they enter the back of a club, walk through the rear hallways, through the kitchen, and wind their way through the club around waiters and patrons, finally taking a seat and having a conversation. It's an incredible, unbroken steady-cam shot several minutes long that rivals the opening of Orson Welle's "Touch of Evil."

Logistics aside, "Goodfellas" is an unforgettable movie experience simply because of the pure screen Scorsese embeds in every frame. You can feel the passion pulsating with emotions, whether it'd be anger or greed or joy or paranoia. In the last third of the film, Scorsese alters the plot structure by taking us through a day in the life of Henry Hill when he is at his lowest, attempting to pull off a cocaine deal, trade guns, and cook dinner for his family, all while sniffing half his profits, and sweating in paranoia that a helicopter is following him. Everything about the sequence, from the editing to the acting to the pacing, is an example of filmmaking at its very finest.



### Top Five Memorable Quotes from "Goodfellas"

1. "As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster." - Henry Hill
2. "But, I'm funny how? Funny like a clown? I amuse you? I make you laugh? I'm here to f---n' amuse you?" - Tommy
3. "One day the kids from the neighborhood carried my mother's groceries all the way home. You know why? It was outta respect." - Henry, voice-over
4. "Sure, mom, I settle down with a nice girl every night, then I'm free the next morning." - Tommy
5. "Today everything is different ... I have to wait around like everyone else ... I'm an average nobody. I get to live the rest of my life like a schnook." - Henry Hill

Scorsese manages to create a vision which is effective and complete despite being full of contradictions that would have ripped the film apart in the hands of a less talented filmmaker. The world depicted in "Goodfellas" is both ordinary and fascinating. Scorsese spares no effort in showing us all the violence, hypocrisy and inherent paranoia of organized crime, yet it manages to make it both seductive and funny. After being exposed to two and half hours of the film and three decades of criminal history, the audience understands why the characters chose such dangerous life paths, trading the superficial and short-lasting glamour and prosperity of a criminal to the dullness and poverty of honest citizens.

Despite the ambitious narrative and active pace, Scorsese does not rush the story. He has never directed with as much assurance, expertly blending narration, period music, and his own dynamic tableaux (quick, jerky zooms into faces signal an almost telepathic communication between characters), to create an energetic, darkly funny, and unforgettable portrait of life among the Mob's bottom feeders.

Many critics agree that Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" was the best film of the '70s, and "Raging Bull" the best of the '80s. Somehow I have the feeling that several years from now, many will be making strong arguments that "Goodfellas" was one of the best of the '90s, if not the best. It is, in a word, brilliant.



Jimmy (DeNiro, left) and Henry (Liotta) sit down for a talk in Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas."

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Notre Dame signs four to play for Class of 2005

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's soccer program has signed a diversely-talented group of four high school seniors to national letters of intent, as announced today by head coach Randy Waldrum.



Waldrum

The signees include midfielder/defender Mary Boland (Hudson, Ohio), forward Candace Chapman (Ajax, Ontario), defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Seltjarnarnes, Iceland) and midfielder Reagan Jones (Tampa, Fla.).

Boland was named a high school All-American after leading Hudson High School to the Ohio state title (she scored twice

in the final six minutes of that 2-1 win) and Jones is a leading scorer for one of the nation's top club teams, Blackwatch Stirling (both players attended the Notre Dame Soccer Camp during the summer of 2000), while Chapman has starred for Canada's under-18 national team and Gunnarsdottir is a starter with Iceland's up-and-coming national team.

Notre Dame is set to return 13 of its top 17 players from the 2000 squad that spent most of the season ranked No. 1, advanced to the NCAA semifinals and finished with a final record of 23-1-1. The team's losses include its top two scorers and four total starters, led by midfielder and consensus national player of the year Anne Makinen (14 goals-15 assists in 2000; Notre Dame's fourth all-time leading scorer with 63G-56A).

Forward Meotis Erikson (13G-12A; ND's seventh all-time leading scorer with 58G-41A) like-

wise has moved on as a hopeful entry in the fledgling Women's United Soccer Association while two-year team captain Kelly Lindsey and Kerri Bakker are set to graduate after helping anchor the 2000 Irish defense that led the nation with an 0.39 goals-against average.

"By losing four starters from every position but goalkeeper, we had some clearcut goals in assembling this class and we feel that we met those goals by adding four talented players who will fit well into our system," said Waldrum, whose squad also anticipates the addition of forward Melissa Tancredi—a former member of Canada's under-18 national team who missed all of her freshman season at Notre Dame in 2000 due to an ACL injury.

"We essentially view Melissa Tancredi as part of this newcomer group and she will combine with Candace and our returning forwards to provide tremendous

quickness and athleticism to our offense. Overall, we have added significantly to our team speed and should provide fans with a very attractive style of soccer. Our basic goal was to match up better athletically with the other top teams while still maintaining the high level of soccer skill that has characterized past Notre Dame teams.

"In the midfield, we know that there is no way to replace a player of Anne's ability but at this point we anticipate moving (sophomore-to-be) Randi Scheller into that attacking midfielder role. Reagan Jones is the type of player that can provide solid depth for us in the midfield and she has the playmaking and distribution skills that are so important to our system of three central-based midfielders.

"Mary Boland is a player who could make an impact at any position on the field and we are excited to see where she can be most effective in the fall. And

Gudrun seems to be a natural addition at the central defender position, due to her speed, height (5-9), ability to read the game well and that intangible quality that comes from playing internationally against some of the top forwards in the world."

Notre Dame returns three players with starting experience at forward (junior-to-be Ali Lovelace and rising sophomores Amy Warner and Amanda Guertin) while senior-to-be Mia Sarkesian and rising junior Ashley Dryer return to lead the midfield. Battle-tested Monica Gonzalez is expected to return at the left outside back position while senior-to-be Lindsey Jones will be back on the other side, with rising junior Vanessa Pruzinsky likely to return in 2001 at a central defender spot. Goalkeeper Liz Wagner will head into her senior season after leading the nation in 2000 with an 0.39 season GAA.

## MLB

## Sirotko injures throwing shoulder, unsure of future

Associated Press

## CHICAGO

The team doctors, the specialists, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Chicago White Sox all agree Mike Sirotko has some problems in his throwing shoulder.

Anything beyond that — how badly he's hurt, when he'll be able to pitch again, who owes what and whether David Wells will be wearing a White Sox uniform this year — is still unknown.

Commissioner Bud Selig and his staff probably will be the ones to settle this mess.

"This is starting to appear as if it's some sad soap opera," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said Wednesday.

Sirotko was traded to the Blue Jays on Jan. 14 as part of a six-player deal that sent Wells to the White Sox. Though he

passed one. Toronto physical, a second test showed a possible torn labrum so the Blue Jays sent him to Dr. James Andrews, a specialist, for an independent opinion.

On a day of dueling news conferences, the Blue Jays said Andrews' examination showed Sirotko has a partial tear of the rotator cuff and a torn labrum in his left shoulder. Andrews isn't recommending surgery now, but the Blue Jays said the specialist calls the 29-year-old a "long-term surgical candidate."

While Sirotko could still pitch this season, Toronto general manager Gord Ash said that doesn't matter. They didn't get the pitcher they thought they were getting, and he wants the White Sox to pay up to make it all better.

"This is a player that has significant concerns, whether it's

two weeks from now or six months from now," Ash said. "That is not what we thought were getting."

"The honorable thing would be to recognize that and provide adequate compensation."

No way, Williams said. Not when the White Sox are getting a different story from Andrews.

Williams has maintained all along that Sirotko's injury is the same problem that's caused him to start slowly the last two seasons. And according to team physician Dr. James Boscardin, Andrews' examination supports that. Boscardin said in a statement that Andrews told him Sirotko has normal "wear in the rotator cuff and possibly the labrum." That doesn't necessarily mean surgery, and Boscardin said Andrews told him there's a "70 to 80 percent chance" Sirotko won't need it.

In fact, Boscardin said

Andrews suggested to him that Sirotko will be able to pitch this year, though he'll probably start the season two weeks late.

"Boy, I hate this, because I really wanted to be above the he-said, she-said type of thing," said Williams, whose anger was evident despite his calm demeanor. "But I've been reduced to that, and I resent that."

"I believe we're back to where we started from. I do not feel as though compensation of any sort is entitled," he said. "According to Dr. Boscardin's conversation with Dr. Andrews, this has played out. I've had enough. This is a dead issue."

But Ash isn't going to let it go that easily. He's giving Williams until the end of the week to reach some sort of agreement, or he'll ask Selig's office to settle it.

Go ahead, Williams said.

"(Compensation) is not something we will entertain," Williams said. "So moving forward, let's get this to the commissioner's office as soon as possible so we can put this all behind us. I look forward to it."

Selig's staff could do several things, including rescinding the trade. But that's probably not going to happen, said Mets general manager Steve Phillips.

The Mets were interested in Wells before the White Sox stunned everyone with their deal.

"It's caveat emptor," Phillips said from the Mets training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla. "I think that we'll just kind of sit back and watch what happens with that. We like our club and wouldn't suspect there would be anything that would happen with that situation that would change what we look like for the season."

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Junior Parents Weekend				
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Swedish Radio Orchestra: Verdi's Requiem				
2/15	Thursday	O'Laughlin Auditorium	0800PM	
Blak Koffee House				
2/16	Friday	LaFortune Ballroom	0800-1030PM	
Movie: "The Eyes of Tammy Faye Baker"				
2/16	Friday	Snite	0730PM & 0945PM	
2/17	Saturday	Snite	0730PM & 0945PM	
SMC Presents: "Dancers' Palette"				
2/16	Friday	Little Theatre	0800PM	
2/17	Saturday	Little Theatre	0800PM	
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DANCES	EVENTS
3/03: Stanford, Lewis	3/30: McGlinn Casino Night
3/24: Morrissey	4/01: St. Ed's Spring Fling
3/31: Sophomore Class Ball	4/06: Alumni's Processional, 4-7PM
4/07: Alumni Wake, Lewis Crush	4/07: Lewis Chicken Run, 4-7PM
4/20: Sorin	4/20: Badin Block Party, 4-7PM
4/21: Walsh Formal	4/27: Howard Concert, South Quad, 4-7PM
	4/28: Fisher Regatta, 2-5PM, Pangborn/Fisher Dance

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Notre Dame sweeps weekend with wins

By STEVE KEPPEL  
Sports Writer

It was a great weekend for Notre Dame women's tennis as they went 3-0 and will most likely move into the top ten this week. The Irish lost only one team point as they defeated Virginia Tech 7-0 on Friday, 8th ranked Wake Forest 5-0 on Saturday, and North Carolina 6-1.

The weekend was once again highlighted by the play of Michelle Dasso as she improved her career record to 121-31 on victory shy of a record set just last year by Kelly Zalinski. Dasso lead the way for the Irish in No. 1 doubles and singles and did not lose a match the entire weekend. The third ranked all-American is on a role this spring after impressive performances at each tournament and is very important to the Irish squad in team competition.

"She's a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going and I don't think we would be the same without her," said Dasso's doubles partner, Becky Varnum. Varnum, a junior also played well this weekend. She went undefeated in both doubles and singles at the No. 2 spot behind Dasso.

After beating Virginia Tech on Friday the Irish prepared to take on eighth ranked Wake Forest lead by number one player in the country Bea Bielick. But to their surprise Bielick was out with bronchitis and the Deamon Deacons had to forfeit matches at No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles to start off.

Notre Dame once again rallied around the play of Michelle Dasso as she won the last nine games of the No. 1 singles match and defeated 6th ranked Janet Bergman 6-1, 6-0. Kimberly Guy also continued her solid play as she and Katie Cunha wrapped up the doubles point with an 8-5 decision over Wake Forest's Jackie Houston and Aimee Smith and Guy later clinched the match for the Irish after a win at No. 5

singles over Smith.

"They [Wake Forest] had to default two matches so we were up 2-0 right away," said junior Becky Varnum. "Everyone just played awesome and Michelle destroyed Janet Bergman at No. 1 singles."

"We were ready to play and were really inspired to go against the eighth ranked team in the country."

The win over the 8th ranked Deamon Deacons marks the highest ranked team the Irish have defeated since 1996 when they beat 5th ranked Texas 5-4. The Irish improve to 3-1 against the Deamon Deacons winning three of the last four.

After their impressive victory on Saturday the Irish then took on a solid North Carolina team lead by No. 11 Marlene Mejia. North Carolina came out tough and surprised the Notre Dame women by winning the doubles point beating Cunha and Guy and Green and Vaughan both 8-6.

The Irish rallied, however, sweeping the singles matches and winning 6-1. The singles play was highlighted by a 6-0, 6-1 thrashing of Marlene Mejia courtesy of Michelle Dasso and an important victory by Kimberly Guy who improved to 18-3 in singles matches this year.

"We were a little bit down after we lost the doubles point but we didn't let it ruin the rest of the match," said Becky Varnum who defeated Kate Pinchbeck 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6) in a tough three set tie-breaker.

"Everyone just fought so hard whether they were winning or losing and we ended up playing really well."

With the three victories this weekend the Irish have won five in a row and are set to break into the top ten before they travel to Wisconsin for the National Indoor Team Championships next Thursday.

"I think we will be in the top ten," said Varnum, "but most importantly we will get a good seed next weekend at the National Indoors, our goal is to make it past the second round this year."

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Irish look for wins minus Talarico

By RACHEL BIBER  
Sports Writer

The 27th-ranked Irish hit the road this week, hoping to fend off defeat at Michigan State on Thursday and 47th-ranked Kentucky on Saturday.

Notre Dame is on the heels of a convincing win over Iowa last Sunday after falling to 5th-ranked Duke the day before.

The Irish improved to 5-2 with the weekend split, and hope to add two more wins on their current road trip.

Junior Casey Smith will continue his duties at the top of the Notre Dame lineup where he owns a 5-1 mark in singles. Smith picked up a huge win over Iowa's Tyler Cleveland on Sunday, and continues to be dominant for the Irish.

One question mark lingering for Notre Dame is the status of No. 1 doubles player and No. 4 singles player Aaron Talarico, who injured his ankle in a doubles win against Iowa. Talarico and doubles teammate Javier Tabora continue to rise in the national doubles rankings moving from 38 to 19 this week. The Irish should slide by the Spartans without Talarico's help, but his absence could cause a struggle against Kentucky.

"We don't get hurt at the bottom of our lineup when someone is out," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "But to say that we won't feel the loss of one of our top three or four players, and Aaron is certainly in the category, is silly. I think if we play well, we should be able to win at Michigan State without him, but it would be difficult to beat Kentucky without him."

Talarico's ankle might limit

him to just the doubles portion of the matchup against Michigan State, while the ideal recovery would allow him see both doubles and singles action against the Wildcats.

"I'm not sure about Talarico's status," Bayliss said. "I hope he's ok. He's a big part of our team. One thought is maybe he'll be good enough to play doubles against Michigan State, maybe not. And hopefully with two more days rest he'll be able to play against Kentucky."

Despite Talarico's questionable status, the Irish are boasted by the return of senior Matt Daly, who was inserted in the doubles lineup last weekend after a long layoff due to shoulder surgery. Daly teamed up with James Malhame at No. 3 doubles to pick up a win against Iowa, while the duo was defeated by Duke.

"He had a fairly extensive surgery," Bayliss said. "But he is playing fine and hitting the ball great."

Notre Dame has a history of dominance against Michigan State, having fended off the Spartans since 1988. However, Michigan State comes into the face-off against Notre Dame riding a three match winning streak with recent victories over Western Illinois and Xavier, bringing its record to 5-1. Freshmen Eric Simonton and Chris Mitchell lead the Spartans into the end of their seven-match home stand, while they both successfully debuted

in the respective No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions against Western Illinois.

The Wildcats are eager to get back to their home court after a challenging week on the road where they were defeated by No. 8 Illinois and upset by

*"I think if we play well, we should be able to win at Michigan State without him [Talarico], but it would be difficult to beat Kentucky without him."*

Bob Bayliss  
Men's head tennis coach

Harvard, but they recovered with a shutout win against Boston College to improve to 5-2 on the year.

"We're really excited to finally

get back home and play for our fans," Kentucky coach Dennis Emery said, according to Kentucky's sports information. "The support of a home crowd can be an incredible boost."

Kentucky is headed by senior Indonesian native Edo Bawono who looks to pose a strong challenge for Smith at No. 1 singles. Bawono went on an unprecedented 12-0 run to start the fall season, while his string of wins included a 6-1, 6-2 defeat over Smith.

Both Michigan State and Kentucky have proven to be difficult locations for the Irish to succeed, making a healthy Notre Dame lineup critical to success. "Michigan State's place is also a tough place to play, which does concern me," Bayliss said. "And Kentucky is going to be pretty tough to beat there. We've never beaten them at Kentucky. They have a difficult place in which to play. We'll have to play our best to win."

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

## Saint Mary's looks to top 2001 MIAA Swimming and Diving

By JANEL MILLER  
Sports Writer

They're young, but they're not weak. Individually, they are a threat. Together they are dangerous. The battleground: the 2001 MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships. The victims: anyone who stands in their way.

Saint Mary's swimming and diving team will depart today for the long awaited conference meet in Hope, Mich.

"This meet is what we have been working towards all season long. This is it," said senior distance swimmer and co-captain, Olivia Smith.

The Belles are in very good contention for fourth place, according to Gretchen Hildebrandt, head coach. Coming off a tough regular season, the Belles are ready to face the teams which beat them by small margins again. Both Alma and Albion were very close meets for the Belles, losing by one point and 12 points, respectively.

Both swimmers and coach feel they can come home to South Bend with a fourth place finish. Last year the Belles tied with Alma for fifth. As it looks right now, Hildebrandt is confident in their position. The swimmers are as well.

"Coach gave us each our psych sheets and we are in good standings. We've highlighted the

Alma and Albion swimmers next to us and we're focusing on them," said Smith.

The weekend kicks off Thursday morning with preliminary swims.

Smith, Megan Ramsey, and Candace Polisky will lead the Belles as the first individual racers in the 500-yard freestyle. Hildebrandt is looking to this group to set the pace. Smith, who has been battling serious shoulder problems this season, will enter this race with nothing to lose and everything to gain.

"She's been very tough this season. Her times haven't been reflecting her hard work and attitude. This is her chance to finally let everything go and just swim," said Hildebrandt.

Smith and Polisky will also have a grab at the 1650-yard freestyle on Saturday. Hildebrandt sees both women doing very well.

"They've dropped times drastically in practice. I'm really excited for this event to finally happen," she said.

Ramsey, the freshman powerhouse who has single handedly rewritten the record books, will focus more on her 200-yard butterfly on Friday and 100-yard butterfly on Saturday. Within a second of qualifying for NCAA Nationals in both events, Ramsey is staying focused on swimming as she's done for many years.

Friday will also feature the 50-



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A Saint Mary's swimmer plows through the water in October's Notre Dame Relays. The Belles head to Hope, Mich. for the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships today.

yard freestyle and the powerful combination of senior co-captain Colleen Sullivan and freshman Maureen Palchak. Both, according to Hildebrandt have the school record within reach. The record was set by Sullivan at last year's conference meet. They pair will also battle it out in the 200-yard freestyle along with Elizabeth Doro, who hasn't swam the event since high school.

The breaststrokes and backstrokes have excellent positions, according to Hildebrandt. Both Lauren Smith and Katy Lebiecz are seeded very high in the 100-yard breast. Smith also has great standings in the 200-yard event. All three Belles in the 100-yard backstroke have very high chances at making the top 12 on Saturday.

Thursday will also highlight the Belles 400-yard free relay

and 1-meter diving. Diver Ryann Cox is up against tough competition but recent performances show she has done well thus far.

"The diving in this conference is very high caliber and they are powerful but Ryann performs very well when up against pressure," said Hildebrandt.

Hildebrandt sees everyone swimming well, dropping times, and outswimming Alma and Albion.

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# B-ball

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But Murphy ignored them all. "They didn't get to me at all," Murphy said.

"Forget his numbers, he just got the ball to open people all the time. He was so poised, not worrying about getting shots, just kicking it out to open people and getting open looks for his teammates."

Although Murphy scored 18 points and finished with five rebounds, he did an excellent job in escaping the double team. Every time the Irish passed the ball down to the 6-11 forward, two Rutgers defenders would immediately collapse on him. Murphy worked the ball back out to the perimeter, where guards Martin Ingelsby, Carroll, and David Graves rained down wide open jump shots.

"Our perimeter was so heady," Brey said. "They really set the tone and know what a good shot is and get the ball in. That really helped us down the stretch."

"We knew coming in here that the crowd was really going to be after Troy," Ingelsby said. "He really did a great job kicking the ball out to the perimeter and finding the open man."

The patience of the perimeter offense was a tremendous factor in Notre Dame's victory. With Murphy rendered virtually ineffective on the offensive end, the Irish tried to run screens on the perimeter to free the guards.

The plan worked. Notre Dame was 6-of-11 from three-point land, and the Scarlet Knights, intent on shutting down Murphy, virtually ignored Carroll and Ingelsby.

Notre Dame also turned in a solid defensive performance. The Irish mixed up their man-to-man defense by playing a 3-2 zone to contain the Scarlet Knights' dangerous three point shooters.

In fact, the Irish held last week's co-Big East Player of the Week Todd Billet to just 12 points, while Jeff Greer, who usually averages close to ten points per game, only managed seven. Overall, the Scarlet Knights were only 2-of-11 from behind the arc.

"If you told me we were going to hold Billet to 12 points, I wouldn't have believed it," Brey said. "We really wanted to limit their three point shooting because especially in this building, that gets their crowd going, and I thought we did an excellent job of that."

"I don't think we ever had a game where Todd and Jeff were off at the same time, and it hurt us," said Rutgers center Eugene Dabney.

It appeared that the Irish didn't miss forward Ryan Humphrey, who did not play due to a sprained ankle. For the first time in eight games, Brey started

David Graves in place of Humphrey. Speculation

emerged that Humphrey might play when he emerged from the locker room dressed in his uniform, but Brey said he never intended to use him in the game.

"Ryan came up to me before the game and said, 'Use me how you want to use me'," Brey said. "I said, 'I'm not going to use you'."

But Humphrey's presence was filled by the solid bench play of freshman Torian Jones and sophomore Jere Macura. Both players, who came into the game averaging 7.7 and 8.5 minutes a game, respectively, saw extended action.

Jones and Macura played with such confidence that it seemed like they had been starting with Murphy, Ingelsby, Carroll, and the rest of the Irish regulars for the entire season.

"It's contagious," Brey said. "They're very confident because of who they've been around."

"I knew that I would get more playing time when I heard Ryan wasn't going to play," Jones said. "His 15 points and 10 rebounds is a big hole to fill. When my time came, I wanted to be ready."

In fact, Jones took over the point guard duties for Ingelsby, who had seven assists, at one point in the game. The freshman scored four points on a pair of hard, driving layups.

Meanwhile, Macura turned in arguably one of the best performances of his career. The sophomore forward scored ten points, pulled down four rebounds, and added a resounding block with 38 seconds left in the game.

"When you get those guys some extended minutes, they can deliver," Brey said.

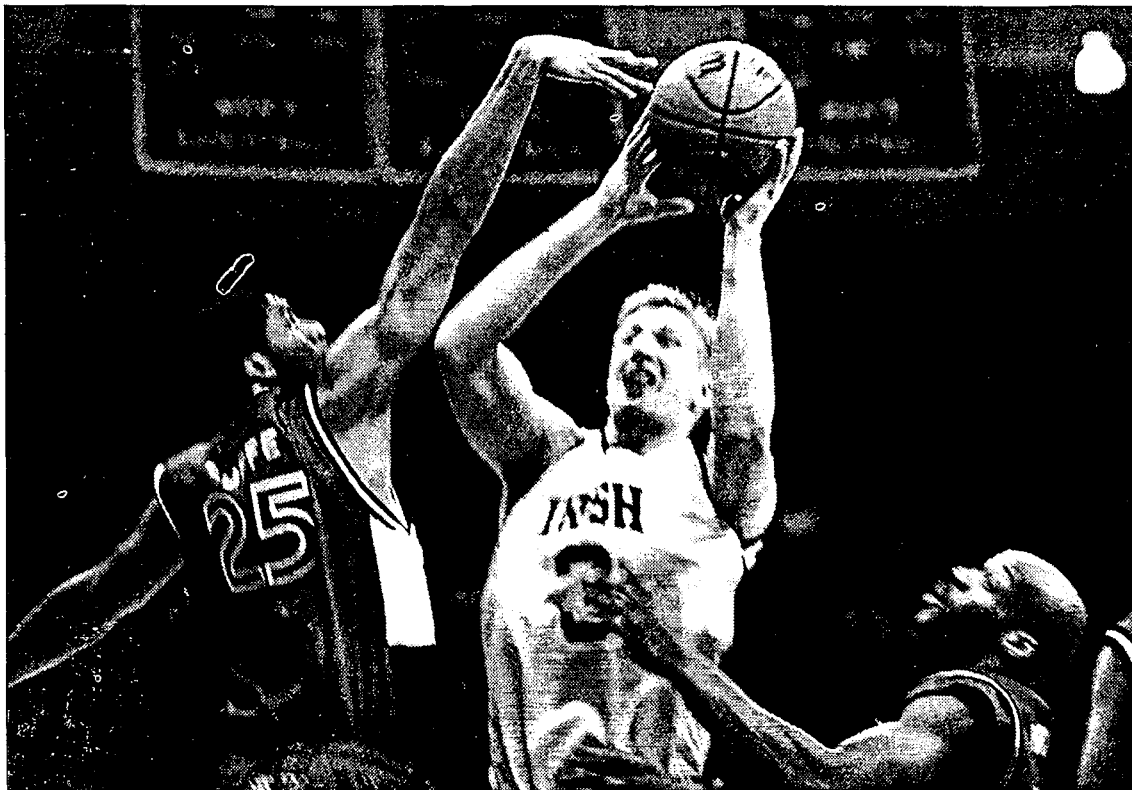
Notre Dame only trailed for 46 seconds in the game. When Graves hit a jumper to put the Irish up 2-1, they never looked back. Although they had trouble getting Murphy in the game offensively, Notre Dame kept trading points back and forth with Rutgers.

Martin Ingelsby's falling-down three-pointer with 9:55 left in the first half kicked off a 16-3 run that lasted 7:55 and left the Irish up 36-18. Notre Dame took a 43-25 lead into the locker room at halftime.

When the second half started, Rutgers gained a little momentum with a pair of quick baskets by Rashod Kent, but Notre Dame went on an 11-4 run to go up 60-34 and never looked back.

After the game, Murphy stood outside the Irish locker room holding a sign that read "Murphy Sucks."

"This is my thing from Rutgers. I have a couple of these, I put them outside my room," he said with a smile. "They paid to come in here in yell at the Irish, and the Irish got a win."



Irish forward Troy Murphy goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's Feb. 5 victory over St. John's earlier this season.

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Knights' forward Rashod Kent.

"I watched it to see how far I've come," Murphy said. "I kind of watched the way I acted, my demeanor on the court, the way I let the fans get to me, the way I let get Rashod Kent's physical play get to me. We have a lot more at stake (this year) than having me try to look good in front of a bunch of people."

But the problems did not miraculously disappear when Matt Doherty bolted for North Carolina. As recently as the Kentucky game, the Irish were an inconsistent team with a 9-5 record, a squad on the verge of missing the NCAA's for the twelfth straight year.

Following the 82-71 loss to the Wildcats on Jan. 13, Harold Swanagan entered the locker room, flipped over a table and heaved a Gatorade bottle on the floor.

"Harold came in there and kind of questioned everybody and said we were a bunch of punks," Murphy said. "And we were."

Murphy had alluded to Irish problems after their loss to Miami (Ohio) on Dec. 9. He mentioned that the Irish did not deserve to be ranked in the top 10 and questioned whether the early season wins over Cincinnati and Vanderbilt gave his team a false sense of confidence. "We didn't know how to handle all the attention,"

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "We got thrust into the Top 20 and I don't know how deserving we were of that. You look at all the other pre-season Top 20's, they were regulars to the NCAA tournament. We were a little bit of imposters. It wasn't real. It was a circus."

The inconsistency plagued Notre Dame last February as well. The Irish recorded wins over conference heavyweights Connecticut and Seton Hall but also lost to Big East cellar dwellers Providence and Pittsburgh. Every victory seemed to shock the Irish and caused them to overreact.

"We weren't a good team last year," Murphy said. "This year we're a real good team. It's nice to look in the newspaper and see Notre Dame in first place because I remember when we got our heads handed to us."

During the second month of 2001, the Irish have won all four games, including the last two in hostile road environments.

The talent has not changed but the attitude has.

That's not to say that students should book their tick-

ets to the Sweet 16 or the Final Four. Several questions still remain. Last night, Murphy struggled, shot just 3-for-8 from the line and committed four turnovers. And even though Brey referred to Murphy as the definite choice for Big East Player of the Year after the game, don't expect the Irish to beat a formidable conference opponent when their star puts up similar numbers.

The Irish frontcourt also had trouble stopping the Rutgers forwards and centers from getting good looks at the basket. Twelve of the Scarlet Knights' first 15 points were scored from within five feet of the basket. And Martin Ingelsby still has difficulty in on-ball defense, guarding quick point guards.

But at least now, a Big East win does not cause the Irish players to celebrate like they just won the NCAA's.

"With each game we win, the bullseye gets bigger," Murphy said. "It's a blessing. But it's also a scare."

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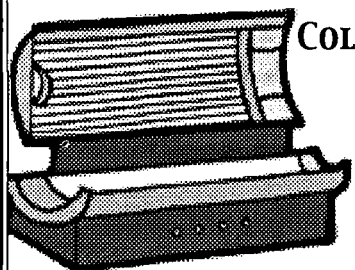
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## NBA

## Iverson scores forty points to lead Philadelphia's win

Associated Press

## PHILADELPHIA

Allen Iverson got a standing ovation for what he did in the All-Star game, then added another accolade — an "M-V-P" chant from the Philadelphia fans — to his wonderful week.

Iverson scored 40 points and made Kobe Bryant look silly on defense Wednesday night as the Philadelphia 76ers had their way with the Los Angeles Lakers in a 112-97 victory.

Iverson, who reached 40 points for the second consecutive night and the 11th time this season, basked in the adoration of his fans and relished every chance he had to go one-on-one with Bryant.

He even let a huge smile break across his face as he was speeding in for a breakaway layup early in the fourth quarter as the Sixers were opening a 17-point lead.

Iverson got his first standing ovation when highlights of his All-Star MVP performance were shown on the scoreboard during the game's first timeout, and the fans broke into a loud chant of "M-V-P" as he reached 40 points from the free throw line with 1:28 left. He left to another standing ovation moments later.

Nazr Mohammed added a career-high 12 points starting at center, Tyrone Hill also had 12 and George Lynch 11.

Shaquille O'Neal, who was guarded by backups Mohammed, Todd MacCulloch and Jumaine Jones in the absence of regular Philadelphia center Theo Ratliff (fractured wrist), led Los Angeles with 29 points.

Bryant added 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists — along with another stern lecture from his coach when things weren't going well.

Iverson started going at Bryant right away, and it quickly became apparent that Bryant — coming off an overtime victory the previous night at New Jersey — was a step slow.

Unlike last season when Bryant came into the First Union Center and shut down Iverson, Bryant seemed to fall for every ball fake or head fake.

Iverson had a 3-pointer over Bryant that was followed by a drive around Bryant as he was putting 15 points on the board in a first quarter which ended with Philadelphia ahead 29-25.

Isaiah Rider hit a 3-pointer early in the second quarter for a 32-31 Lakers' lead, but the Sixers responded with a 6-0 run, ending with a 3-pointer by Toni Kukoc off a behind-the-back pass from Iverson.

Mohammed, who made his second start of the season, hit a jumper over O'Neal with 6:02 left in the third to surpass his previous career-high of 11 and give the 76ers a 69-63 lead,

and coach Phil Jackson started yelling at Bryant during the ensuing timeout.

A 3-pointer by Snow and a dunk by MacCulloch gave the Sixers an 82-70 lead at the end of the third, and they left the court to another standing ovation.

Iverson's smiling fast-break 90 seconds into the fourth quarter capped a 7-0 run that made it 89-72, and Philadelphia led by double

**Bucks 102, Hawks 98**

Sam Cassell scored 23 points and Ray Allen added 19 as the Milwaukee Bucks went on a 16-0 tear in the final five minutes to beat the Atlanta Hawks 102-98 Wednesday night.

The Hawks, who lost their seventh in a row, led 94-85 after Jason Terry hit a 20-foot jump shot with 5:13 remaining.

But Milwaukee rallied, and Scott Williams' dunk with 1:08 left made it 96-94, giving the Bucks their first lead since the second quarter.

The Bucks' big run ended with a pair of free throws by Cassell with 21.6 seconds to go.

Terry led the Hawks with 35 points. Atlanta got 22 points and 18 rebounds from Dikembe Mutombo.

Lorenzen Wright scored 21 points and had 15 rebounds for the Hawks, who had only nine players available.

Allen hit a 3-pointer with 2:59

remaining to cut Atlanta's lead to 94-92. His two free throws 1:22 later tied it.

The Bucks, recovering from a 107-104 loss to Philadelphia on Tuesday night, avoided losing three straight for the first time since they lost a season-high four games Nov. 18-25.

Milwaukee had won 11 of 13 before losing its last two. The Bucks got 18 points from Glenn Robinson, including a big 3-pointer with 33 seconds remaining, and 18 from reserve Lindsey Hunter.

**Jazz 106, Knicks 90**

Karl Malone scored 33 points and John Starks had 16 against his former team as the Utah Jazz beat the New York Knicks 106-90 Wednesday night.

John Stockton added 15 points and Donyell Marshall scored 12 and had 10 rebounds as the Jazz beat the Knicks for the seventh straight time.

Malone hit 14-of-16 from the foul line. Glen Rice came off the bench to lead the Knicks with 24 points, while Latrell Sprewell had 23, Allan Houston had 12 and Marcus Camby 10. New York, saddled with foul problems, couldn't keep up with the Jazz in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 81-75 entering the fourth period, New York seemed poised to challenge after Camby opened the quarter with a dunk and Rice followed

with a jumper to trim the deficit to 84-79.

But the Knicks went cold, hitting only three field goals through the first 11 minutes of the quarter. By then, the Jazz had opened the lead to 97-85 and never were threatened again.

Always a challenge for any defense, Malone has been doing some of his best work lately without anyone guarding him. Over the last six games, the Mailman is 43-of-46 from the free throw line, dating to a victory at Seattle on Jan. 30.

**Suns 104, Timberwolves 96**

Shawn Marion set a career high for the second night in a row with 38 points and Jason Kidd had his sixth triple-double of the season as the Phoenix Suns beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 104-96 Wednesday.

Marion, who had 28 points and 13 rebounds in Phoenix's victory at Golden State on Tuesday, scored 27 in the second half Wednesday, 11 in the last three minutes. He also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Marion was 15-for-22 from the field and 8-for-8 at the foul line.

Kidd had 19 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds. His 10th rebound — and 37th career triple-double — came on Minnesota's final shot with one second to play.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

# Notre Dame hopes for upset win in Big East games

By TIM CASEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Don't count on Notre Dame winning its first Big East title this weekend.

Notre Dame enters the three-day meet at the Goodwill Games Swimming Center with a 7-2 dual meet record and a second place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational in early December. Six men's events will be contested today, including the 200-yard freestyle relay, one-meter diving, 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, 50-year freestyle and the 400-yard medley relay.

Senior Dan Szilier is seeded first in the 200-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100 yard breaststroke. He won the 200 Big East title as a sophomore in a school-record time of 2:00.09 and finished second last year. In Saturday's race, Szilier will be challenged by Pittsburgh freshman Randy Gertenbach, whose season-best time in the 200 is just .2 seconds slower than Szilier's. Notre Dame junior Mike Koss, who finished fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke last year, is seeded third in the 100 and fifth in the 200.

Whereas Szilier and Koss compete with their heads bobbing in

and out of the water, junior Jonathan Pierce swims a more conventional stroke.

Pierce looks to defend his title in the 1,650-yard freestyle on Saturday.

The distance freestyle specialist swam a school-record 15:33.16 at the 2000 Big East Championships. He also set Notre Dame marks in the 500-yard free (4:30.96, good for second in the conference) and the 1000-yard free (9:20.99) during last year's meet. Pierce won the 1,650 title in 1999, as well, to become the first Irish swimmer to record an individual victory at the Big East championships.

Co-captain Ryan Verlin posted a second-place (and Notre Dame record) time of 1:48.39 in the 200-yard butterfly last year and enters Saturday's race ranked third in the conference.

The senior from Rye, New York is also seeded seventh in the 200-yard individual medley and fourth in the 400-yard individual medley.

Coach Tim Welsh's squad will also rely on freshman Matt Obringer (the sixth seed in the 500-yard freestyle and tenth in the 200-yard freestyle) and junior

David Horak (the fourth seed in the 100-yard butterfly, fourth

in the 100-yard backstroke and fifth in the 200-yard backstroke) in its quest to dethrone Pittsburgh.

It will be an imposing challenge. Pittsburgh has the number one seed in 17 of the 18 swimming events and junior Michael Wells is one of the favorites in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Verlin (200-yard individual medley), Obringer (500-yard freestyle) and diver Herb Huesman (one-meter diving, an event in which he finished fourth last year), are the most likely Irish swimmers to record high finishes in today's races.

## Swimming

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formances. Notre Dame has used the past three weeks to taper down their training in order to achieve qualifying times for the NCAA Championships next month. So far, only Hecking and freshman Marie Labosky have achieved provisional qualifying times.

Weathers hopes senior co-captain Kristen Van Saun will be one of those athletes who makes the NCAA cut. The only returning Big East individual champion, aside from Hecking, Van Saun is seeded sixth in the

500-yard freestyle with a season-best time of 4:58.42. The senior will also compete in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

But Van Saun, along with many of the other upperclassmen, has been outshined by Notre Dame's talented freshman class this season. In particular, Labosky, arguably one of Notre Dame's most versatile swimmers, has been a major factor in Notre Dame's success this season. Labosky is seeded first in three events, two of which she will compete in side by side with Van Saun and sophomore Lindsay Moorhead, and second in another. However, two of the events, the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley, that Labosky is seeded first in are

swum back-to-back, and it was unclear if Weathers was planning on swimming the freshman in both events.

One of the most consistent performers this year for the Irish has been Heather Mattingly. The junior diver, who holds all four Notre Dame diving records, has won her last six consecutive diving competitions. But Mattingly will face a difficult opponent in Miami's Jenny Keim. The senior won last year's Big East title and took eighth at the Sydney Olympics.

Hulick has picked up some of the slack left by Carrie Nixon, and may even contend for a Big East title in the shorter freestyle events. The freshman is seeded fifth in both the 50 and the 100-

yard freestyle events. In addition, Hulick will most likely swim on most of Notre Dame's relay teams.

The Irish also have incredible depth in the individual medley events.


Labosky, senior Tiffany O'Brien, Deger and Garcia sit in the top ten of the 200-yard individual medley. In the 400-yard individual medley, although Labosky is seeded second, her fastest time this season is still seven seconds behind Villanova's Maddy Crippen, who took sixth in this event at the Sydney Olympics. Still, the Irish have four swimmers ranked in the top eight.

The Irish butterfly specialists, mostly freshmen, are also seed-

ed very high. Sophomore Amy Deger and freshmen Lisa Garcia, Lisa D'Olier and Sarah Bowman are ranked among the top eight in the 100 yard butterfly and sit in the top five of the 200 yard butterfly.

Junior Allison Lloyd and freshman Laurie Musgrave are only eight hundredths of a second apart in the 100-yard breaststroke and have three tenths of a second between them in the 200-yard breaststroke. Both are seeded among the top six in each event.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Irish jump back into the game following a week's rest

By NOAH AMSTADTER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Following a week-long layoff the Notre Dame women's basketball team began a stretch of three games in seven days with a 75-61 victory at Syracuse Wednesday night.

The Irish used a balanced attack, with four of five starters scoring in double figures, led by center Ruth Riley's 24 points. Riley added 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

"That's what we've been missing lately and I'm glad to see that back again," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "We can't rely on Ruth for all the scoring, so it's good for everybody to chip in a little bit."

Despite Riley's game-high total, the All-American struggled from the field, connecting on only eight of 18 attempts. Riley also turned the ball over two times. A tough Syracuse post defense can be credited for limiting Riley.

"Basically, we did an overall good job," Syracuse forward Beth Record told the Associated Press following the game. "I think we made her [Riley] flustered a little bit. We played tough on her."

With the Orangewomen playing tough defense on Riley as well as guards Alicia Ratay and Niele Ivey, forward Ericka Haney was left open. Haney took advantage of the opportunity, scoring 16 points — including a perfect six-for-six from the free-throw line.

Haney's frontcourt mate Kelley Siemon chipped in 12

points of her own, her first game in double figures since Jan. 15.

"I thought Ericka Haney had a great game," McGraw said. "Kelley shot really well. Those two really had a good game."

Siemon was less than thrilled with her play following the game. The senior forward pulled down only 4 rebounds in 30 minutes while still playing with an injured hand.

"I don't have a lot of grip on my left hand," Siemon said. "I have to go up a little bit holding my right hand, which can get kind of frustrating. That's something that bothers me because I'm used to getting some boards and now I'm not getting so many."

Ratay spent most of Tuesday in the infirmary suffering from food poisoning, but still managed to score 10 points and pull down 5 rebounds.

"She had to be a little bit weak and I probably played her too long," McGraw said. "I think she looked pretty good out there."

Point guard Niele Ivey chipped in nine points and three steals, but still does not consider her play to have returned to its early-season level.

"Personally I feel like I'm still waiting for it to click like it did at the beginning of the year," Ivey said.

Each of the starters played at least 30 minutes, with only freshmen guards Jeneka Joyce and Le'Tania Severe playing significant minutes off the bench.

"My concern right now is that the starters get back to the level they were playing at for the Connecticut game," McGraw

said. "I need to play them together a lot for that to happen."

The Irish jumped out to a 37-27 lead at halftime, led by Riley's 11 first-half points. Syracuse — playing without injured seniors Leigh Aziz and Jakia Ervin — hit five three-pointers in the opening 20 minutes.

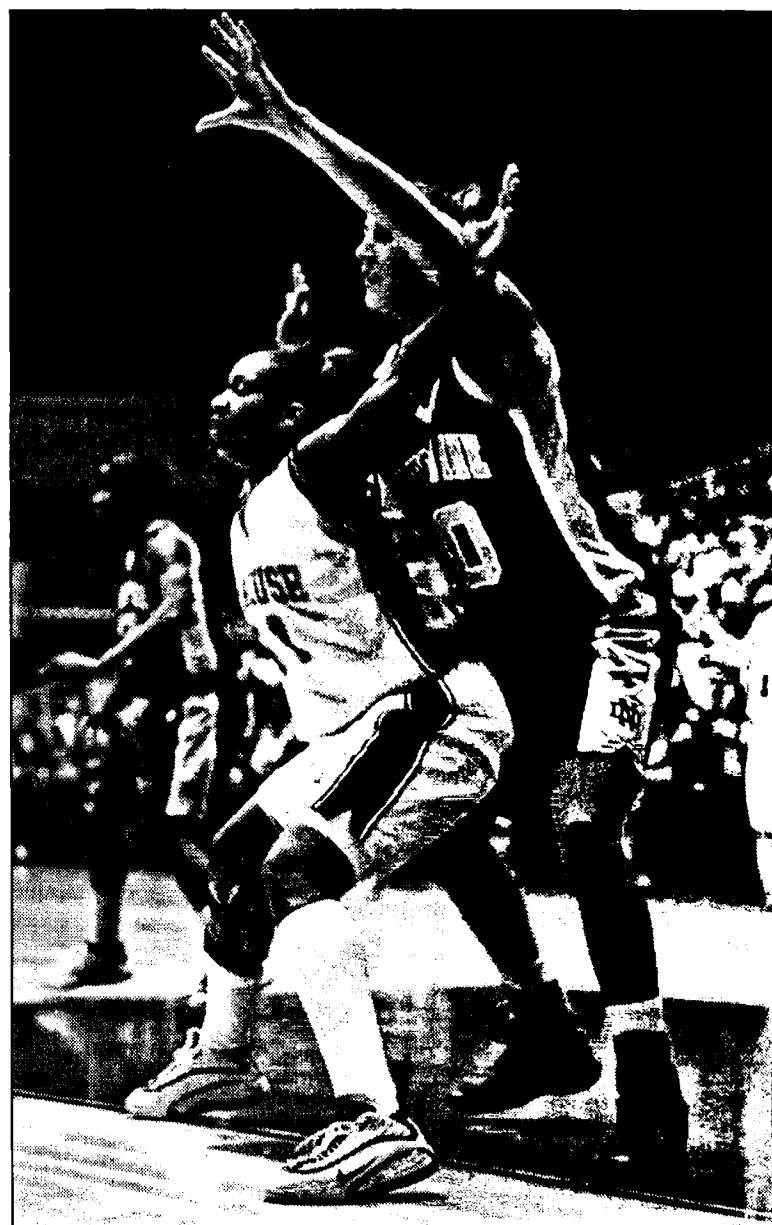
The Orangewomen never let the Irish break away. Record led the way, scoring 18 second-half points to finish with a game-high 25 for the night. Record also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

The downfall for Syracuse was its defense. The Orangewomen sent the Irish to the line 15 times in the final 20 minutes. The Irish converted 12 of those free-throw attempts.

"We played two halves," Syracuse coach Marianna Freeman told the Associated Press. "Had it not been for the free-throw line, it could have been a much different story. We didn't win the ballgame, but we played very, very hard."

The Irish return to Notre Dame today before departing to New Jersey Friday night to take on Rutgers on Saturday. McGraw feels that the short gap between games will prove to be an advantage.

"At the beginning of the year we were playing three games a week and we were playing really well," McGraw said. "I think that this team likes to play and I think that we're a better team when we play a lot of games. I think we'll play a lot better against Rutgers."



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Irish center Ruth Riley boxes out against Syracuse center Paula Moore during Wednesday's 75-61 Irish victory.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Doherty's push for team bonding leads to winning streak

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

The Tar Heels needed more than extra practice when Matt Doherty got into town.

The new coach inherited a strong team, but something wasn't right. The players didn't like each other much.

"We had too many attitudes and egos," senior center Brendan Haywood said.

Doherty, a starter on North Carolina's 1982 NCAA national title team, wouldn't stand for it.

The Tar Heels, with virtually the same players that lost in the Final Four last season, had to get along or else. So Doherty helped the players bond, forcing them to go to football games and out to dinner together.

It worked. With a new attitude — and some better basketball, of course — the Tar Heels are the nation's No. 1 team seven months after Doherty took over for the retired Bill Guthridge.

"Our chemistry just wasn't there last year until the very end," junior forward Jason Capel said. "But this year you could see in the preseason we were going to be a close team. We did a lot with each other and just the whole coaching change made us a lot closer as a team."

The Tar Heels came into the season with many questions. Their 14 losses last season were the most since 1951-52, but they also had a surprising run that ended with a national semifinal loss to Florida.

Guthridge's sudden retirement jolted the program, which took another blow when Roy Williams — Dean Smith's hand-picked successor as head coach — decided to stay at Kansas.

Some fans, boosters and alumni cringed when the Tar Heels insisted on hiring one of their own. When he arrived, the 38-year-old Doherty had just one year of head-coaching experience, at Notre Dame.

No one's complaining now.

The Tar Heels (21-2) have an 18-game winning streak — their longest in 15 years — heading into Sunday's game at Clemson. The most recent Associated Press ranking was the school's 500th in the top 10.

"I came here to put a banner up," Capel said. "We came close last year, but under different circumstances. I like the way this year is going a lot better."

Capel and his teammates said last year's squad was fragmented and waited until the postseason to start playing unselfish ball.

The only major loss from that team was point guard Ed Cota, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference in assists for four seasons but was quick to criticize the play of teammates.

"It's almost the same personnel, but last year we weren't a close-knit unit," Haywood said. "We were a bunch of individuals who played basketball together."

While the Tar Heels look as if they've got a good chance to return to the Final Four in Minneapolis, the season didn't start the way they wanted.

After mediocre performances to open the year against Winthrop and Tulsa, the Tar Heels dropped consecutive games to No. 5 Michigan State

and No. 22 Kentucky.

The 23-point home loss to the Wildcats on Dec. 2 left the Tar Heels at 3-2 and showed that freshmen point guards Adam Boone and Brian Morrison needed more seasoning.

Help came days later from quarterback Ronald Curry, the nation's top high school player in both sports four years ago. He missed last basketball season with a ruptured Achilles' tendon.

Doherty handed the ball to Curry against Miami and the Tar Heels haven't lost since.

But the coach insists the key to the season came three weeks later when North Carolina beat No. 24 UCLA 80-70 on the road. Julius Peppers, Curry's football teammate who led the nation in sacks, also joined the basketball squad.

"From that point on they really responded and they listened and applied what we're trying to teach them," Doherty said. "You can't ask for anything more. They work hard, they listen and they try to apply what you say on and off the floor."

Since that win over UCLA, the Tar Heels have beaten No. 17 Maryland, No. 3 Duke and No. 23 Wake Forest away from the Smith Center. They are 11-0 in the ACC.

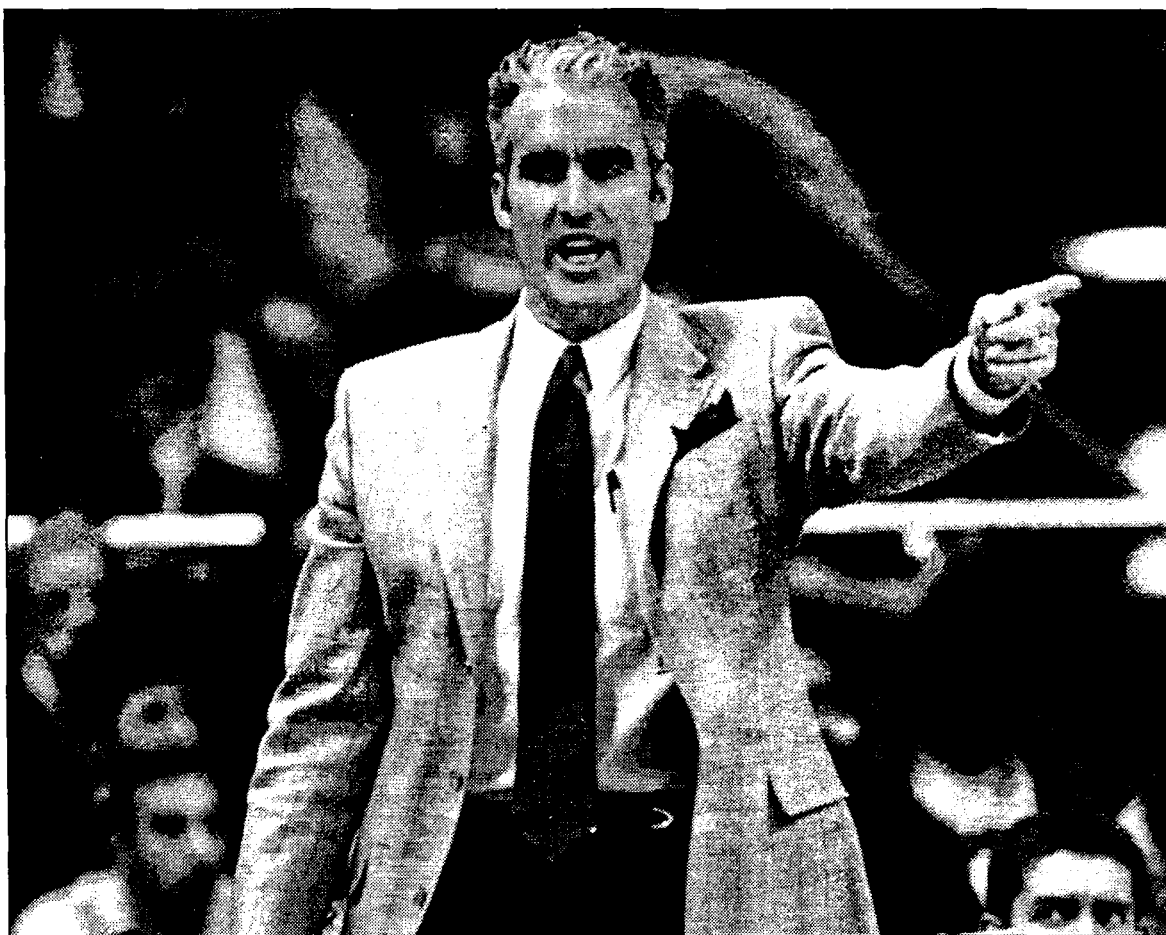
North Carolina's star is sophomore Joseph Forte, second in the ACC in scoring at more than 21 points a game. Doherty has no problem comparing the 6-foot-4 guard to Michael Jordan, whom the coach played with at North Carolina for three seasons.

"They both hit big shots. There are similarities in that they both feel comfortable when the game is one the line with the ball in their hands," Doherty said.

The Tar Heels also have a powerful inside game with the 7-foot Haywood and 6-11 Lang. The 6-6, 270-pound Peppers is a force coming off the bench.

"You may drive by them on the outside, but then you're faced with Jericho's Wall," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said.

While Guthridge was reluctant



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Matt Doherty, shown above coaching for the Irish last year, has led North Carolina to a 21-2 record and an 18-game winning streak, its longest in 15 years.

to develop much of a bench in his three successful years after replacing Smith, Doherty has shown confidence in his younger players and even seldom-used veterans like Max Owens.

Owens doesn't get much time as Forte's backup, but made three straight 3-pointers in 11 minutes Saturday in a 96-82 victory over Maryland.

"You are looking at a guy who was a McDonald's All-American who averaged just about five shots a game here," Doherty said of his own college career. You realize when you come here that not every high school All-American is going to be a college All-American, there are going to be other good players.

"You come here to be a part of a special program and win national championships and ACC championships."

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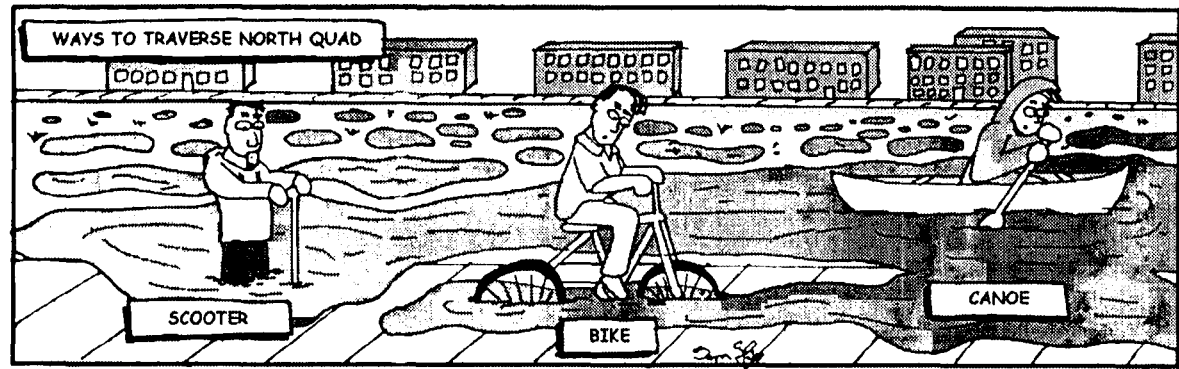
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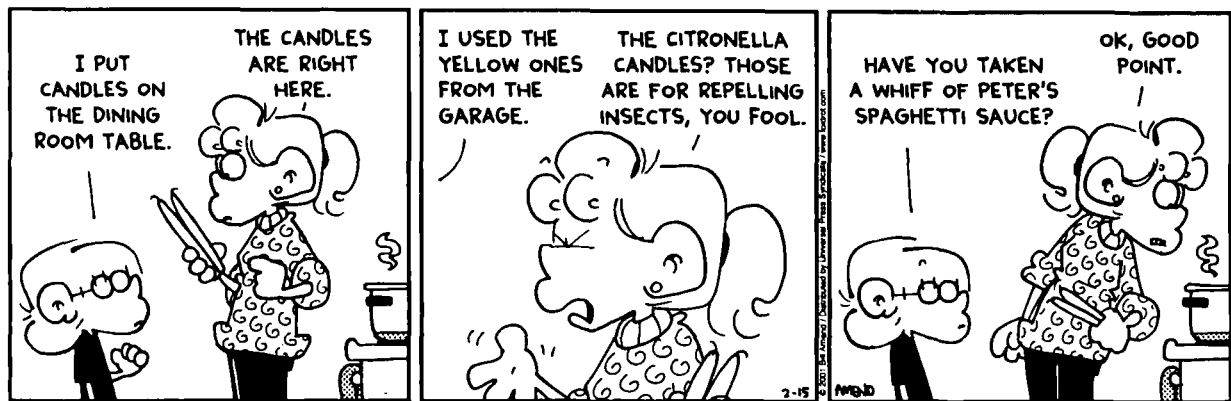
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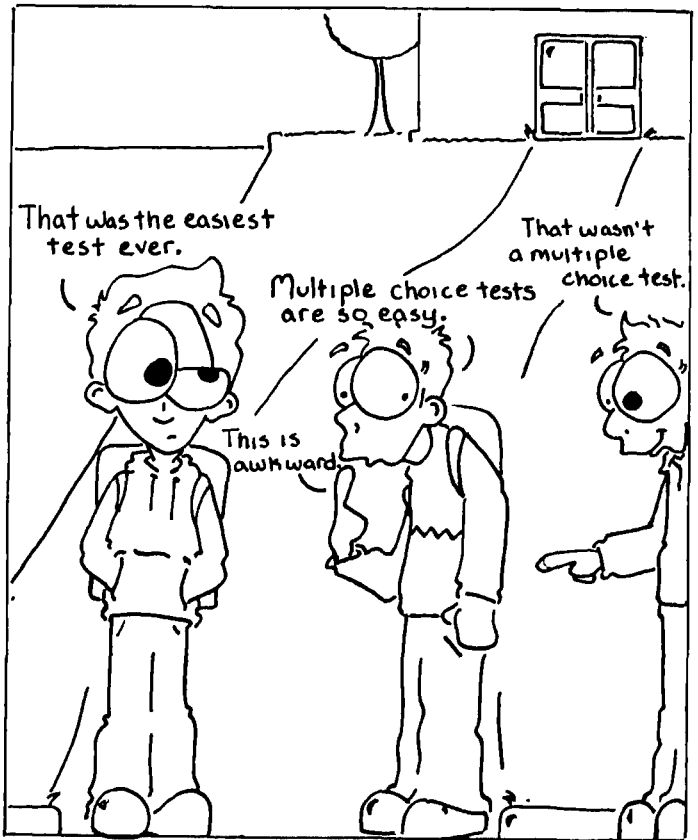
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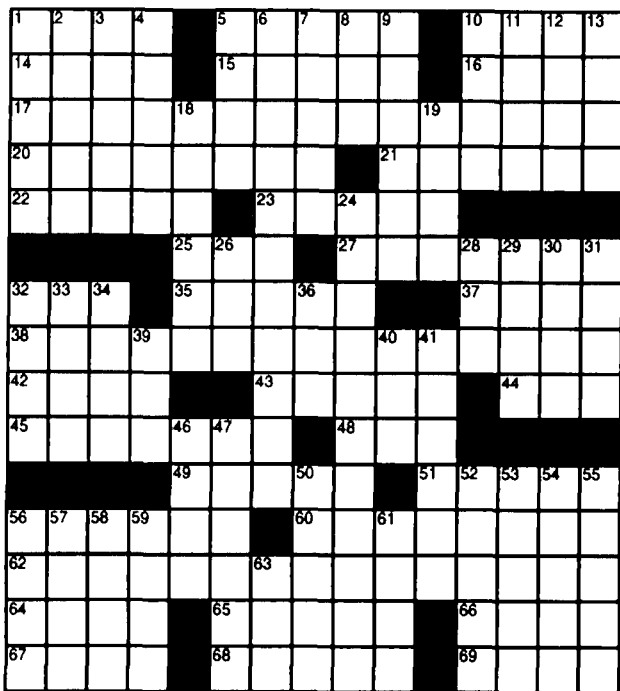
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of the Three Bears
  - 5 Shouts with both hands raised, maybe
  - 10 Cowboy, informally
  - 14 First-rate, slangily
  - 15 Like an old apartment
  - 16 Ties with bows
  - 17 With 38-Across, poem by 24-Down
  - 20 Rossini opera
  - 21 U.S.-Mexico border city
  - 22 Very, musically
  - 23 "The Woman" (1984 film)
  - 25 Tanner
- DOWN**
- 27 Small bone
  - 32 Bump
  - 35 Gift
  - 37 Unpleasant guest
  - 38 See 17-Across
  - 42 British royal
  - 43 Akron AA baseball team
  - 44 Durocher, astrologically(!)
  - 45 Ailing
  - 48 Local political div.
  - 49 Home to 33 mil.
  - 51 Shampoo instruction
  - 56 A Virgin Island
  - 60 Not so good, as a photo
  - 62 Poem by 24-Down



Puzzle by Nancy S. Ross

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 10 D
- 11 Kin to a clarinet
- 12 Noted captain
- 13 Petrol seller
- 18 "Fidelio" setting
- 19 Bankrolls
- 24 Much-quoted poet
- 26 Amateur video subject, maybe
- 28 Arab name part
- 29 Kind of spring
- 30 Isolated
- 31 Therefore
- 32 Rivers of New York
- 33 Domini
- 34 Bombast
- 36 "Yes, Scottie"
- 39 Wrap (up)
- 40 "I shall return," e.g.
- 41 Lively wit
- 46 She loved Narcissus
- 47 Oahu verandas
- 50 Roman fire
- 52 Silly
- 53 Popular camera
- 54 Look after
- 55 Sea birds
- 56 1944 battle site
- 57 G
- 58 Bit of banter
- 59 Malachite and others
- 61 Olympians: Abbr.
- 63 No longer producing

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** John Barrymore, Susan B. Anthony, Jane Seymour, Claire Bloom, Graham Hill, Matt Groening, Melissa Manchester

**Happy Birthday:** You will intuitively know how to make your life better this year. You will be sensitive toward others and will gain popularity. You will have some great ideas, but shouldn't push them too quickly. You may be a little ahead of your time. Go slowly and do it right. Your numbers: 9, 14, 18, 22, 34, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your artistic talent will come in handy while doing renovations or redecorating. Property investments will pay off. Finish off old projects before you begin new ones. ○○○○○

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Complete essential jobs that don't require input from others. It would be best to do your own thing today. Try to spend the evening with loved ones. Look after problems with elders. ○○○

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Anger will mount if you've been evasive with your lover. Channel your energy into making necessary changes to your living quarters. ○○

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your boss is likely to dump some extra work on your lap. Be prepared to dig in and get it done before the weekend begins. Don't be surprised if he had an ulterior motive in mind. ○○○

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll gain popularity by using your charismatic charm, not by picking up the tab. Your bankbook will suffer, and your restrictions will put a damper on your relationship. ○○○○○

**Birthday Baby:** You have so much get-up-and-go. You are into everything and forever looking for adventure. You are diplomatic, but always walking a fine line. You know how to manipulate a situation and have no trouble obtaining help. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at [astroadvice.com](http://astroadvice.com), [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), [astromate.com](http://astromate.com).)

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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You will find it difficult to feel sympathetic toward those who really haven't done their share of the work. Anger has been brewing, and you must be cautious how you handle the situation. ○○

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You're in an energetic mood and can get a lot done if you put your mind to it. You have original ideas for ways to make extra money. Get together with close friends and share your thoughts. ○○○○

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let your friends convince you that you should be donating heavily to something you're not sure you believe in. You should put your money away in a safe, untouchable place. ○○○

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your philosophical nature will be somewhat confusing to your mate. Don't apologize; you're both entitled to your beliefs. Follow your heart, but don't push your opinions. ○○○

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It is best to keep your ideas to yourself. Your partner is already having second thoughts about your relationship. Back off. Give him or her space. ○○○

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will meet some interesting people. Get to know them better before you decide to let them in on your private thoughts. They will be attracted to your intuitive awareness. ○○○○

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will feel a bit threatened if you don't have enough work. Don't wait; start to look for a new position. You can make career moves that will be beneficial in the long run. ○○

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# SPORTS

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Notre Dame's women's basketball returns to action following a week-long rest with a 75-61 win over Syracuse.

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Thursday, February 15, 2001

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Notre Dame takes over Rutgers with 81-59 victory

◆ **Murphy returns home, scores 18 in front of rowdy crowd**

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

The first thing Troy Murphy heard when he went on the court for warm-ups was a single cry from a member in the raucous Rutgers band.

"Welcome back to Jersey, Troy!"

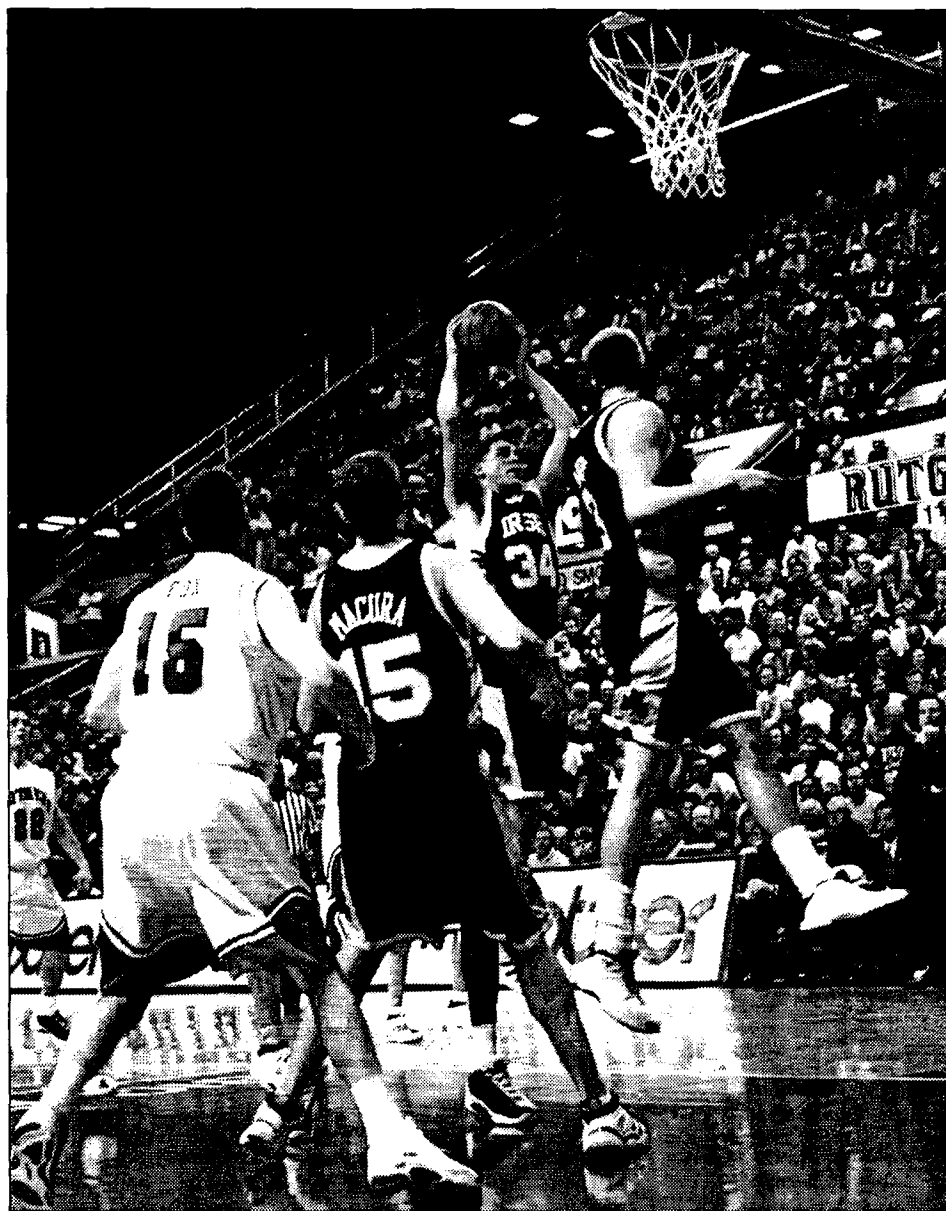
And this was an hour before the game. Imagine the abuse Murphy endured throughout the entire game.

But the All-American forward calmly handled the verbal onslaught as the Irish won 81-59 over the Scarlet Knights. The win moves the Irish to 17-5 overall and 9-2 in the Big East. Notre Dame has now won eight consecutive games and four in a row on the road. In addition, Wednesday's victory was the first ever Notre Dame win at Rutgers.

"Troy Murphy was great," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "I don't want to hear other players being talked about for Player of the Year in this league. It ain't even close."

Murphy's demeanor was much different this year than last year. When the Irish visited here last year, Murphy was knocked completely out of sync by the crowd. This time around, Murphy was much more relaxed and in control. Every time the Irish forward touched the ball, a chorus of boos broke out among the New Jersey crowd who felt betrayed by his decision to spurn Rutgers in favor of Notre Dame. Many fans shouted, "Murphy,

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Irish forward David Graves moves through the lane as teammates Jere Macura and Troy Murphy look on during Notre Dame's 81-59 victory.

JANA C. GRAM/The Daily Targum

◆ **Wednesday's win signals growing maturity among Irish squad**

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

About three minutes before the beginning of the second half, as the Irish players emerged from their locker room, a trio of Rutgers students greeted New Jersey native Troy Murphy.

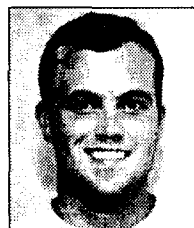
"Where's your Valentine, Troy?," the threesome screamed.

Murphy ignored the "insult" and an injured Ivan Kartelo glanced straight at the student section. Kartelo, dressed in a navy blue Notre Dame warm-up suit, a white T-shirt and low-top adidas sneakers, smirked, said nothing and casually strolled back to his permanent seat on the Irish bench.

Those two responses symbolized the growing maturity and increasing Confidence of the Big East West Division's leading team. In the past three months, Notre Dame has gone from a streaky squad to a consistent crew.

And last night, the Irish surge continued with a convincing win over Rutgers, their eighth straight victory.

On Tuesday, Murphy viewed the tape of last year's game at Rutgers. In that contest, he shot just 5-for-16 from the field and fouled out in 31 minutes of playing time. Murphy was also whistled for a technical after shoving Scarlet



Tim Casey

Assistant  
Sports Editor

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Notre Dame looks to dominate Big East Championships

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

It's not a question of if the women's swim team will win their fifth consecutive Big East title this weekend.

It's how much they will win by.

The No. 15 Notre Dame women's swim team begins their defense of the Big East Conference Championship today in Long Island, N.Y., and Irish coaches are expecting yet another conference championship.

The women have won the Big East title for the last four years,

an amazing feat considering that the Irish have only been in the Big East for five years.

In fact, when Notre Dame won last year with 829.5 points, they crushed runner-up Rutgers by 392.5 points.

Of course, last year the Irish had Carrie Nixon, who won three individual events and anchored four relays, along with winning the title of Big East Swimmer of the Year. But early this year, the All-American was knocked out of competition with a shoulder injury.

However, even without Nixon, Notre Dame head coach Bailey

Weathers still expects to win this weekend.

One of the main reasons Weathers is so confident is because he has a solid group of veterans returning that have championship meet experience. Five Irish swimmers who won individual events or competed on a winning relay will be returning to the pool this weekend.

Kelly Hecking headlines the list of returning champions. The junior backstroke has been virtually unstoppable in her specialty events so far this season. In the 100 yard backstroke, an event she has won since 1999 at

the conference meet, Hecking's best time is 55.7 seconds, nearly two seconds ahead of her nearest challenge, and in the 200-yard backstroke, her 2:00.32 is three seconds ahead of the second-seeded swimmer.

At last year's Big East Championships, Notre Dame won all five relay events, but this season, the relays haven't received much attention. Weathers likes to switch his relay teams around, and at press time, he had not yet decided which swimmers would be on which relay. Nevertheless, Irish relays are seeded among the top

five in all five relays, including a No. 1 seed in both the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay. Hecking is among those expected to be on a relay team, as is Danielle Hulick, Amy Deger, Brooke Davey, Allison Lloyd and Brenda Reilly.

With their fifth straight title an almost certainty, the Irish are turning their attention toward achieving solid individual performances. Notre Dame has used the past three weeks to taper down their training in order to achieve qualifying times for the

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