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Bender: SMC needs openness about sexuality

By MOLLY McVOY News Writer

Representing Saint Mary's long-term goal of diversity, Margaret Bender spoke Thursday evening as part of the College's identity week.

"In the long run, I believe any college will be unable to keep the progressive young faculty that students look for without

an open environment," Bender said.

Bender also addressed how an open forum for discussion of sexuality and sexual orientation is necessary if a college is going to survive and serve its student body effectively.

"When it comes to sexuality, silence is not golden," Bender said. Open discussion on sexuality and varied ideas of its nature are not an inherent part

of the Western view of sexuality, Bender said. She offered background of how the Western culture defines sexuality along with other cultures who have defined it much differently

Bender addressed the issue of linking one's sexual orientationwith one's identity. She explained how the Western binary model of sexuality, man or woman, homosexual or heterosexual, often limits the discussion or incompletely defines behaviors and identities. "It's sort of like the car dealer model of sexuality," she said. "Mixing and matching is not allowed."

Bender explained that the Western culture interlinks biological sexual gender and sexuality without leaving room for too much variation. "The problem is that our culture catagorizes as black and white when our society is full of grey," she said.

She offered examples of Indian cultures in which homosexuality is not only accepted, but deemed necessary. There are also Native American cultures in which there are three — not two — genders which comprise society.

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Connolly named editor

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

With two years of experience in The Observer sports department, Mike Connolly was elected editor in chief of The Observer for the 2000-2001 year by a vote

of the newspaper's General Board Thursday night.

A sophomore from Sparta, N.J., Connolly lives in Dillon Hall.



Connolly

He is an American studies major and plans to pursue a career as a reporter and possibly a newspaper editor.

"I look forward to working with a talented and experienced staff," Connolly said. "I hope to build on the high standards set for us by past Observer staff members."

Connnolly joined The Observer staff his freshman year. He has covered football, women's soccer and fencing beats and has served as an associate sports editor since spring 1999.

In addition to his on-campus journalism experience, Connolly has written for the Michigan Football Weekly and the College Sports Writers' Network.

"Mike will do an amazing job," said Michelle Krupa, the outgoing editor in chief. "I've seen him give so much of himself to this place. He understands The Observer's tradition of excellence and what makes it work. I'm proud to pass on this job to Mike."

Connolly will assume the position after spring break.

Basilica gets new look for new year

By SCOTT HARDY
News Writer

With the installation of new carpet and a marble floor around the altar, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is beginning 2000 in style.

Wear and tear resulting from 207,000 visitors last year coupled with a lack of replacement pieces to patch stained areas necessitated the replacement of the carpet. Installing new carpet involved the removal of all the pews from the Basilica. It was necessary to map out the exact location of each pew before removal.

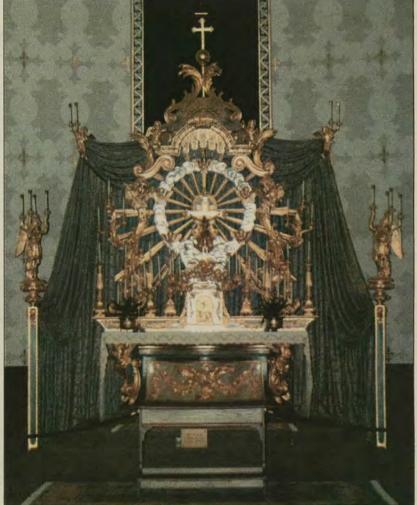
The installation of the marble floor areas was made possible by a donation to the Basilica. The

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SCOTT HARDY/The Observer

A worker puts the finishing touches on the Basilica's marble floor.



BETSY STOREY/The Obs

This Basilica chapel's floor was refurbished during the winter break.

SSP celebrates 20th anniversary

By KATE NAGENGAST News Writer

As students rushed to the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) last week to submit applications for Summer Service Projects (SSP), few may have realized the significance of the event. This summer marks the 20th anniversary of the SSP program at Notre Dame.

The SSP program has

changed through the 20 years. Besides a dramatic increase in participation, the program has also developed financially and academically. Participants currently receive a \$1,700 tuition scholarship and three credits in theology for eight weeks of service.

The project is typically in an area of geographic and academic interest for the students. Upon returning to campus in the fall, they fol-

low-up with discussion

groups or a 24-hour retreat.

"For the students, it is an intense eight weeks devoted almost totally to some social issue," said Sue Cunningham, director of the SSP program since 1986.

"Whether it's pregnant teens, homeless men, neglected children, or anything else, it provides students with the chance to learn from the clients themselves, their co-workers, [the

alumni] ... really an entire community. That education is just priceless."

But this sophisticated service program came from humble, yet determined beginnings. In the 1970s, students often ventured to Latin America and areas of the U.S. to provide service during their summer vacations through the Community for the International Lay

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INSIDE COLUMN

Good publicity is not everything

I used to think that high-profile coaches wanted nothing to do with the fans. Sure, every head man at every major American university would tell the students that they were of paramount importance to the program, but who really believed them?

Bob Davie told us we were important. That's right. He told us exactly seven times, once at each pep rally when he was forced to comply with age-old Notre Dame traditions that mandated a pep talk from the coach

Kevin Berchou

sports copy editor

Maybe it's just me, but those "rah rahs" never seemed sincere. I still looked at Davie as being in his own world of 5-7 seasons. The rest of us dwell in a far different universe. I just assumed all coaches were like that.

They'd tell you one thing, whatever it was you wanted to hear. They would disappear into their cushy office and stay as far away from the student body as possible

Then I met Coach Doherty. I recently had the pleasure of listening to basketball's new savior speak at Sorin Hall. I emphasize "pleasure' because Doherty's talk was really that enjoyable.

He was sincere and he was speaking not simply because someone told him it would be good publicity. Sorin was just the most recent stop on Coach Doherty's ambitious campaign to visit every residence hall and get to know the students, his fans. Instead of telling us what we wanted to hear, Doherty made a concerted effort to get a feel for the concerns of his students.

He began the appearance, which lasted well over an hour, by asking how many of the students present had seen the St. John's game. He asked those who hadn't attended what exactly had refrained them from going. He was a businessman trying to market a product, not just wanting to look good.

It's unusual to get any sort of valuable information from an important coach. Many coaches seem to relish the fact that they know more than we do, and they see the passing of relevant information as a transfer of power.

Coach Doherty once again shattered the mold. He spoke candidly on subjects ranging from next year's schedule to the recruits he was after. He saw us as equals and genuinely wanted us to view him in that same fashion. Doherty, by his own admission, had had a long day.

He had been up until 5 in the morning, watching West Virginia game film. He later arrived at work by 8 a.m. — no small miracle for a man that has two young children.

As tired as he was Doherty could have rushed the session, but instead he answered every last question. He told every Michael Jordan story that he could remember and most importantly, made sure those that attended saw their time well spent. Even when the talk had finished, a weary Doherty stuck around to chat with a few stragglers. Always with a smile, he responded to every inquiry and shook every hand.

I can't begin to say how impressed I was with Notre Dame's new basketball coach. This was a guy whose team I wanted to support. You just had that feeling that he went home to a regular house and drove a regular car. You knew that he lived in our regular universe.

I know I'll see Bob Davie at the first pep rally next fall. I just might see Matt Doherty in the dining hall or during the first round of Bookstore.

Thanks, coach.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME / SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Allegro opens its doors for business

Thursday, Feb. 6, 1992

The coffee shop in the basement of LaFortune officially opened, hoping to be more successful than its predecessor. Anticipating more student turnout, Allegro replaced Fudge 'N' Things, an ice cream and candy store. "This new shop sells inexpensive pastries and assorted beverage," said the assistant manager. Business at the icecream store had decreased before the change.

Irish unbeaten string reaches 10

Monday, Feb. 7, 1977

Increasing its unbeaten streak in the WCHA to 10 games, the Notre Dame hockey team beat Minneapolis. Although the team won, the Minnesota Gopher team's play belied Notre Dame's seventh-place standing. "It was good skiing, good passing, excellent goaltending and a lot of hitting, yet it was very cleanly played," Notre Dame coach Lefty Smith said.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

UCLA exhibit draws attention to exploitation

LOS ANGELES Students, faculty and staff at the School of Medicine are spending their lunch breaks this week trying to "Draw the Line," between student abuse and the hardships of medical

The program, which began on Tuesday and concludes Thursday, consists of a series of 21 easels outside the school's cafeteria describing real-life medical school situations and includes the opinions of passers-

Scenarios include students picking up dry cleaning for faculty members, or being judged based on their sexual orientation rather than their

Julie Sugino, a second-year medical student, noted the importance of the display, which is sponsored by the Association of American Medical



Colleges' Organization of Student Representatives.

They help us to see how hard it is to identify where to draw the line of where student abuse begins," she

Viewers are encouraged to write their own comments or reactions to the scenarios posted on the boards, using different colored markers depending on who they are. Current medical students use red ink, deans use green, faculty use orange and anyone who does not fit into one of those categories uses brown.

"We want to raise awareness of the relationship within hospitals between medical students and physicians and staff," said Aaron Weisbord, a second-year medical student and UCLA representative to the OSR.

All the vignettes are true stories contributed from medical students' personal experiences, Weisbord

Medical student Priya Vasudev added her own comments to the boards. "The general attitude is that this is how it is in medical school,' Vasudev said. "People accept it and know it's not going to change overnight." Comments such as "Welcome to medicine!" dotted the boards, echoing this sentiment.

Harvard student wins \$1.1 million

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Harvard Law School student Rahim Oberholtzer became the biggest game show winner in television history two weeks ago - but NBC forced him to keep his million-dollar fortune a secret until Wednesday, the show's air date. Over the course of two episodes of the primetime quiz show "Twenty One, Oberholtzer amassed the record sum of \$1,120,000. "It's hard to think that's it's real until you actually see the check," Oberholtzer said. Oberholtzer's recordbreaking win prompted fanfare on the episode that aired last night. "You are the game show king!" host Maury Povich told him, as blue and white balloons tumbled around him. Oberholtzer, who is a third-year law student, defeated a series of competitors by answering multiple-choice questions with subjects ranging from Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet to the hit film Jerry Maguire — and expanded his winnings from \$100,000 to his wallet-bursting total. The hardest question, Oberholtzer said, concerned landmarks in Greenwich Village in New York. "Since I had never been to Greenwich Village, it was difficult," he said.

Gore gets mixed reviews at OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio

While Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman introduced him as "the next President of the United States," Ohio State University reactions to Al Gore's Wednesday campaign rally at the Ohio Union were mixed. "I thought it was kind of rehearsed," said Melissa Sharp, a sophomore journalism and political science major. "It sounded good but there was nothing new — nothing that would make me vote for him." Ron Meyers, president of the Council of Graduate Students, had mixed reactions to the speech. "I would have liked to hear him address graduate and professional education more specifically," he said. "Funding for graduate and professional students has dropped 50 percent in the last decade and the average student loan burden has skyrocketed to almost \$100,000." But Meyers liked Gore's remarks on balancing a growing economy with the needs of the environment and his commitment to education in general and thought it was a great opportunity for students. "All in all it was more of a campaign event than I expected," he said. "It would be nice to have a more substantive discussion on the issues outside of the campaign environment.'

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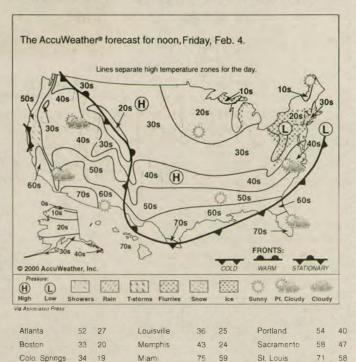
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Late Night showcases dorm athletes

By SAM DERHEIMER News Writer

The Joyce Center will be packed tonight as hundreds of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross sacrifice their usual Friday night party routines

Late

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competitions

in 17 events

including soccer,

football, kayaking

and broomball

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Olympics. Now in its 14th year, the L a t e Night Olympics is a massive allnight sportsfest sponsored by Notre Dame's

RecSports. Created as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics, event sponsors estimate that this year's competition will generate close to \$5,000 for the Special Olympics.

Over the past 14 years, Late Night Olympics has grown to be one of the biggest and most popular

campus events of the year.
"We've been preparing for this since last September,' said Susie Koza, co-director of this year's competition. "It's a lot of work, a lot of chaos. But it always seems to run fine in the end," she

Though this year's competition is similar to previous years', there will be a few marked differences. Last year's problem of too much time between activities prompted RecSports to move all competition into the Joyce Center this year. As a result of the reduced facilities, men's and women's

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soccer has been combined into a co-ed tournament

The rest of the 17 events, which include everything from volleyball to broomball to kayaking, are unchanged. A new event, an obstacle course, has also been added.

Inspired by the upcoming summer Olympics in Sydney, the theme is "Join Us Down

"We're really excited about this year's theme," said Koza. "It's kind of becoming larger than life.'

However, like years past, tonight's competition will have some competition of its own. Many potential participants will attend the Keenan Review, another widely popular campus event.

"[Late Night] is always a lot of fun," said Steve Walker, Late Night representative for Keough Hall, the reigning Late Night Olympics champion. "We seem to have a lot of guys excited about participating. It's a great idea, you have fun and get to meet new people."

Alumni Hall's formal will also pull many potential athletes out of the competition.

"We will be participating," said Patrick Maloblocki, Late Night representative for Alumni, "just not nearly as much as we would have liked, or as much as RecSports would have

Zahm Hall had originally scheduled their Decade Dance for tonight as well, but moved it so they could be free to compete in tonight's games.

Despite such drawbacks, Koza said she is not worried about any significant lack of participation. "I'm just looking forward to seeing people have a good time," she said. "After that, I'm just looking forward to sleeping.

The competition will last from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Schedules of events and times can be picked up at the RecSports office in the Rolfs Athletic Center.

Student body elections near

Eleven tickets submitted the required 150 signatures Thursday to get on the ballot for student body president and vice president. Candidates begin campaigning Tuesday and will continue on Monday, the top two finishers wi until the primary election on Monday, Feb. 14, a runoff election Thursday, Feb. 17.

when students can vote in their residence halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If no ticket receives more than 50 percent of the vote on Monday, the top two finishers will advance to

THE CANDIDATES

- ◆ Chris Costigan and Patrick McCormick
- Matthew Flatow and Adam Dinnell
- ◆ Hunt Hanover and John Micek
- Mike Meszaros and Jesse Fa
- ◆ Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton
- ◆ John Osborne and Mark Donahey
- Doug Pardon and Ted Higgins
- Andrew Scialliz and Daniel Saracino
- Joseph Shepherd and Jim Focht
- Greg Smith and Brian Clemency
- Todd Warapius and George Coppinger

Prof researches home loans

♦Williams says government agencies don't make mortgages available for lowincome families

By ERIN PIROUTEK Assistant News Editor

Home ownership is an integral part of the American dream. A loan, however, is often a prerequisite to purchasing a home.

Recent research by Notre Dame sociology professor Richard Williams, suggests that two government-spon-



Williams

sored mortgage lending associations are not doing enough to make credit available to low income families.

Williams' work began in the early '90s when a local community group asked him to

evaluate the performance of banks and mortgage lending companies in the area. He quickly found discrepancies between lenders with respect to low-income and minority markets.

These results encouraged Williams to expand his

"We wanted to find out not just that disparities existed but why they existed," Williams. At about this time, he received a request from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to investigate Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs).

The GSEs Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are privatelyowned mortgage companies, but they receive substantial government benefits, such as reduced credit rates. In 1995, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's bene-

fits totaled \$6.5 billion. In return for these ben-

efits, GSEs have the responsibility to promote home ownership under-served markets,

which would include low-income and minority borrowers.

The mortgage market has two components, primary lenders and secondary lenders, which include GSEs. The primary lenders deal with customers and make the

Then, to give the primary lenders money to make more loans, the loans are usually sold to secondary lenders, who assume the responsibility for the loan.

"Someone has to take the risk of default. ... That's why the secondary market is important," Williams said.

Primary lenders are unlikely to make loans, if they cannot sell them to a secondary lender. Therefore, if GSEs or other secondary lenders will not buy loans from low-income and minority markets, it is difficult for low-income and minority individuals to get loans.

There are a lot of people who seem qualified for home ownership, but can't obtain the necessary financing, he

Williams studied Indiana mortgages from 1992-96 and found that rather than leading other institutions in percentage of loans to under-served markets, the GSEs performance consistently lagged. GSEs lending patterns mirrored those of institutions that did not receive government

Barry Zigas, senior vice president and executive director of Fannie Mae's national housing impact division, defended Fannie Mae's actions

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Richard Williams

sociology professor

to Inside Mortgage Finance magazine.

W believe we are leading the market most areas and certainly matching it, said Zigas,

while commenting that GSE performance could be worse in some small markets.

Williams countered Zigas' objections by noting that Indiana, a state of 5 million people, should not be considered a small market. Williams also noted that national studies and a study in Kansas City have found similar GSE failures

Williams' work may help make credit more available to low-income and minority mar-

"Because of several studies that all seem to point in the same direction, there is an attempt by HUD to raise the standards that GSEs have to meet," Williams said.

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Apostolate (CILA), CSC's predecessor. However, it was not until 1980 when Father Don McNeill, current director of the CSC, began to coordinate efforts with the Alumni Association that the framework for today's SSP program was established.

"I came on board the very first year," said Charles Lennon, vice president of university relations for the Alumni Association. "I've been involved ever since trying to make the program more productive for the alumni contacts and the students themselves."

That first year was the summer of 1980 when McNeill sent five students to work in Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

Since then, 2,093 students have participated in the program including the 204 students who traveled to 124 alumni clubs to work at 128 sites in 138 cities nationwide last summer.

Cunningham explained, "Notre Dame is unique in that we have such a strong alumni club network to make this

program [successful]." The pro-

gram is especially dependent upon the memorial of a particular alumnus, J i m Andrews. He is the cofounder of Universal

Press s Syndicate with fellow alumnus, John McMeel, Andrews died unexpectedly in 1980.

It was then that McMeel, his wife, and Kathleen Andrews, Jim's wife, decided to turn tragedy into generosity.

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"They wanted a memorial here at Notre Dame that wasn't bricks," said Cunningham. "They wanted something alive and student oriented, so they started the James F. Andrews Scholarship Fund. That is still a key part of [the SSP] program."

The fund began at the recommendation of Dick Conklin, who was the assistant vice president for public relations and information at that time. He realized that many Notre Dame students want to do service in the summer but can't sacrifice the income of a summer job. In response to this need, The Andrews Scholarship has consistently supplied the \$1,700 tuition scholarship to students whose alumni club

sponsors cannot afford to pay for the scholarship. This is especially true of smaller alumni clubs or larger clubs who want to sponsor more than one student. Last year, 88 of the 204 SSP participants were Andrews Scholars.

The club's main responsibility is to feel the need to contribute to their communi-

ty and display a will-ingness to support the student with housing or social activities. The Andrews Scholarship takes some of the financial burden from the club.

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Ryan Carlson

SSP participant

supports approximately four to six new clubs each year. This year we are shooting for 149 clubs and 250 students," Lennon said.

"Our primary concern is that [the students] also have the opportunity to have a somewhat normal life while they are [doing their service]. The biggest support we [at the Alumni Association] can

provide is encouraging the alumni to make the student part of the Notre Dame family by providing them with trans-portation

or taking them to club functions, et cetera" said Lennon.

"[Sponsoring an SSP student] is looked upon as the alumni club's gift to the community, or at least to a specific agency in their community," agreed Cunningham. "One of our hopes is that when the student is gone, the alumni club will continue a relationship with that agency, and it often happens that way."

The alumni sponsors often have the opportunity to learn more about their own community, while the agency has an enthusiastic Notre Dame student willing to help. The students serve as any other volunteer would, but they usually have a lot of responsibility. For eight weeks, it's at least a full-time job.

The Service
In Rapid City, S.D., there is a Boys Club whose motto is "fun with a purpose." The Club's goal is to teach the boys that come there, typically ages 6-17, teamwork, discipline and love.

"Although we are a small

community, we have one of the largest and most active Boys Clubs in the country," explained Rick Hanafin, a '66 Notre Dame graduate and the Alumni Contact for the Black Hills SSP.

"We've been hosting an SSP for about 10 years now," he continued. "The first time we hosted a student it went so well. We realized what a

good thing it was for our family, especially our kids to have a student with us. It's also good for the alumniclub to be updated on

Sue Cunningham
SSP director

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Carlson, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Letters, was the SSP student sent to Black Hills last year.

"I rode my bike down to the Boys Club every morning at 7 a.m. and hung out with guys for about eight hours," Carlson said.

"I organized four field trips per week, supervised the kids and just got to know them. I felt like I was just killing time with them, but these kids don't have a lot of structure in their lives so any time they can spend with an older kid is good for them," said Carlson.

"I actually decided to go because I want to do mission work later on in life and I was scared I wouldn't be able to do it. So I went to test myself."

He seems to have passed the test. "I know the Boys Club feels the quality of student they have every year is just outstanding," Hanafin said. "For us locally it has been a good mechanism to rally the alumni club members to host a student. Over the years, people get to meet the students and enjoy them. As long as they send the students, we'll take them.

"We even talked about expanding the program someday. There's a lot of non-profit agencies in the community that could benefit from a similar type of program."

The Future

"One of the things I hear from students all the time is, 'I've been so lucky!' or 'I've been so fortunate in my family and my ability to come to Notre Dame. I want to give back,'" said Cunningham.

"For the most part [the students] feel like they are going to help, and what they don't realize is this is such a huge education. When they get back they admit that they've learned so much more than they could possibly give."

The CSC continues to focus on the expansion of the SSP program with five specialty programs built around the summer service model. The Leadership Intern Program for African-Americans and Hispanics, the ACCION Internship Program, the National Youth Sports Program, the Campaign for Human Development and the International Summer Service Learning Program, are all prime examples of the selflessness and success that surround SSPs.

"There are a lot of opportunities at Notre Dame to expand classroom education You can learn a lot about yourself [by taking part]," Cunningham continued. "We are not trying to make everybody social workers. It's just a chance to learn more about who you are. The students here are the future and the more they know about social issues the better off our country will be."

Bender

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Bender concluded that the issue is not simple and it must be addressed appropriately on college campuses. It indicates that acceptance may be in part understanding that sexuality does not simply come from biology, but primarly from culture, Bender said.

"This all suggests that the negative attitudes toward homosexual persons that we have in our society do not flow directly from human nature," she said. "They come from our culture."

Bender believes that it is necessary for Saint Mary's to adopt a non-discrimination policy. An absence of a policy has dramatic, and possibly, deadly costs. "In the era of AIDS, honesty and communication is a matter of life and death," Bender said.

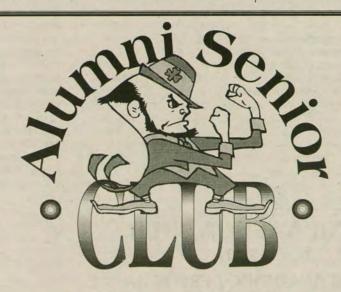
With Saint Mary's long-term goal of diversity, sexual identity must be included in their goals, Bender said.

An open and welcoming campus with regards to sexuality is also necessary to recruit and retain varied students and professors.

She also stated that gay and lesbian students and professors at Saint Mary's voiced the need for role models. Not only is acceptance a moral obligation, but there are also academic costs to non-inclusion.

"Students are missing out, not only in moral and ethical development, but also academic development [in an atmosphere of non-inclusion]," Bender said.

Bender is a professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. She taught in the anthropology/sociology department at Saint Mary's from 1995-96. She has a degree in anthropology from the University of Chicago.



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Crowd jeers Jeb Bush at affirmative action hearing

Gov. Jeb Bush was booed and jeered by members of a crowd of 1,700 people as he entered a public hearing Thursday on his plan to end affirmative action in state university admissions and contracts. "This has been a difficult time for me," the Republican governor said. "The last two weeks I have carried a heavy heart around." He said his plan has been misunderstood: He does not want to exclude minorities but wants the state to be more aggressive in ensuring diversity in ways that will not be struck down by the courts. The capacity crowd at the ornate Gusman Center for the Performing Arts had been sedate until the governor walked in. Their reaction drowned out the pounding gavel of the hearing's chairman.

Navy to retain control of Russian tanker

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Navy decided today to divert and retain control of a Russian tanker stopped in the Persian Gulf, pending a decision on whether to seize oil U.S. officials believe came from Iraq in violation of a U.N. embargo. Russian officials said the oil came from Iran. The Russianflagged commercial ship is to be diverted to a yet-to-be-determined anchorage in international waters and then possibly turned over to a third country, said Pentagon spokesman Adm. Craig Quigley. "This is not an insignificant action," Quigley said. He said U.S. Navy personnel assigned to an international inspection operation boarded the ship Wednesday by helicopter without resistance and have gathered "enough evidence to say we believe this vessel is carrying contraband.

FCC chief pushes wireless Internet

WASHINGTON

The nation's communications chief said Thursday he wants to spread wireless technology across the country quickly to revolutionize Americans' daily life, from the Internet and movies to cars and kitchen appliances. In an interview with The Associated Press, Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard said to achieve that goal, the FCC will auction more slices of the airwaves for wireless technology and draft new standards for digital TV. The delivery of Internet access to wireless devices, such as cellular phones or hand-held computers, opens new doors for American consumers, he said. "It's going to further democratize the Internet. It's going to make it available to people who can't afford a \$5,000 PC in their home," Kennard said. To promote that goal, the commission has set a spring date to auction valuable portions of the airwaves for delivering wireless Internet service to people on the road and in their homes.

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Investigators find plane's black box

Associated Press

PORT HUENEME, Calif. The cockpit voice recorder recovered from the Pacific details the Alaska Airlines crew desperately trying to regain control as the jetliner carrying 88 people flew upside down before crashing, federal investigators said today. They also said they had found the second "black box."

The cockpit recorder captured slightly more than 30 minutes of conversation, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall told reporters in Washington.

'The crew made references to being inverted that are consistent with the witness statements to that effect," Hall said.

The tape starts with the crew discussing a problem with a tail part called the horizontal stabilizer, which keeps the plane level. The crew then decided to divert to Los Angeles International Airport, but the problem became worse. The crew then struggled to pull out of a nosedive, regaining some control while continuing to troubleshoot and prepare for landing.

"Then control was suddenly lost," Hall said.

Hall's account came from an initial review of the cockpit voice recorder, which was recovered Wednesday from the debris of the MD-83.

Remote operated vehicles searching the ocean floor today found the flight data recorder, the companion box that has details of the plane's mechanical operation, said John Hammerschmidt, a member of the

Its discovery came hours after searchers recovered the pinger for the recorder, which was no longer attached to the device. Around midday the recorder was being brought to the ocean's surface.

The NTSB has also begun analyzing a recording of a radio call from Flight 261's



261 crash holds his daughter as they pay their respects to the victims in Oxnard, Calif. The flight data recorder was discovered on Wednesday.

pilots to a Seattle maintenance crew about the stabilizer problem minutes before the crash.

Investigators said witnesses saw no signs of fire or smoke when the jet hit the water in one piece Monday, killing everyone on board during the planned flight from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and Seattle.

As the plane passed over Anacapa Island, just off the Calilifornia coast, a witness heard several popping sounds and watched the jet

turn and hit the water, Hammerschmidt said Wednesday.

The aircraft was twisting, flying erratically, nose rocking," he told reporters late Wednesday. He also said other pilots nearby described the plane as "tumbling, spinning, nosedown, continuous roll,

corkscrewing and inverted."
Ships with side-scan sonar equipment that can make detailed maps of debris on the ocean floor began searching the crash site today.

The wreckage is well below the 300-foot safety limit for divers - and most of the bodies are believed pinned in the debris on the bottom of the ocean. Searchers have recovered the remains of only four passengers.

Investigators expected choppier waters as a light storm moved toward Southern California today. The beaches were mostly clear of debris, but rough seas could begin to wash ashore more remnants of

GREAT BRITAIN

England may suspend Belfast cabinet

Associated Press

Britain will strip power from Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration within days unless the Irish Republican Army promises to disarm, the government announced today.

Ireland Northern Secretary Peter Mandelson said he would introduce legislation Friday transferring power back to London from Belfast. But the process would take several days and could be stopped

if developments warranted, he emphasized.

Mandelson's statement was delivered to the House of Commons in London and watched closely by politicians in Belfast and Dublin. It was designed to buy a little more time for those struggling day and night to defuse the crisis that is on the verge of derailing Northern Ireland's peace process

As Parliament heard the announcement, Irish prime minister Bertie Ahern left Dublin for southern

England to discuss the peace process with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"We cannot partially implement the Good Friday agreement," Mandelson said. "It is all or it is nothing.

The crisis threatens the new four-party coalition Cabinet that has given Northern Ireland a measure of local rule after years of direct rule by Britain.

The Ulster Unionists agreed in November to accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as colleagues in the Cabinet established as part of 1998's Good Friday peace accord — but only on condition that IRA disarmament would follow.

To win over skeptical colleagues, Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble promised he would resign this month as the Cabinet's senior minister if the IRA wasn't delivering on its end of the bargain. He backed that promise up by drafting a resignation letter and scheduling an internal party meeting for Feb. 12.

Kidnapping shocks Japan

Associated Press

TOKYO

It was a nightmare beyond belief: A schoolgirl grabbed off the street, stuffed into the trunk of a car and imprisoned in the second floor of her captor's house — for nine years.

The crime, which has dominated Japan's talk shows and tabloids, emerged last week when the victim was discovered after her abductor took her out of the house for the first time.

Along with disbelief at its sheer cruelty, the kidnapping is raising questions about

police incompetence, the breakdown of communities and the complex relationship between captor and captive.

"She was not only con-

fined physically." said Hiroaki Iwai, an expert in criminal sociology at Tokyo's Toyo University. "Her soul was also in chains.

Details of Fusako Sano's ordeal were still hazy this week, and police refuse to say whether there is evidence she was physically or sexually abused by the man who kidnapped her.

But the little information available has fascinated - and horrified - Japan.

On Nov. 13, 1990, Sano then 9 years old grabbed off the street in Sanjo, about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo, and shut up in a second-floor bedroom in a small town 35 miles away, said Sanjo police official Bunyu Oshima

Her unemployed captor who has not been identified fed her, dressed her in men's clothing and cut her hair short, police say. Media reports have said blurry, thick windows helped keep outsiders from seeing what was going

It's still not clear what her

life was like in captivity The man's mother lived on the first floor and has denied knowabout ing Sano, police said, though newspapers say investiga-

doubt that.

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criminal sociology expert

Police were called last week about a man making a disturbance at a hospital. When they got there, a woman with him stepped up and identified herself as Sano. Later, she was reunited with her family, who said they never lost hope that she would be found.

The kidnapping is the longest of its kind in Japan. A man who had been missing for 23 years was discovered in 1970, Iwai said, but he had

been raised by his abductor as a son — not confined to a room.

Sano's kidnapper was hospitalized, apparently for emotional problems, and police say they have not questioned him. Sano also was hospitalized, and police say she is recover-

The questions have mounted. How, for example, could the man have eluded police detection for nine years? He was arrested in 1989 for trying to kidnap another girl and was on probation at the time of Sano's disappearance, but police apparently never investigated him.

There was a lack of communication between local police departments," said Iwai. "If the prefectural police had taken charge, they might have been able to do something.

Japanese are also asking how the neighbors could have failed to get an inkling something was wrong, especially in a small town. For some, the crime showed how community ties have broken down in

Sanjo police, who are heading the investigation, have refused to discuss how Sano's abductor kept her hidden for

Kyodo News agency quoted a police official this week as saying the handling of the case would be examined later.

Sano's behavior is also under scrutiny. She told police she was not allowed out of the house for nine years.

Basilica

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marble floor is accented by a golden seal of the Congregation of Holy Cross, located front and center on the altar area. This is the spot where seminarians profess their vows, and where they lie prostrate when they are ordained to the priesthood. The carpet was furnished by the University

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Another notable change in the Basilica is the removal of the Laetare Medal and commemorative book once located in one of the apsidal chapels behind the main altar. These items were relocated to the main building and were replaced by an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. An altar was brought in and the chapel was rededicated to her on Dec. 10.

Adela Penagos, multicultural coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs noted that "for the Latin community, this image [Our Lady of Guadalupe] is very important.

It makes Latin people feel more a part of the University community. It is also appropriate because the Holy Father has named Our Lady of Guadalupe as 'Patroness of the Americas.

Improvement is also planned for the transfer of the baptismal font from one of the rear chapels to a new location near the Basilica entrance. This is the original Basilica font, most likely used by Father Edward Sorin to celebrate the sacrament.

The entrance area has been widened to accommodate the

font, which will be flanked on one side by the paschal candle and on the other side by a repository for the holy oils.

"The norms of the Second Vatican Council suggest that the

font be located near the entrance to the church, Rocca explained, "for it is through baptism that we enter the Church."

Work to refurbish the Basilica museum is also nearly completed. New paint and display highlighted this project. Finer cases with better lighting were installed, "but the real goal of this part of the project was to improve the flow of visitors through the museum during peak times," Rocca explained

University sacristan Brother Dennis Meyers said more changes will be implemented.

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MBA gives 'bang for your buck'

◆ Forbes rates ND's program 18th in value

By KEVIN SCHUMM News Writer

Amid an impressive field of dynamic business schools, Notre Dame's Master's in Business Association program ranks 18th in providing "the

best bang for your buck," according to a new survey in the Feb. 7 issue of Forbes magazine.

"It is certainly gratifying

to see the value of the Notre MBA education acknowledged by Forbes,' said Carolyn Woo, dean of the of Business. "However, it is important to remember that the value of an education goes beyond the financial dimensions. At Notre Dame, we are committed to an education that, most importantly, develops responsible leadership, independent thinking, and teamwork.

As the cost of a MBA education continues to rise, Forbes attempted to gauge an MBA student's gain relative to his

or her investment. The survey. which assessed 50 schools, gathereds alary information from each school's Class of 1994. Looking at compensation before

matriculation, just after graduation and four and a half years later, the magazine compared the apparent salary gains to the costs of the MBA programs. The cost of each program incorporated not merely tuition but also lost salaries.

The gains of the MBA edu-

cation are readily apparent despite Notre Dame's \$22,000 annual tuition. Notre Dame finished in the top 20 with graduates making, on average, \$48,000 more in 1998 than they had before enrolling.

While the MBA program acknowledges the ranking, they are focused on other issues.

"Our primary concern is quality," said Hayden Estrada, director of admissions for the MBA program. Despite last year's solid median GMAT score of 639, already up from 613 two years ago, "we're working on getting the GMAT up a little bit higher," Estrada said. "We're

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While GPA and GMAT scores are important, "the most impact as far as the quality of the teaching in the school and the quality of dis-

cussion in the classroom is work experience," he said.

The MBA program is looking for candidates to have somewh here e between three and seven years of work experience, the ideal

being five years.

A significantly increased number of applications and higher enrollment should allow for the additional selectivity the MBA program desires.

Beyond test scores and work experience, the MBA

program strives to admit a "class with its own personality." said Estrada.

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"What we try and do is to make the personality such that the class gives more back to the school and to the community than the year before and I think that's really happening here now," he said.

International students comprise nearly 30 percent of the MBA program at Notre Dame. Their presence helps to create a solid balance.

"What we want is for people to expand their own fields of reference through interacting with other people who have completely different fields of reference. It allows people to see things through other peo-

> ple's eyes," said Estrada.

Just as the program has shifted focus over the past few decades to the benefits of international influence, so too has it recognized the need for an equally strong emphasis on not only man-

agerial decision-making but also implementation.

"You've got to be able to not only think through problems but make things work," said Woo.

Undergraduate students shouldn't worry about a rising MBA program negatively affecting their own programs though.

"In any one area, what we learn in the MBA program, once we have developed the curriculum, once we have taught it, once we have gauged its competence, that will flow through to other programs," said Woo.

With recognition from institutions like Forbes and the shared vision of Woo and Estrada, the Notre Dame MBA program is establishing itself in the world of business schools.

"Business is really one of the most creative and empowering professions," said Woo. "It's really in the world of making things happen. You have to exercise judgement. You have to understand how people work. You have to be flexible and creative in terms of matching the challenge to the resources that you have and the personality of the people."

ND sues company that built stadium

By JR ROSS Associated Press

The University filed an amended lawsuit Thursday against several companies, including the architectural firm hired to oversee the expansion of Green Bay's Lambeau Field, claiming a series of design and construction flaws at its renovated football stadium threaten the structure's integrity.

Among the problems listed in the complaint are safety concerns with concrete toppings on ramps and concourses throughout Notre Dame Stadium, failing joints and railings rusting prematurely because of shoddy work.

A school spokesman said the problems posed no immediate safety concerns but could threaten the structure's long-term integrity.

The university filed its original suit last August against Ellerbe Becket Inc. and two South Bend companies seeking unspecified damages from the \$55 million project.

Problems with the stadium began with its inaugural game Sept. 6, 1997, when water and sewage flooded the lower concourse, forcing fans to wade through flooded walkways and rendering some restrooms and concession stands useless.

Still, when the Packers announced they had selected Ellerbe Becket to oversee the \$295 million renovation and expansion of historic Lambeau Field, Packers President Bob

Harlan said the Kansas City, Mo.based firm was selected, in part, for its work at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Packers' plan to renovate Lambeau Field somewhat mirrors Notre Dame's project, which added more than 20,000

new seats, a new press box, lights and scoreboards to the original stadium.

The Green Bay plan calls for a 5-story red brick and green wrought-iron atrium called Titletown on the east side of Lambeau Field to include the Packers Hall of Fame, a stadium club and retail space that would be open year-round.

The renovation, planned to begin next year and wrap up in 2003, would add about 10,000 new seats, expand the concourse, add more women's restrooms and improve access for disabled people.

Stuart Smith, a spokesman for Ellerbe Becket, would not say whether the Packers knew of the problems at Notre Dame before hiring the firm last May.

Packers spokesman Mark Schiefelbein would only say Thursday team executives knew of the suit.

"That is an issue between Notre Dame and the architects. We are putting all of our effort into ensuring this design works," he said.

Smith said the firm has had no other problems during a 50-year relationship with Notre Dame in which it has designed many of the major buildings on campus, including the school library, basketball center and residence halls. It also helped with the \$58 million renovation of the school's Main Building, topped by Notre Dame's trademark golden dome, completed last fall.

"It makes it all the more unfortunate that we're involved in this lawsuit with them because Notre Dame Stadium is a tremendous success," Smith said. "It's one of the true success stories in college athletics today."

But in addition to the problems with concrete and railings, the lawsuit claims Ellerbe Beckett failed to design an adequate sewer and water system,

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causing the flooding at the renovated stadium's unveiling. It also claims the firm failed to realize the university's existing sewer system was inadequate

the renovated structure, resulting in flooding at several cam-

pus buildings.

The parties had agreed last fall to postpone legal action in hopes of solving the matter through mediation by Jan. 3, but those efforts failed.

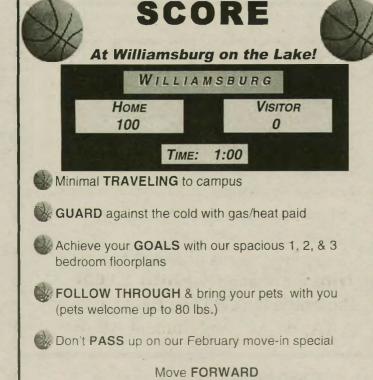
Smith said the company still hoped to resolve the case without a trial, while Notre Dame officials refused to comment on the pending lawsuit.

"The litigation is moving forward. It's hard to say at this point [what will happen next]," said attorney William Hoye, associate vice president and counsel for the University.

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GOP leaders worry about Bush's loss

WASHINGTON

Republican strategists, elected officials, fund-raisers and other early backers of George W. Bush are nervously sifting

through his stunning defeat in Hampshire demanding a change in tactics from their troubled frontrunner.



The GOP establishment, heavily invested in the Texas governor's success, has a case of the jitters.

'You've got to believe it is hard to get through to the '202' exchange today because the lines are buzzing about this in Washington," said Nelson Warfield, former press secretary for 1996 nominee Bob

"I'm bleeding for the guy right now," said Rich Bond, who was an operative for the candidate's father, former President Bush. "Most professionals will tell you Bush will prevail," he said, but the shock of an 18-

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Steve Duprey

New Hampshire

GOP chairman

point loss should give one who cares about politics and, in my case, George W. Bush, great

pause." With

passing up Delaware's primary next week, South Carolina's Feb. 19 contest has become critical for both men. Bush's formidable lead in state polls evaporated overnight with the news of his New Hampshire finish, according to two sets of South Carolina released Thursday.

"The prop-wash of defeat is going to be around for a while," Bush told reporters Thursday, adding a thought for the sec-ond-guessers: "Tell them to hold their breath because they've got somebody who's about to win the Republican nomination.'

Interviews with more than a dozen GOP leaders across the country most of whom support Bush, underscored the party establishment's strong belief that the Texan eventually will win the nomination, given his formidable resources and lead in most national and state polls.

Yet several troubling themes kept cropping up:

◆ The sense of inevitability that cloaked Bush's candidacy is in tatters. "I think if his odds were 20 to 1 before New Hampshire, they're probably

10 to 1 now," said Bush fund-raiser Ted Welch. "He needs to pull things together, and he

♦ He must be more critical of McCain. "Bush is going to have to get up and fight," said Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, who dropped out of the presidential race in July and endorsed the Texas governor.

◆He must convince voters that he is prepared to be president. "I think that Governor Bush has really got to bone up on a tremendous number of issues," said Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who has not endorsed a candidate but said the Bush team suffers from "an inevitable sense of complacency." Exit polls show that one-third of New Hampshire Republican voters did not think Bush had the knowledge needed to serve effectively.

◆ He needs to be more spontaneous, because McCain shines by comparison. "I think he was overhandled and overscripted," said New Hampshire GOP chairman Steve Duprey.

Endorsements don't always help, and maybe hurt. McCain's staff and some Bush advisers

believe the father's backing of "this boy" diminished the candidate in the eyes of New Hampshire voters. "The endorsement strategy needs to be shelved," said Scott Reed, Dole's

1996 campaign manager who is not tied to a campaign.

Some Bush allies pointed to former Vice President Dan Quayle's endorsement in South Carolina on Wednesday as evidence that his political team still doesn't get it.

Bush's own surveys suggest that South Carolina voters, long torn between the Texas governor and conservative Steve Forbes, now lean toward

Bauer to drop out of GOP race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Gary Bauer, the janitor's son who served in Ronald Reagan's White House and mounted a presidential bid of his own.

has decided to drop out of the race, source close to the conservaactivist said today.



The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bauer plans to announce the move at a news conference Friday morning.

Bauer is a well-established social conservative who fared well in presidential debates, needling front-runner George W. Bush on abortion and China policy. He also had some success raising money, primarily through a large network of small donors built during his work as a conservative activist in Washington.

However, Bauer had trouble carving out a constituency in a crowded field of GOP conservatives.

He could not climb above 1 percent in the critical New Hampshire primary. With his wife Carol at his side, he conceded that contest Tuesday night, and said the voters of New Hampshire "have not endorsed me but without hesitation I endorse them as being great citizens."

Bauer has struggled to even make a dent in national polls, and finished in fourth place in the Iowa caucuses, ahead of only Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who has since dropped out of the race, and Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who did not campaign in lowa at all.

'Gary is having a news conference on Friday. That's all we're saying about it," said spokesman Tim Goeglein.

He would be the sixth Republican presidential candidate to drop out, leaving Bush, Sen. John McCain, millionaire publisher Steve Forbes and former ambassador Alan Keyes. Bush, Forbes and Keyes have had

more success than Bauer drawing conservative votes.

Forbes can finance his own campaign, but needs a primary victory soon to maintain his viability. Keyes has done surprisingly well in Iowa and New Hampshire, but is not likely to challenge for the nomination.

Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley are the only two major Democratic candidates.

Bauer's campaign focused on what he considered to be the moral downfall of America. He denounced decisions in state courts that supported gay rights, promised to "end abortion on demand" as president, and railed against Clinton administration policy with China - urging the administration to revoke normal trade status for China and adopt a foreign policy that "embraces our most basic human values.

Despite a vast network of small-dollar donors, Bauer's campaign struggled against the fund-raising juggernaut of Bush, as well as the virtually unlimited funds of Forbes.

Dems back on campaign trail

◆ Gore, Bradley woo voters in **California**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Asked to defend the administration's spotty record of working with Congress, Vice President Al Gore suggested Thursday that his resume makes him better prepared for the White House than Bill Clinton was in 1992

Democratic rival Bradley, working the other end of California, kept up his focus on differences between Gore and himself. At a San Francisco rally, he said national health care "has been a part of the Democratic platform for 50 years" and is "one of those issues in this campaign that distinguishes me from Al

Gore, he said, "doesn't have any plan to get to universal health care.

Bradley's hopes for a spectacular bayside rally with the Golden Gate Bridge as backdrop fell through because of rain. Instead, more than 1,000 people jammed a restaurant to hear his remarks.

Gore was in southern California with Gov. Gray Davis, touring Digital Domain and inspecting the firm's special-effects technology being used to put together "The Red Planet," a Val Kilmer film due in June.

Gore noted with a bit of envy "Must be a fun place to work."

Californians, he said, "will have a very decisive voice in picking the Democratic nominee." The state, which holds its primary on March 7, has 367 of the 2,170 delegates needed

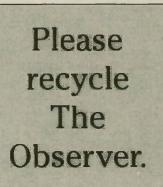
to clinch the nomination.

In a question-and-answer session with employees, film editor Bill Brier told the vice president he was disappointed with the Clinton-Gore administration's record with a resistant Congress, particularly on comprehensive health care reform and lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military.

Gore, noting his 16 years in the House and Senate, suggested he would bring more experience than Clinton did in 1993 when he went straight from the Arkansas governor's mansion to the White House.

'A governor who comes to the White House without previous experience in the Congress brings certain strengths. Someone who has served in the House and the Senate brings certain other strengths," Gore told Brier and a couple of dozen others.

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AUSTRIA

President to swear in pro-Nazi Haider

Associated Press

VIENNA

Austria's president agreed Thursday to swear in a coalition government that includes a far-right party whose leader Joerg Haider has applauded aspects of the Nazi regime and who campaigned on an antiimmigrant platform.

Reaction was swift. Israel recalled its ambassador and banned Haider from visiting, even though the right-wing leader has repeatedly apologized for pro-Nazi remarks made years ago.

European Union nations started making good on threats to politically isolate Austria, something the United States has backed. The EU also warned it may suspend the Alpine nation's membership.

The prospect of Haider's Freedom Party in government prompted about 2,000 protesters to take to the streets of Vienna late Thursday for a second straight night.

A group of them pushed their way into the city's historic Burgtheater and stormed the stage in the middle of a performance, calling on the audience to join a protest rally Friday before fleeing the building.

Despite the outcry both at home and abroad. President Thomas Klestil said the results of the Oct. 3 parliamentary elections give him little choice but to go ahead with the swearing-in ceremony Friday.

Klestil did reject two Cabinet nominees from Haider's Freedom Party, including one who authorized distribution of campaign posters in Vienna warning of "over-foreignization," a term that harkened back to the Nazi era.

The president also demanded that Haider and his coalition partner, Wolfgang Schuessel of the centrist Austrian People's Party, sign a statement renouncing the nation's Nazi past and promising to respect European values.

Haider won international notoriety — and later apologized — for statements praising Adolf Hitler's "orderly employment" policies and lauding veterans of the Waffen SS as "decent people of good character." He has also opposed EU expansion and urged a near halt to immigra-

Schuessel will become chancellor and Freedom Party official Susanne Riess-Passer will be vice chancellor.

Although Haider will remain governor of Carinthia state and hold no Cabinet post, he has a strong grip on the Freedom Party. Critics doubt Schuessel, whose hold on his own party is less firm, can control the mercurial Haider.

The declaration that the two leaders signed did not specifically refer to Haider's previous comments. However, Haider and Schuessel pledged to work for a democratic Austria where 'xenophobia, anti-Semitism and racism have no place."

"Austria accepts her responsibility arising out of the tragic history of the 20th century and the horrendous crimes of the National Socialist regime," the statement said. "The singularity of the crimes of the Holocaust, which are without precedent in history, are an exhortation to permanent alertness against all forms of dictatorship and totalitarian-

At a press conference after the signing ceremony, Haider insisted his party was committed to defending the rights of "ethnic and religious minorities" in Austria and could even serve as an example for the rest of Europe.

RUSSIA

Chechen rebels flee to mountains

Associated Press

ALKHAN-KALA Rebels fleeing the smoking ruins of the Chechen capital pushed through snowy forests Thursday toward the southern mountains, hoping to join

comrades in a guerrilla war against Russian forces. The rebel exodus this week

from Grozny, the biggest political prize in the 5-month-old Chechen war, has boosted morale among Russian troops. But a rebel leader claimed that by fleeing Grozny, the rebels had strengthened their hand.

"It was much better for the Russians when we were concentrated in Grozny," said Khizir Khachukayev, a Chechen commander. "Now that we are going to be in the mountains, they will face more trouble.'

It was unclear how many of the estimated 3,000 rebels in Grozny made it out of the city alive in the flight that began

Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev said on Russia's ORT television channel that more than 1,500 were killed this week in the attempt to break through Russian troops around Grozny. Khachukayev said that more than 3,000 rebels had left Grozny in recent days. The claims could not be confirmed, and Russia is believed to often exaggerate its casualty figures.

The latest, large group of rebels fled overnight and arrived in nearby Alkhan-Kala early Thursday, then slipped through Russian lines to head for rebel strongholds in the mountains, Alkhan-Kala residents said.

Almost all the rebels had left Alkhan-Kala by daylight, and the Russians took control of the village. It was unclear what happened to the hundreds of wounded rebels who reportedly took refuge there; some were believed too badly maimed to be moved.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Kremlin official in charge of Russia's information campaign on Chechnya, said Thursday that federal forces had killed about 100 militants and taken 129 prisoners over the last 24 hours.

Russian mortars pounded parts of Grozny on Thursday as troops closed in on the last scattered bands of Chechen defenders, and Sergeyev said the Russian forces were advancing through Grozny at twice their previous speed. The troop progress was largely impeded by mines planted in buildings, the military said.

Yastrzhembsky cautioned that centers of resistance remained in the capital. He told reporters in Moscow that federal forces now controlled more than 50 percent of

"Pitched battles for individual buildings still lie ahead," he said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency

SRAEL

Arafat, Barak end peace talks

Associated Press

Less than a month after one much-touted Israeli-Arab peace initiative crumbled, another dissolved Thursday

into mutual recriminations and the comprehensive Mideast peace Prime Minister E h u d



promised by year's end seems further away than ever.

Palestinians said peace talks were in "crisis" after Barak refused to budge on terms for an interim territory withdrawal during a tense two-hour summit with Yasser Arafat at this Israeli military outpost on the Israel-Gaza border.

It was the second peace blow for Barak in three weeks talks with Syria went into deep freeze in mid-January and he scrambled to deflect Palestinian talk of a dead end.

"I am convinced that this barrier will be overcome. Barak told senior officials of his Labor Party. "There is a deep interest by both sides.'

The Palestinians want the

pullout from 6.1 percent of the West Bank outlined in an interim agreement signed in September to include populous Arab suburbs of Jerusalem. The Israelis refuse, at least for now.

'Once the confidence and credibility and integrity of the peace process become absent, the element of trust disappears and both sides find themselves in a crisis situation, and that's where we are now," lead Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said in an interview.

Israel says it alone determines what land goes back in the withdrawals, although it

will take Palestinian considerations into account. Barak is

concerned h Palestinians will use total control of the suburbs, currently

Jerusalem, the city both sides September.

Erekat said Arafat suggested using U.S. Mideast peace envoy Dennis Ross, who is in the region, as an arbitrator.

good offices of the American administration ... we can restore the confidence and credibility," he said.

Barak's Foreign Minister David Levy rejected that idea, accusing the Palestinians of engineering the dispute in order to invite U.S. interven-

"No outside force can do the work instead of us," Levy said, pledging the pullout would go ahead next week as planned. "No one can do this instead of the sides.

Both the Israelis and Palestinians see President Clinton as eager for a legacy as his presidency winds

down, and likely press Israel into concessions.

Erekat a l s o accused Israel of wanting to delay a Feb. 13 deadline

for an outunder joint control, as the line of a final status agreefirst stake in a claim to ment, due to be in place by

sacred," but denied plans for a delay. Barak's office said marathon talks aimed at meeting the deadline would We hope that through the resume on Sunday

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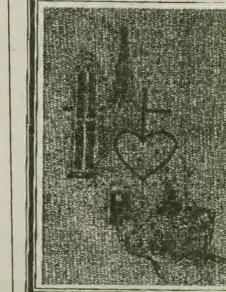
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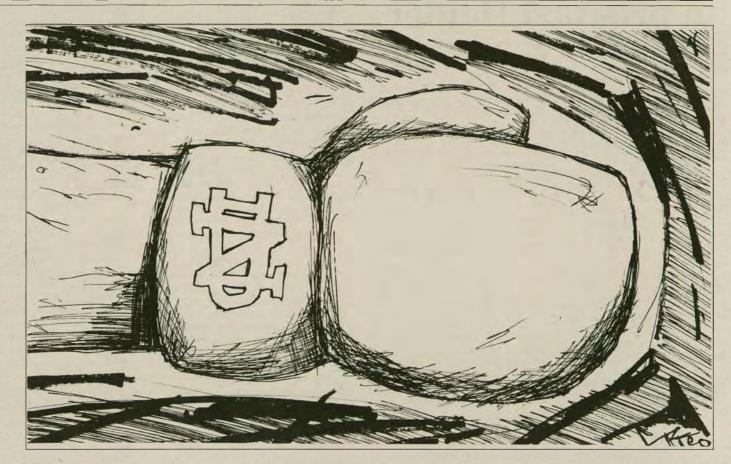
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Boxers bring needed aid to Bangladesh

In less time than it takes to read this column, you could easily spend \$200 in the Notre Dame Bookstore, especially on a price-inflated football weekend.

In Bangladesh, many families among the 27 million "ultra poor" one person in five in the entire country — live on less than that for

Charles Rice Right

Wrong?

an entire year. Over half of the children under 5 and over half of the mothers in Bangladesh are acutely and chronically malnourished. The poor are the chief victims also of an environmental crisis including arsenic contamination in villages and poisonous air and polluted water in the capital city of Dhaka. The country is still recovering from the 1998 floods, the worst in the century.

So why mention this? Because, at this time of year, we at Notre Dame can do something effective for the people of Bangladesh. Since 1931, the entire proceeds of the Bengal Bouts have been sent to the Holy Cross missionaries in Bangladesh, many of whom are grads of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. The 1999 total was a record \$51,000, a relatively enormous sum. "a dollar there," says Father Bill Seetch, boxing club chaplain, "is worth 10 times what it is here." The Holy Cross missionaries run seven primary schools and two colleges, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, with emphasis on the poor. The "compound of Notre Dame College," said Bengal Bouts coach Tom Suddes after his visit to Bangladesh, "is simple and really Spartan, but the poverty outside the walls of the college is like nothing you could ever imag-

The boxing club, which conducts the Bengal Bouts under the supervision of Rich O'Leary of Rec Sports, does two things. First, it provides a significant and even life-saving force for good in its support of the Holy Cross missions. Second, it provides its members a uniquely formative experience. "The boxers," says Father Seetch, "come away from the program with more than bruised lips and black eyes. They gain a quiet confidence that comes from knowing you have made a difference in the lives of others half a world

The club officers — president J. R. Mellin, Tom Biolchini, Brian Hobbins, Mike Maguire, Mike Romanchek, Pete Ryan and Josh Thompson — actually run the program. This year 180 boxers began training and a record number will compete. The Bouts will be in four sessions in the Joyce Center. You can buy tickets from any boxer or at the Joyce Center. The boxers also raise money by selling program ads.

The coaches, all former Bengal Bouts champs, are Terry Johnson, a Chicago attorney; Tom Suddes, a Columbus, Ohio, developer, and Pat Farrell, the University pilot. They devote great blocks of time to the program. They are helped by exceptional assistant coaches, especially Sweet C. Robinson and recent Bengals champs Ryan Rans, '98, Chip Farrell, '98 and Toby Biolchini, '96. Roland Chamblee, '73, a four-time Bengals champ, adds a unique dimension as probably the only state court judge who also serves as a cornerman in the ring.

The program emphasizes safety. Dr. James M. Moriarty, University chief of medicine, carefully screens and over-

SCOTT ADAMS

sees the boxers. No sparring is conducted without paramedics at ringside. We have never had a serious injury beyond an occasional redirected nose and similar inconveniences. Everyone in the program is intent on maintaining that record.

The heart of the program is trainer Jack Mooney, a mere youth of 86 years. Jack, who was Knute Rockne's paperboy, assisted Bengal Bouts founder Dominic Napolitano in the early years. Jack prepares the boxers for their sparring sessions and debriefs them afterward. As any boxer will tell you, Jack is unforgettable. His assistant, Jack Zimmerman, is not only an effective trainer but also a poet and a professional accordionist. The boxing club, it must be acknowledged, is utterly dependent on the administrative skills of Meghan Kelley, '02, of Pasquerilla East. Last year Meghan and Emily Schmidt, '99, brought the program to a new level of efficiency. Meghan, assisted by Claire Dampeer, '02, is carrying on this year without skipping a beat.

I hope the members of the Notre Dame community will continue their exceptional support for the Bengal Bouts. You are welcome to visit the practices in the JACC Boxing Room any weekday from 4 to 6 p.m. I think you will be favorably impressed.

Professor Rice is on the law school faculty and is faculty advisor to the

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The city is the teacher of the man."

Simonides ancient philosopher OBSERVER



Exit the body, enter the dragon

BOSTON — With the Chinese New Year around the corner, my thoughts have been centering on traditions, family and -

sound odd

death. The Chinese New Year

is the first

day of the

The Daily Free Press

Jennifer Young

lunar calendar, and each year has a corresponding animal sign the Chinese equivalent the American astrological system The Gregorian calendar year 2000 corresponds to the year of the dragon, which begins Feb.

What I've always enjoyed about Chinese New Year is getting together with my family For us, the New Year has always been as much of a reason to celebrate as Christmas or Thanksgiving. In China, nearly everyone gets two weeks off for Chinese New Year, and most people brave the jampacked sardine cans, called trains, to be reunited with family for the holiday

For me, Chinese New Year has always been a source of mixed emotions. It was a time when I was happy to be sur-rounded by family but befuddled by traditions I didn't understand. Like a child at Christmas, I merely enjoyed receiving gifts associated with the holiday. It never occurred to me that others might hold this to be a day of deeper sig-

I remember how my grandparents always used to pay their respects to my greatgrandparents and other ancestors during the two weeks following the New Year, and I wonder how my grandmothers will feel this year because my grandfathers both passed away within the last two years. I hope their thoughts won't linger on their own mortality.

As a little kid, it never occurred to me that the people I love most in the world would ever die. I remember being introduced to the idea of death for the first time. I think I was 4 when my parents explained what death was and told me that my great-grandmother (whom I had never met) had passed away.

I started to cry

There has been a lot of growing up to do in the last few years, and I have come to realize that my perception of death has evolved a great deal since that day more than 16 years ago. Before my grandfathers fell ill, I had thought of death as something to be feared, not so much for myself (because I'm young and immortal, of course), but for my aging grandparents.

It seemed so painful and final; it seemed impossible that anything positive could come from something that causes tears of sorrow. Yet when I found myself confronted with the real thing, I found that many blessings came from an event normally considered dev-

My grandfathers, both of whom had been struggling to hold onto their tenuous grip on life, were finally free from the physical anguish and mental fogginess that had plagued them in their final years. There was a point in time when I looked into each of their eyes and, for a brief moment, saw utter weariness and acceptance of their deaths. There were endless seconds when I observed, helpless, the effort it took for them to draw a single breath

Death has the wonderful effect of inspiring people to recall the most positive aspects of those who have passed on. Although this sharing tends to make us cry much harder, it also reminds us how our departed have lived full lives that have touched friends, families, acquaintances or even strangers. And, just as important, it serves as a reality check for those of us left behind.

Where are we headed in life? Do we let those we love know how much we care about them? Have we opened doors for strangers carrying heavy packages or given up our seat for that elderly lady on the T? Have parents spent quality time with their children and supported them as they grow into

I often get so sidetracked by my pursuit of the sirens: wealth, power and prestige, and it takes something like death to put things back in perspective. Whether it's the news of a death in the family or a stranger's tragic murder, I come back to my true priorities in life: family, friends and integrity.

With a sudden jolt, I realize how long I've been neglecting to respnd to e-mails or letters. I call my mom to apologize for the rude things I said during last week's phone call (and then she says, "I'm sorry. Who is this?"). And I admit that I'm going to miss my family on Chinese New Year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Film sends message of humanity

I am responding to Peter Byers' letter condemning the film, "The Last Temptation of Christ." As "a matter of conscience," I am compelled to honor Mr. Byers' request that somebody give a lecture BEFORE the film.

First, let me warn those of you who have not yet seen the film and think that a lecture before it is absurd. I am about to ruin the surprise ending. However, I will respond to Mr. Byers so that I may edify him, and others like him, who refuse to consider the possibility that this film, and the questions that it raises, might present something valuable to the discussion of Christianity.

The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese, is based on the 1955 book of the same name by Nikos Kazantzakis. When asked to defend his controversial publication, he stated, 'This book was not written because I wanted to offer a supreme model to the man who struggles; I wanted to show him that he must not fear pain, temptation or death because all three can be conquered, all three have already been conquered. Christ suffered pain, and since then pain has been sanctified. temptation fought until the very last moment to lead him astray, and Temptation was defeated. Christ died on the Cross, and at that instant death was vanquished forev-

Disregarding Kazantzakis' Christian intentions, the Roman Catholic Church banned the book soon after its release. Despite the Church's position regarding the book, Martin Scorsese, a Roman Catholic who once contemplated the priesthood, saw passion in the work and decided to base his movie on it.

The film portrays Christ candidly as a human being and addresses the issues that all human beings struggle with in their daily lives, particularly, the temptation to sin. One would be foolish to believe that Christ was not tempted to sin. This film looks at Christ's last temptation: to save himself from the excruciatingly painful, blood dripping crucifixion he suffered on the cross. The film takes an unexpected turn when we see Christ

miraculously free himself from the cross and treat himself to a long and fruitful life: He gets married, he has children, his wife dies, he remarries and finally, he grows old.

Just as we begin to think that Christ sold out, we realize that the mirage has merely been a part of his temptation. Some Christians complained because this film showed Christ as being too human. That's strange, I always thought that was the message proclaimed in the Good News. Do not be afraid of this movie. It is only by challenging one's faith that one is able to strengthen it. Christ's last temptation was to save himself; he did not give in. Instead, he chose to save us.

This is the message of the film. I am convinced that atheists, agnostics (like me), non-Christians, Christians and religious fanatics alike, ought to enjoy together.

Patrick J. O'Donnell

Carroll Hall February 2, 2000

When did it become 'normal' for us to hate our bodies?

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is February 12-19. Many members of the Notre Dame community will flip past the articles and apathetically toss the surveys in the wastebasket. Eating disorders may seem confusing and completely unrelated to you. But let me ask you this: Have you ever looked at a mirror or in a fashion magazine and felt dissatisfied as a result? Have you ever compared yourself to a friend or a complete stranger, wishing you could look more like them? Then I

assure you, Eating Disorders Awareness Week is important

This may seem like a gigantic leap, but it is true; we all are affected by eating disorders and by the attitudes that cause them. The purpose of Eating Disorders Awareness Week is to further understand the causes of these prevalent and deadly diseases and to confront stereotypes about them. Eating disorders have nothing to do with food. They begin with depression and dissatisfaction with one's body image. These bring about self-hatred that is often expressed in unhealthy eating patterns.

Problems with accepting ourselves as we are manifest themselves in other unhealthy behaviors besides eating. They are underneath our damaged relationships, hurtful actions, depression and addictions. Until we can embrace ourselves for being ourselves, we can never reach our goals or reach out to others. Wherefore, I would like to rename this week - I declare this week "Self-Acceptance Awareness Week."

When did it become normal for us to hate our bodies? Why do we see it as common for women to call themselves "fat" and for men to constantly compare their strength to that of others? Why are we constantly evaluating ourselves to everyone on television and to all of

our friends? We are told from the beginning that we were created in the very image of God! He never wanted us to be the same, but as his children, we are all equal in heart and soul. He called us temples of His Holy Spirit — why is it so ordinary to criticize and detest God's masterpieces?

To truly treat an eating disorder, victims must first learn to accept and love themselves as they are. As part of Self-Acceptance Awareness Week, I challenge you to do the

same. Look past the image and criti-

cisms you have of yourself and see

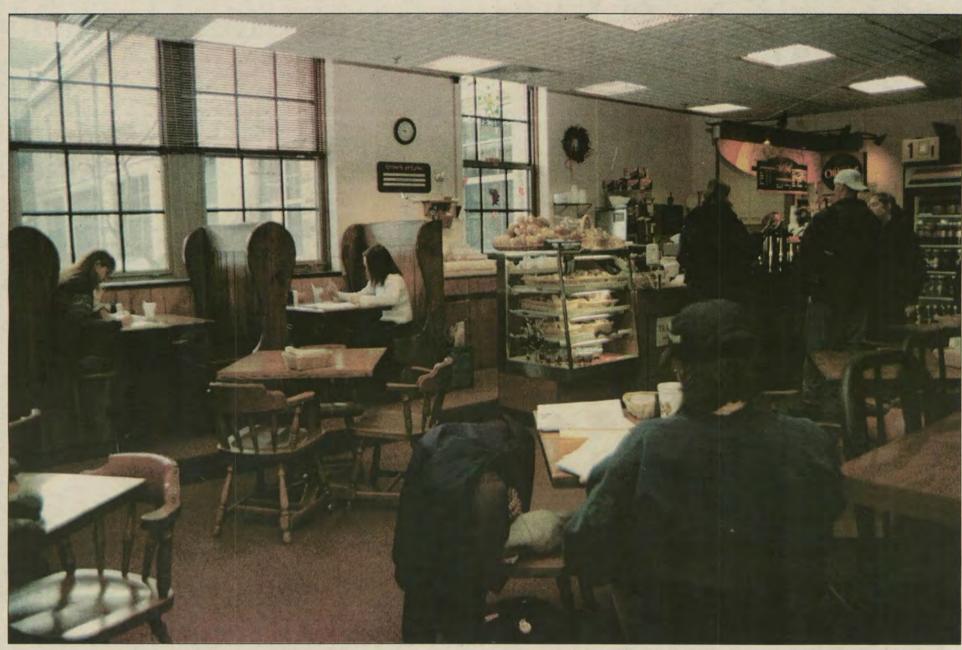
God's most valuable and worth-

while handiwork. Once you can accept and love yourself as is, look past your own judgments and others' outward appearances to see a brother or sister, a worthwhile and unique human being. Surround your family and friends with encouragement, reminding them that you love them exactly as they are. And, especially on this week, look at those suffering from eating disorders and see humans struggling with self-appreciation and love. I'd like to change our society so

that no one bases their self worth on outer appearances but on inner character. However, I realize that changing the world is a gargantuan task. All I can do is get up every morning, look in the mirror and try to accept and maybe even love what I see. Then, I will try to look past the outer image I have of others and accept them for who they are. Maybe, as part of Self-Acceptance Awareness Week, you could do the same. Maybe your friends, your hall-mates and our community can do the

> Monica Rowinski Sophomore February 2, 2000





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Isn't this scene exciting? Waddick's, located in O'Shaughnessy Hall, is one of many eateries sprinkled throughout campus. It serves not only as a place to gain nourishment, but as the home to arguing intellectuals, help-seeking students and nosey people wanting to eavesdrop.

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Notre Dame food services, aside from NDH and SDH, specializes in

By MIKE VANEGAS Scene Editor

There are varying opinions concerning food at Notre Dame dining halls. To many people, it is adequate. It eases hunger pangs, and when compared to some of the cafeteria-like monstrosities found at other colleges throughout an excessively grub-infested America, north and south dining halls aren't that bad.

In fact, they are too good to be true. They are too good to express their goodness in words. They are simply fantastic

Others will say the recycling nature of the dining hall cooks perhaps puts into question the trust students place in the food givers at Notre Dame food services.

But because the dining halls are such integral and constant parts of student lives here at Notre Dame, there is no real reason to discuss their lovely atmospheres and social vitality.

In order to discover the glamorous presence of food service at Notre Dame, one must instead make the exhausting trip around campus, from the Notre Dame bookstore to Bond Hall to O'Shaughnessy. Therefore, the

following is just that: a journey through the bowels of Notre Dame food-places. What's good? Where's a good place to study? What's the best "soup" around?

Seattle's Best, Hammes

Bookstore

It's a coffee shop. So unless you're looking for coffee, this isn't the best place to visit.

But that doesn't mean Seattle's Best is a bad place to be. Like most American megabookstores today, Notre Dame's grand palace has, in one of its many corners a café

one of its many corners, a café. But the café is not riddled with goateed intellectuals clothed in black, nor is it infected by hyper teens wanting to ingest the latest cappuccino-mocha-espresso caffeinated conglomeration.

Instead, it is quaint. With a service staff that puts a smile on one's face, there isn't really anything to complain about in regard to the exchange of money for goods.

But, as one would expect at a café, there isn't really much to choose from, aside from varying forms of caffeinated beverages. One can find a bagel here and there. Maybe a big cookie. And of course, there is the typical array of snack foods: candy

bars, ice cream bars, chips, soda pop.

And paving the way for America's technological future, the café has a television and a computer.

If there were awards for campus eateries, Seattle's Best would win the following:

- Best place to spend \$400 on books and still enjoy a cup of coffee.
- Best place to jog to and get your weekly workout if you live on North Quad
- you live on North Quad.
 Best really tall chairs.

Greenfields, Hesburgh Center for Internatinal Studies

It's a place probably about 95 percent of the Notre Dame student body has never visited, but once again, it's not that bad. Greenfields Café is definitely a restaurant geared toward the breakfast and lunch crowds, and those crowds consist primarily of faculty and staff at Notre Dame.

The cafe, as one would expect, is very green. Green carpet, green aprons, green napkins, green chair cushions. With perhaps the largest dining area among campus cafés, the daily business forces Greenfield's to be accommo-

dating to its customers. Thus, one will notice an abundance of tables and chairs. But when it's not too busy, that provides for an intimacy that is unseen at other campus restaurants.

With an established menu of typical American foods — sandwiches, salads, soups — the café deserves visitations by anyone who wants to make the long walk to the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Awards:

- Best use of space.Best use of the color
- green.
- Best place to watch your professor eat lunch.
- Best place you've probably never heard of.

Reckers

What can be said about Reckers, the campus hotspot infamous for late night social deviancy?

For many people, Reckers is a destination they zero in on when escaping the sometimes undying pleasures of the dining hall. The restaurant boasts the famous "Reckers burger" — which was famous even when the restaurant was born a year and a half ago — pizzas roasted over an intense flame and

smoothies people buy even in the harsh cold of January.

In addition to the original dining fare mentioned, Reckers also specializes in perhaps the greatest capitalist ploy ever, Starbucks coffee.

Not that \$4 cups of coffee are bad things. In fact, the presence of Starbucks (along with Burger King) marks Notre Dame's introduction of American corporate culture to its students. And because economics is not a requisite for all students, Starbucks serves a fine lesson in money management.

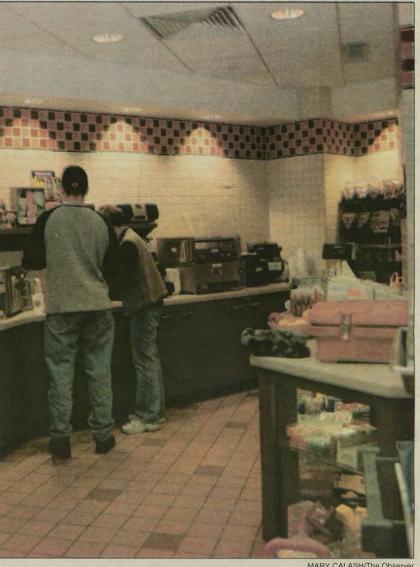
But for all the shadiness surrounding its immediate popularity throughout campus, Reckers does indeed have a hip atmosphere even at its least busy times. Where else can someone watch television for an afternoon, surf the Internet, play some video games, eat a bunch of junk food, study, read the newspaper, listen to music, sleep and talk to friends?

Only one answer really fit this description accurately: home. OK, so maybe there are two answers: home and Reckers. Because really, Reckers is just like home, and home is where everyone really wants to be. Home is where everyone knows your name. No, that's Cheers. But that's

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Though many campus restaurants are visited primarily by faculty and staff, they offer variety for students used to the sometimes unvaried nature of the dining halls. The Huddle (top left), Café Poche (bottom left) and Commonstock Sandwich Co. (above) provide alternatives in all things digestible.

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small eateries throughout campus. Scene reviews and rewards them.

not a bad comparison.

Awards:

 Best place that seems to be only for South Quad resi-

 Best backside of a wellknown campus building. · Worst use of the color

Best place for those with

attention deficit disorder. Best place for average customer service.

Worst use of space.

Best use of randomness.

Irish Café, Law School

There is one award that characterizes this café: Most uncomfortable place for an undergraduate student.

Other awards:

· Least original name.

Common Stock Sandwich

Co., College of Business

What's smaller than a breadbox, and sells hot dogs to business students? That's right. It's the Common Stock Sandwich Co. at the College of Business. Less organized than the Huddle Mart, the tiny room in the lower level of COB(A) seems to be intended for buying typical vending machine

And since only a select few actually make it to that other pointy building by the stadium, it doesn't really need to be more than it is

Awards:

Coolest name.

grab 'n' go.

· Biggest letdown.

· Restaurant that most resembles a dorm room in

· Restaurant that doesn't deserve to be called a restau-

· Best definition of a campus 7-11, only without the gasoline and beer.

Waddick's, O'Shaughnessy

Among arts and letters students, Waddick's is a familiar sight. Located on the first floor of the beautifully crafted O'Shaughnessy Hall, the small café is best experienced during a class period, when a 15-person line isn't stretching out the door. With a coffee menu supported by daily specials, Waddick's looks to be the most established in the campus family of cafes.

It is also the most intimate eatery on campus. With six round tables tightly woven

through the floorplan, three elevated booths and a long bar facing the halls of O'Shag, it provides the greatest opportunity for sophisticated, yet, relevant conversation. Such is the hardcore nature of arts and letters restaurants.

As for the actual food served, haps, much of the food comes from the dining halls. But forget that thought out of respect for those who work at Waddick's. Besides, all of these restaurants fall under the umbrella of Notre Dame food services.

Awards:

 Best place to eavesdrop on others' conversations.

· Best place to have people looking at you like you're a lab rat.

· Best place to feel really dumb if you don't know who Nietzsche is or what he's about.

· Place most likely to be a location for office hours.

Most traditional café.

The Huddle, LaFortune

Where else can you eat, then get a haircut? Such is mall-like experience of visiting the Huddle at LaFortune student center.

A few years ago, the Huddle was simply crap. The Huddle Mart was small, with little more than cough syrup, Cocaand quarterdogs. cola Tomassito's was there, but Burger King was not.

Today, LaFortune is not crap. It's not the sweet loveliness of, skies, but it's not crap.

Burger King, the other Flexpoint hot spot (second to Reckers), has added credibility to a once fully independently run campus. Hopefully, there will soon be a McDonald's on the top floor of Flanner, an Arby's on the second floor of Hesburgh Library and a Papa John's at Main Building.

Thank you, Huddle, for giving everyone high cholesteral and a reason to walk five minutes through the freezing cold of

Awards:

· Best place to pretend you are studying.

· Best place to get high on sugar.

· Best place to spend Flex points.

Café de Grasta, Grace Hall

With a service area large enough to battle all campus restaurants, the Café de Grasta

seems almost like a dining hall in its size. But understand this: it is not a dining hall. Having been open for only a week or so, the café provides a much needed restaurant on the north side of campus. So for all those North Quadders who feel left out with the abundance of Best impersonation of one may think, sometimes, per-say, 75 degrees and sunny restaurants on the south side of campus, there is relief, final-

Awards:

• Strangest name.

· Most unknown campus restaurant.

Café Poche, Bond Hall

Probably one of those other places mostly everyone at Notre Dame has never visited, Café Poche at Bond Hall indeed is a lost treasure among campus eateries. Boasting daily specials like other cafes, the small restaurant hawks salads and sandwiches as well.

And despite the lack of a large eating area, a visit to Café Poche can be a bright spot on anyone's day.

Awards:

• Best customer service.

· Most enthusiastic lady at the counter.

Most Italian eatery.

Coolest building.

Irish

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And that's something the No. 5 Irish squad is not used to.

"We're not nervous about the game," said Siemon. "We're really excited to see how we measure up and how far we've come and how far we need to go,"

Both squads are averaging scores in the 70s — the Irish have tallied an average of 77.2 points per game, just four more points than the Eagle offense.

The two teams have both have held their opponents to just 60.2 points a game — making a blowout by either team on Saturday unlikely.

I think it's a game that is going to go right down to the very end," said Siemon. "We're expecting a good game."

Despite the close matchup, the Irish squad is on a roll and is becoming more formidable with each notch they put in the win column.

With 14 straight wins, the Irish could tie a school record for most consecutive wins with a victory over the Eagles and bolster their 18-2 record.

The Irish squad is also clinging fast to a 17-game home-winning streak — the longest in the program's history.

But Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw will need top performances from her entire squad in order to keep the streaks alive.

Center Ruth Riley has led the Irish under the basket all season. Riley, the top scorer and rebounder on the

Irish squad, has dominated her opponents in the paint.

The junior All-American candidate hasn't done it alone.

She has had some help off the bench from freshman Amanda Barksdale. The 6-foot-3 reserve center registered her best career performances in the last two games and has come alive on defense with 30 blocks on the season.

Siemon has also played a big role for the Irish off the bench. She played her best basketball of the season in Notre Dame's 90-60 routing of Providence Tuesday with a career-high 23 points.

"[Tuesday] was a good opportunity for a lot of players to get some good playing time," said Siemon. "We got into some foul trouble at the post so I got to play a couple extra minutes and I capitalized on the opportunity."

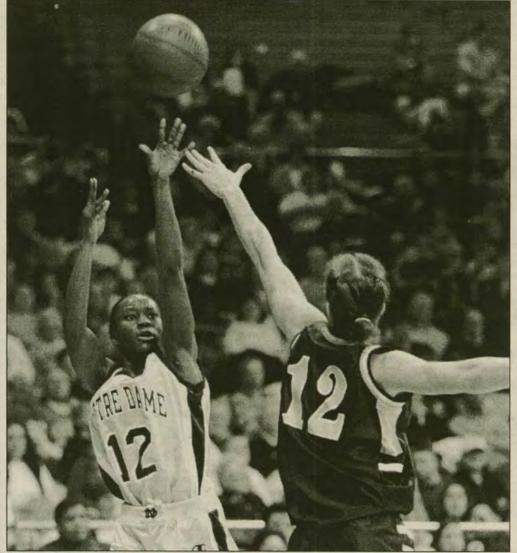
The trio of Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay in the Irish back court has kept opponents' defenses scrambling.

Notre Dame's strength in the paint coupled with a sharp-shooting group of guards will keep the Eagles on their toes.

Eagle guard Cal Bouchard leads the Boston College offense, averaging 16 points a game. Three other Eagle starters are averaging in double-digits.

The notion of home court advantage rings true in Notre Dame's series with Boston College.

The two teams met twice last season and split victories with each squad winning on its own turf and that's precisely the way the Irish are looking to keep it this year with a win Saturday.



JOB TURNER/The Observe

Guard Danielle Green shoots the ball over a Georgetown defender. Green had 16 points in Notre Dame's win over Providence Tuesday.

Track

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Head track and field coach Joe Piane is aiming for improvement among athletes with a shot at qualifying for the NCAAs or scoring points in the Big East meet.

On the women's side, the best chances for scoring lie in Liz Grow in the 400-meter run, All-American Alison Klemmer in the 5,000-meter run, long jumper Tameisha King and All-American high jumper Jennifer Engelhardt.

"There's going to be some good competition for my race," Klemmer said, "So I'll just try to run with them and hopefully come through in a time that's close to qualifying for nationals."
For the men, Piane is focusing

on 800-meter runner Mishka, miler Watson, 400-meter runner Chris Cochran, thrower Thompson, pole vaulters Nathan Cahill and Josh Heckand distance medley relay team of Mishka, Cochran, Tim Kober and Watson.

"There are going to be at least one or two All-Americans in the race," Watson said. "It's going to be a great opportunity for me to see what I can do. I'm going to put it all on the line and hopefully surprise myself."

This will be the first major meet of the season for the Irish, who are using the Meyo Invite as a tune-up for the Big East championships in two weeks.

NBA

Malone may sit out All-Star game

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

If Karl Malone is serious about sitting out the All-Star game, he didn't let on Thursday as he made a hasty exit from the Delta Center after Utah's morning shootaround.

He referred all questions to a higher authority.

"Call up God. Why don't you ask God?" Malone said while striding toward the parking lot.

Malone reportedly is threatening to sit out the All-Star game, citing a recurring back injury. He strained his back during training camp, then hurt it again Tuesday against Seattle. Another consideration is a tendon on the middle finger of his shooting hand, which he reinjured last week at Portland. In recent seasons, Malone has played with the finger in a splint.

"I think the rest would do him good," said Jazz trainer Mike Shimensky.

Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said his client plans to play Utah's four remaining games before the All-Star break, starting Thursday against Milwaukee, but miss the Feb. 13 All-Star game in Oakland, Calif.

"He wants to take time off to heal his body during the All-Star break," Manley said by telephone from his Los Angeles office.

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NBA

Ewing provides spark for Knicks 98-88 win

Associated Press

NEW YORK Patrick Ewing showed the Portland Trail Blazers and his critics that his career in New

York is not quite done yet.

Ewing, the subject of criticism and trade rumors this week, energized the Knicks by matching his season-high with 20 points as New York cooled off the streaking Trail Blazers 98-88 Thursday night.

Ewing, benched for the final 17 minutes in Tuesday night's loss to Orlando, woke up Wednesday to a story in the newspaper that said the Knicks discussed a trade with the Wizards that would have sent him to Washington.

Ewing helped the Knicks take control in the third quarter with seven points, four rebounds and two blocks. After Bonzi Wells nearly brought Portland back in the fourth quarter, Ewing reentered the game and helped end the Blazers' six-game winning streak

Ewing hit a high-arcing jumper over Rasheed Wallace to give New York an 85-77 lead with 4:55 to play. After Wells scored. Ewing hit a baseline jumper and set up Marcus Camby underneath. Camby was fouled by Wallace and hit two free throws.

Ewing then hit a spin move in the lane to make it 91-79, the Knicks' biggest lead of the

Allan Houston led New York with 22 points, Latrell Sprewell had 14, Camby 13 and Charlie Ward 12. Ewing added nine rebounds and three blocks in 36 minutes.

Wells scored all 18 of his points in the fourth quarter, including Portland's first 15 of the period. Steve Smith 18 and Damon Stoudamire added 16.

Wallace got ejected with 1:08 left and threw his wristband at referee Joey Crawford. It was Wallace's third ejection of the season.

Scottie Pippen, playing his first game against the Knicks out of a Bulls uniform, was booed throughout the game by the New York crowd Pippen finished with 11

The Knicks broke open a tight game in the third quarter, frustrating the Blazers with their aggressiveness,

drawing fouls and grabbing offensive rebounds. New York used an 8-0 run to break a 56-56 tie and led 73-64 after three.

The Knicks, coming off their worst home loss of the year, came out firing, hitting five 3-pointers in a highscoring first quarter. Portland led 29-28 before two of the stingiest defensive teams tightened up in the second quarter.

New York, playing without backup point guard Chris Childs, went to the big backcourt of Sprewell and Houston and scored one basket in 11 possessions. But Portland also struggled from the field, hitting 6-of-22 shots in the quarter and the Trail Blazers led 46-45 at halftime.

Dallas 106, Charlotte 96

Michael Finley scored 32 points, including seven in a row to open the fourth quarter, and the Dallas Mavericks went on for a victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Erick Strickland added a season-high 23 points as the Mavericks closed out a 4-1 homestand with their eighth victory in their last 11 games.

Finley, pointing toward his first All-Star berth, has scored 30 points or more 10 times this season. He added nine rebounds and four assists

Before the game, Mavericks owner-to-be Mark Cuban announced a one-year agreement with forward Dennis Rodman. The Dallas native is expected to make his Mavericks debut Feb. 9 against Seattle at Reunion

Eddie Jones' 21 points and Derrick Coleman's 19 paced the Hornets, who had won six of their previous eight.

Dallas took an 81-75 lead into the final quarter with the help of Finley's layup with 0.2 seconds left in the third quar-

Then Finley scored seven unanswered points to open the fourth quarter, capped by a 3-pointer with 10:22 left for an 88-75 lead.

The Mavericks went on to lead by as many as 19 points after converting their first nine field goal attempts of the fourth quarter, not missing until Strickland's failed 20footer with 4:41 to play.

Dallas led 57-50 at halftime behind Strickland's 15 points.

San Antonio 112,

Toronto 95

Tim Duncan had 32 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists and the San Antonio Spurs held Vince Carter to a dunk-free night in a victory.

With the memory of Carter scoring 39 against them less than a month old, Duncan called it "another revenge game for us" during the team's morning shootaround

That mindset showed as San Antonio double-teamed Carter nearly every time he touched the ball and held him to 19 points, five below his average. After shooting 4-for-6 in the first quarter, Carter missed 10 of his next 12

Duncan shot 11-for-21 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line, doing almost all his damage in the second and third quarters when San Antonio took control with runs of 10-0 and 20-2.

Duncan, who reached 30 points for the 12th time this season, left the game for good with 5:24 remaining and the Spurs ahead by 18

Avery Johnson added 19 points, Malik Rose had 15 and Terry Porter 13 for the Spurs, who were without David Robinson (bruised

Tracy McGrady had 21 to lead Toronto, which had its four-game winning streak snapped

Toronto made its first seven shots, and when Doug Christie finally missed one Dell Curry grabbed the offensive rebound and turned it into a 3-pointer for an 18-8 lead. The Raptors were ahead 34-27 after the first quarter, but San Antonio started to take charge midway through the second and used a 10-0 run to go ahead

A lay-up by Duncan with 2:17 left in the first half gave the Spurs the lead for good.

It was 56-51 at halftime as Duncan had 16 points and nine rebounds and Johnson scored 11, and the Spurs quickly opened a double-digit lead in the third quarter as their 20-2 run fueled by six points from Johnson turned the game into a rout.

Milwaukee 102, Utah 99

Glenn Robinson's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave the Milwaukee Bucks a victory over Utah, giving the Jazz a five-game losing streak for the first time in almost six

With the score tied 99-99, Robinson took an in-bounds pass from Vinny Del Negro and stepped back and sank the shot over the outstretched arm of Adam Keefe.

Robinson was 4-for-4 on 3pointers

Ray Allen, who scored a season-high 36 points for Milwaukee, made 5-of-7 3-

Allen and hit three free throws in the final minute to help the Bucks win for the first time in eight games at

the Delta Center.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 28 points. John Stockton added 18, Bryon Russell 14 and Jeff Hornacek 12

There were 23 lead changes and 18 ties. Every time the Jazz charged, Allen answered. Allen sank 3-of-4 free throws in the final minute to give the Bucks a 99-97 advantage.

Stockton answered with a driving lay-up with 2.6 seconds remaining to tie it 99-

Robinson, selected to join Allen as an East All-Star reserve, hit a long jumper with 1:00 remaining to give the Bucks a 96-95 lead. Karl Malone answered with two free throws to reclaim the advantage for Utah.

The Jazz haven't lost five consecutive games since March 1994, a stretch of 435

Malone put Utah ahead 79-77 with 9:57 remaining with an 18-foot jumper from the right side. The Bucks are accustomed to Malone's big games, having seen him score a season-high 40 points on Nov. 20 at Milwaukee.

Houston 109,

Philadelphia 106

On the night the Rockets retired Clyde Drexler's No. 22 jersey, Shandon Anderson scored a career-high 32 points as Houston beat the Philadelphia 76ers.

Allen Iverson scored 40 points for the Sixers. But Anderson had nine during a 15-0 run that began late in the third quarter and sent Houston to its third straight

Drexler, who won an NBA championship ring while with the Rockets, now is a college coach at Houston.

His number was retired during a 36-minute halftime ceremony that included his college teammate, Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon, along with Julius Erving, Jack Ramsey, Buck Williams and Kiki Vandeweghe.

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Clippers fire Ford after two years

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Chris Ford was fired as coach of the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday, following humiliating losses to Golden State and Phoenix by a combined 77

Ford was in the second year of a three-year contract with the Clippers, who are 11-34 including 16 losses in the last 18 games.

Ford, 51, was replaced by assistant Jim Todd, whose first game as interim coach is Saturday night against

"Chris is a good person and his efforts should be acknowledged," said Elgin Baylor, the team's vice president of basketball operations. "But it has simply reached the point where the gap between the actual results and where we think we should be based on our talent level - is just too

"I just think it was time to make a change. We thought we'd be a lot better record-wise than we are now. It's always tough when you lose, it's tough when you have to dismiss someone. He was OK with it, handled it very professionally.

Ford was hired in January 1999 shortly before the start of the lockoutshortened 1998-99 season. The team went 9-41, but had high hopes before this season based on a nucleus of several talented young players led by Lamar Odom, the fourth pick in last summer's draft.

But things haven't worked out.

'This is pretty bad," Ford said after 114-68 loss at Phoenix on Wednesday night. "Feeling sorry for yourself doesn't help. If you have to get mad, you should take it out on the opposition.

Starting point guard Eric Murdock called the defeat "embarrassing," and a night earlier, following a 107-76 loss to Golden State at home, several players said the team was "unprepared.

Todd, 47, coached the Clippers to two victories in as many games in December when Ford was unable to coach because of back spasms.

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MLB

Griffey skeptical about staying in Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Ken Griffey Jr. thinks he's a hated man in Seattle

As a result, he doesn't think it would be in his best interests to play his final season

"The front office, the fans and the media, everybody's ripped me," he was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions Seattle Intelligencer. "Think I can come back?"

Griffey wants to be traded from the Mariners to Cincinnati and won't sign a contract extension in Seattle. He is eligible for free agency after the season.

Griffey said general manager Pat Gillick, team president Chuck Armstrong and vice president Lee Pelekoudas have requested meetings with him.

'Everybody wants to come see me and see what's in my head," he told the paper Wednesday after a practice round Wednesday at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-

Griffey refused to discuss the possibility of his being traded to Cincinnati, where his father

Although Gillick and new chief executive officer Howard Lincoln have spent the winter rebuilding the Mariners' ros-

ter, Griffey was critical of Gillick for releasing third baseman Russ Davis and pitcher Brett Hinchliffe rather than trading them.

For much of his Mariners career, Griffey has stated the only thing that mattered to him was getting a World Series championship ring. His father, Ken Griffey Sr., has three of them.

After the season, Griffey told team officials that he wanted to be traded to a team closer to his home in Florida. The Reds hold spring training in Florida, while the Mariners train in Arizona.

Spring training for the Mariners gets under way in Peoria, Ariz., Feb. 17

'Everybody's mad at me because I want to be near my family," he said. "I want to give my son something my father never gave me.'

Griffey, 30, is scheduled to earn \$8.25 million this season, which would be his 12th in Seattle. In his 11 seasons with the Mariners, he has 398 home runs, including 48 last season after consecutive seasons with 56 each.

Since Gillick replaced the retired Woody Woodward after last season, the Mariners have added starting pitcher Aaron Sele, relievers Kazuhiro Sasaki and Arthur Rhodes and first baseman John Olerud as

NCAA FOOTBALL

Manning jailed for public drunkeness

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss.

Mississippi freshman quarterback Eli Manning was jailed briefly after his arrest last weekend for public drunkenness.

Manning, 19, is the son of former Ole Miss and New Orleans Saints star Archie Manning and the brother of Peyton Manning, quarterback for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

Also charged were Justin Wade, a redshirt freshman linebacker from Jackson, according to justice court records

The charges were filed after campus police were called to a fraternity party late Saturday night. Records show Manning also was charged with disorderly conduct, while Wade, 19, faced

an additional charge of possession of liquor by a minor

Campus police declined to discuss the charges, and a spokesman for the Oxford Police Department said his agency was not involved.

Manning, contacted Thursday by telephone in Oxford, said he had no comment and Wade could not be reached.

"Apparently two of our players, Eli Manning and Justin Wade, have used poor judgment at a party over the weekend," Ole Miss football coach David Cutcliffe said in a statement.

"Although I do not condone their behavior in any way, I know these young men regret their actions and we will take steps to ensure they have learned from their mistakes, Cutcliffe said.

NBA

Gatling, Abdul-Wahad please Nuggets

Associated Press

DENVER

Chris Gatling's cross-country flight ended with a limousine ride and a Shaq-sized headache that required sever-

Tariq Abdul-Wahad, traded with Gatling from Orlando to Denver on Tuesday, couldn't claim to be much more energetic, having stepped off an airplane within six hours of Wednesday night's game between the Nuggets and Milwaukee Bucks.

The basketball bug got the best of both players as they combined for 16 points for their new team and left a refreshing impression on Denver fans and media.

Think about the people that clean your towels, that clean your jocks," Abdul-Wahad said Thursday of his decision to play against the Bucks. "Think about the people that serve popcorn, serve the Coke.

Think about the people that went to work all day and are

trying to get a little entertainment. Think about the kid that gets to see his first NBA game. Come on. What are you going do? Are you going say, "I've got jet lag in my legs." That's disrespectful to them.'

Though their playing time was limited, Gatling and Abdul-Wahad provided defensive depth and an intensity sometimes lacking in Ron Mercer, the laid-back, highscoring swingman Denver shipped to Orlando along with Chauncey Billups and Johnny

After the game, a 135-112 Denver victory, Nuggets coach Dan Issel thanked Gatling and Abdul-Wahad for their willingness to play, and the room filled with applause.

"I haven't seen too many people applaud for each other in the locker room before, Issel said. "I think the feeling was as good as we've had for a while. That was a complete victory last night, and these two kids had a lot to do with

Gatling, who gives Denver an

inside scoring threat, is no stranger to impressing new friends. Denver is his seventh team in nine seasons, and he estimates he has had nearly 100 teammates

"That's a lot of teammates," he said. "Every city I go to, I've got some friends, so when I go to Golden State [Friday night], I know somebody. When I go to Minnesota, I know somebody. Everywhere I go, I know someone. That's good. That just shows maturity and veteran-ship.

Despite being at ease with his NBA travels, Gatling would like to find a permanent home during the offseason and does not rule out returning to the Nuggets, who are in the midst of a revival after threatening the league record for futility just two seasons ago.

"Any situation is what you make of the situation," Gatling said. "If you make like it's going to be in purgatory, then that's what it's going to be. If you make the situation great and good and terrific, that's

what it's going to be.



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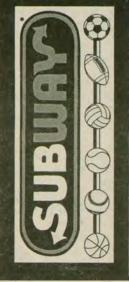
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HOCKEY

ND takes on CCHA rival OSU

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team faces Ohio State (4-12-2 in the CCHA) this weekend with an opportunity to move up in CCHA standings.

After climbing in recent weeks with impressive wins over Western Michigan and Alaska-Fairbanks, the Irish find themselves in sole possession of fifth place, four points out of third place.

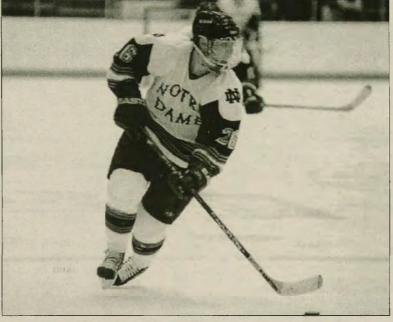
The Irish are trying to secure a crucial top-three spot in the playoffs, which would allow them to avoid a 4-5 match-up for the last semi-finalist place. Ohio State comes into the series winners of seven of the last 10 match-ups against Notre Dame.

The Buckeyes are also fighting for the final playoff spot, trailing Bowling Green by four points. Every game for the remainder of the season is crucial to the two teams.

Despite Notre Dame's 0-4 start in the CCHA, they have been on a roll. Recently they have gone 8-3-5 to climb into their current fifth position.

Notre Dame has also seen several key players step to the front during the stretch run. David Inman has scored a team-leading 11 goals and Dan Carlson has added 10 goals of his own. Of Carlson's 10 goals, three have been recorded as game-winners. Carlson also shares the team lead in points with senior Joe Dusbabek. The pair have 20 points apiece, which places them in a tie for 19th in the CCHA.

Offense has not been the Irish



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Left wing Dan Carlson and the Irish travel to Ohio this weekend to take on the Buckeyes. The Irish are in fifth place in the CCHA.

strength, however. The defense and play of goaltender Tony Zasowski has been reliable for the team all season. Furthermore, the Irish are the CCHA's least penalized team, making it easier for the defense to shut down their opponents. The defense has been so impressive in recent weeks that they were able to stop Western Michigan's high-powered powerplay team. Not only did they stop the Broncos, but limited them to only one shot on goal in the last period

The defense has added some scoring from Tyson Fraser and Evan Nielsen in addition to stopping their opponents. The two have nine points, helping the Irish offensive cause.

One of the biggest contributors for the Irish has been freshman Tony Zasowski. The goaltender ranks 6th overall in the CCHA with a 2.35 GAA.

Notre Dame will look to keep a strong combination of offense and defense in their remaining eight CCHA games to move in on Michigan State and Lake Superior State. The Spartans have been struggling lately and will be Notre Dame's opponent in the first weekend of March.

The Irish will play in Ohio State's new Schottenstein Center for the first time ever tonight.

NBA

Rodman signs with Mavericks

Associated Press

DALLAS

The Dallas Mavericks wrapped up their courtship of Dennis Rodman on Thurs-day, signing the controversial power forward to a contract.

Rodman passed a physical earlier in the day, and the Mavericks issued a press release before Thursday night's game against Charlotte that said only, "Seven-time NBA champion Dennis Rodman has signed today with the Dallas Mavericks."

Team officials said Rodman planned to take a week off to get in shape — or maybe fly to Hawaii for the Pro Bowl.

Rodman will work with a personal trainer to get in playing shape. He's been out of the NBA since playing just

23 games last February and March for the Los Angeles Lakers.

While teammates go on the road to play the Los Angeles Clippers and Vancouver Grizzlies, Rodman could be headed even further west to Honolulu to hang out with his NFL chums.

Rodman's initial talks with the Mavericks broke off last week so he could go to Atlanta for some Super Bowl parties. He said from there that he wanted to delay his NBA return until after the Pro Bowl and NBA all-star game Feb. 13.

He returned to Dallas to continue talking with incoming Mavs owner Mark Cuban.

Rodman even moved into his prospective boss' 4,000-square-foot guest house. They talked more Wednesday as Rodman settled into his new digs.

Rodman will pay Cuban \$3,000 in rent, but not because the billionaire co-founder of broadcast.com needs the cash.

League rules force him to charge the going rate, which is why reserve Greg Buckner is paying \$15 a day to drive one of Cuban's cars.

For his new tenant, Cuban has promised no curfews or bed checks.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers plan to make splash against Bonaventure



JEFF HSU/The Observer

The men's swimming team takes on rival St. Bonaventure this weekend. The Irish are coming off a dual-meet win over Oakland University last week.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE Saint Mary's Editor

With a four-year history behind the Irish-St. Bonaventure men's swimming rivalry, it's safe to say that the men's swimming and diving team feels fairly confident that they've got the home court advantage.

After all, the home team has won the matchup each of the four years.

With their season dual meet record at 4-4 after a win over Oakland University last weekend, the Irish will face an eager St. Bonaventure team who is ready to break the home victory streak. Stepping up and defeating Oakland behind the record-setting performance of senior diver Herb Huesman, the Irish are set up to clinch two key meets at the conclusion of the season. But it won't be easy.

'St. Bonaventure is always a competitive team," said head coach Tim

Welsh. "This team has excellent racers, and they like the challenge of rac-

As in previous matchups, when it comes to the numbers, there is no clear winner. With an Irish distance squad led by Jonathan Pierce and Eliot Drury, Notre Dame could edge Bonaventure in the distance, but they're likely to respond in the sprint events, Welsh said.

'The races at this meet will be to our ultimate advantage," Welsh said. "Whatever happens at this meet is good news. Because we're balanced, as far as points, everyone counts the same.'

Heading into Big East championships in two weeks, this meet will serve as a critical checkpoint for the team, no matter what the outcome.

"We have to look carefully at these results, and see where we are, and what we have to tune up and polish," Welsh said.

MEN'S TENNIS

Sachire advances to Rolex Invitational second round

By RACHEL BIBER Sports Writer

Senior All-American Ryan Sachire didn't need the luck of

Solid play and intensity

landed him in the second round of the Rolex National Inter-collegiate Indoor Championships in Dallas



Sachire

with an upset over Arkansas' sixth-seeded Oskar Johans-

The 14th-ranked Sachire, making his fourth appearance at the Rolex National Intercollegiates, rallied for a 6-7 (7-2), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) win over eighth-ranked Johans-son to set up a second round battle with LSU's 13th-ranked Tom Hand on Friday.

Hand advanced with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over SMU's Dustin Mauck in the first

round of the three-day event.
"It was a tough match," Sachire said. "Both of us serve really well. It was one of those matches that was pretty intense and basically jeopar-

dized the whole match with one break of serve. We both played really well and kept our cool through the match.'

Sachire, the lone Irish representative in the event, did not flinch throughout the tight three-set match

In the nearly three-hour marathon match, he never surrendered a service game and faced just two break points.

Irish coach Bob Bayliss was impressed by Sachire's high level of play, and sees Sachire's four years of dedication and hard work paying off.

"I thought [Sachire] played extremely well. He has worked for four years to become more aggressive, Bayliss said. "He was able to assert himself and come to the net and that was the difference in the match."

For the first time in his four appearances of the collegiate grand slam event, Sachire succeeded in conquering his first round opponent.

His first two appearances were spoiled by first round defeats at the hands of UCLA's Kevin Kim in 1997 and Vince Allegre in 1998.

1999 proved to be more successful for Sachire, who won the consolation singles draw after dropping his first round match.

Sachire looks to improve on his two previous showings at the grand slam events of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association of this year.

The Irish captain reached the semifinals of the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Championships in September and lost in the second round of the ITA All-American Championships in October.

His first round upset, which improved his record to 15-5, leaves no doubt that Sachire is playing at a level that can take him to the top in the third leg of the grand slam events.

Rolex National Intercollegiates feature an exclusive field of 32 singles players, who qualify by way of ITA Regional Championships. The championships are held nationwide during the fall. The Rolex National Small College champions the winners of the first 1999-2000 ITA Grand Slam events and at-large and wild card selections made by the ITA National Committee.

With each appearance at the prestigious annual tournament, Sachire has shown his steady improvement and formidable game.

Heading into the round of 16

is unknown territory for him at this event, but the will and strength required to advance in the tournament is something this Irishman is known to possess

However, the second round matchup against LSU's Hand won't be easy

Hand, who played in last year's Wimbledon, possesses a dominant style of play that is going to force Sachire to take charge of the match.

"Tom Hand is an aggressive player," coach Bayliss said. "He is going to come at Ryan. I think he'll need to dictate play

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WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Kelly Zalinski and the Irish look to start the season out on strong footing with a powerful showing in the Rolex Invitational. The Irish are sending two doubles pairs to the meet.

ND sends two pairs to Rolex Invitational

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It could very well be "doubles trouble" for opponents of the Notre Dame women's tennis team this weekend.

For the first time ever, the Irish will send two doubles pairings to the prestigious Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Dallas. Notre Dame joins Florida and Stanford as the only schools to send more than one doubles pair.

The duo of junior All-American Michelle Dasso and standout sophomore Becky Varnum qualified by virtue of their doubles victory in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Region tennis finals, while the coupling of junior Kimberly Guy and freshman Katie Cunha received a bid thanks in part

to their ITA ranking of 15. It is the first time since 1996 that the Notre Dame women will be represented with a doubles pairing and, head coach Jay Louderback thinks both of his teams have a shot to make some noise.

"I think both of our pairings are strong," Louderback said. "Both have played well all year and now they are being rewarded for their efforts."

Though both pairings are expected to do well, they will rely on contrasting styles to achieve success. The Dasso-Varnum tandem plays a defensive game, relying on a strong return serve game and powerful groundstrokes. The Guy-Kunha play in the opposite fashion, counting heavily on an offensive style.

"Guy and Cunha are both great serve and volley players," Louderback noted. "They'll try to get after their opponents." Since the Rolex Indoors do not count in the official league standings, the Irish women will be presented with a great chance to gain some valuable experience without the pressure that comes with playing in their regular season Big East matches.

Louderback thinks this weekend's tournament will prove especially vital for the tandem of Guy and Cunha, the team's number two pairing.

"It's going to be great for them [Guy-Cunha]," Louderback said. "They'll get the chance to play against a lot of No. 1 doubles teams. Normally they play our opponents' number two [pairings], so this will be a nice opportunity for them to improve."

With both teams playing well, opponents this weekend could very well be in "doubles trouble," as the Irish will look to bring home a title.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish land three top recruits

Special to The Observer

High school seniors Amanda Guertin, Randi Scheller and Melissa Tan-credi have signed nation-

al letters ofintent t o attend Notre Dame, women's soccer



Waldrum

h e a d coach Randy Wal-drum an-nounced Thursday.

Guertin and Scheller have been part of the United States under-18 national team pool, while Tancredi has been a member of the Canadian under-18 national team.

Guertin, a native of Grapevine, Texas, played with the U.S. under-16 national team in 1997 and has been in pools for the under-17 and 18 national team pools.

The forward was named the female student-athlete of the year at Grapevine High School in 1998. She will joins fellow Texans Monica Gonzalez and Elizabeth Wagner on the Irish women's soccer team.

"Amanda has tremendous technical ability who should impact our team immediately with the loss of forwards Jenny Heft and Jenny

Streiffer," said Waldrum, the 1999 Big East coach of the year.

Scheller, a native of Kutztown, Pa., has been named to the Parade Magazine and National Soccer Coaches Association of America high school All-America lists. The midfielder at Kutztown High School has been in pools for the under-16 and 18 national teams.

"Randi has great tactical awareness and vision," said Waldrum. "She will add tremendous play-making qualities that will complement Anne Makinen in our midfield."

Tancredi, a native of Ancaster, Ontario, brings an overall athleticism to Notre Dame. In addition to her experience with the Canadian under-18 national team, Tancredi's club team won the under-19 Canadian national championship.

The forward at Cathedral High School was named both the track and field and volleyball MVP as she was the school's student athlete of the year in 1998.

"Melissa is a very gift-

Menssa is a very gitted athlete whose athletic dominance allows her to score numerous goals for her club and national teams," said Waldrum. "With her athletic and soccer abilities, she should have an impact on our program."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh set on revenge in rematch with Notre Dame

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Assistant Sports Editor

The last time the Irish men's basketball team played the Pittsburgh Panthers, Troy Murphy and co. delivered an 81-66 win in the Joyce

Sunday's challenge will be different, as the Panthers (9-9. 1-6 Big East) possess the home court advantage and a powerful source of motivation - revenge

"We played them at home, and beat them at home, freshman guard Matt Carroll said, "So I'm sure they're all fired up for us. I'm sure they're going to be ready to play, but I'm sure we're going to be ready to play."

Pittsburgh has only played two games since losing at Notre Dame (14-8, 5-3), leaving the loss to the Irish fresh in the minds of the Panthers.

After falling to Notre Dame, Pittsburgh did an about-face and defeated Villanova 79-70. It then headed down to Miami, ending just four points behind against a squad that humbled Notre Dame 63-49 in the Joyce Center.

Ricardo Greer, a 6-foot-5 forward, is capable of bouncing with the big boys down

He is the only player in the Big East besides Notre Dame star Murphy to rank among the top five in the Big East in both rebounding and scoring. Greer led the Pittsburgh offensive on Notre Dame Jan. 22 with 20 points and eight rebounds.

But the question may not be whether Greer can hold his own with Murphy.

A better query might be whose supporting cast will shine brighter on Sunday.

For the Panthers, forward Chris Seabrooks and guard Jarrett Lockhart both average in double digits.

Lockhart came through with 20 points for the Panthers in their first meeting with the

Freshman forward Donatas Zavackas, averaging 10.8 points per game in the conference, may be an unexpected force for the Irish to contend

He sat out the first contest with Notre Dame for undisclosed disciplinary reasons.

Since returning to play, he led Pittsburgh in points against Villanova, and in rebounds against Miami.

Notre Dame is led by 6-foot-10 All-American candidate Murphy, who averages 24 points and 11 rebounds per

Few teams have been able to find an answer for him this

In addition to Murphy, the Irish have a solid crew of starters and reserves who can

"I think we're playing really well right now," Murphy said. "We have a balanced attack. Last night we had a bunch of guys who scored in double digits. It's tough to stop a team like that when they have different guys who can go out there and score 25 points. Teams really have to be ready for them.

Freshman guard Matt Carroll and sophomore forward David Graves were high scorers in the win over West Virginia, with 17 points

Sophomore forward Harold Swanagan joined Graves and Murphy in high rebounding honors with nine boards each.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon ups the team's scoring with his six assists per game. Junior Martin Ingelsby, who helped heat up the Irish with two 3-pointers and three assists Wednesday, backs him

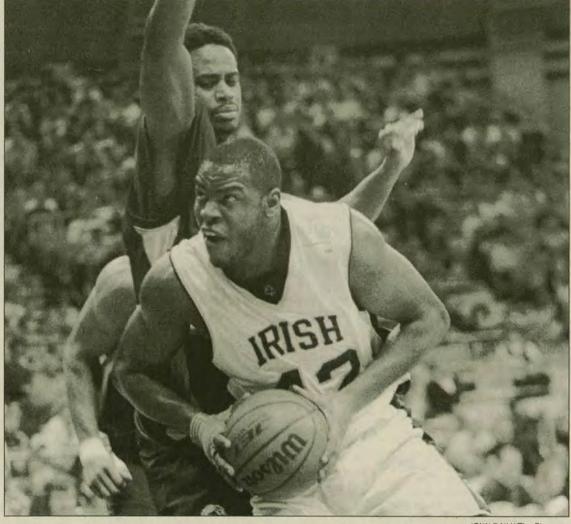
The Irish hit the road after four consecutive home games.

"It's really important for us to win on the road," Murphy said. "The way you move up in the standings is you beat people at their home arenas. The [NCAA] selection committee really looks for how you play in the month of February and how you play on the

Beneath the tutelage of dynamic first-year coach Matt Doherty, they are on a high after defeating then-No. 23 St. John's and middle-of-theroad West Virginia.

The two wins left the Irish just one game out of second place in the Big East and in the midst of the hunt for an invitation to March Madness.

These games could make or break our season," Carroll said. "If we can win these games on the road, we should be in good shape.



Harold Swanagan muscles past a Pitt defender in Notre Dame's 81-64 victory on Jan. 22. Swanagan had a team-high nine rebounds in the squad's last outing against West Virginia.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish look to soar over No. 18 Eagles

OBSERVER

By KERRY SMITH

Assistant Sports Editor

The road to the Big East championship will get a little rockier for the women's basketball team this weekend.

When the Irish play host Saturday to the Boston College Eagles, the first ranked team to come to the Joyce Center this season, the meeting will be the first in a series of uphill Irish battles before tournament time in March.

Blowing out their opponents by double digits in each of their conference tests this season, the Irish have advanced through their Big East schedule with ease, showing why they are the team to beat.

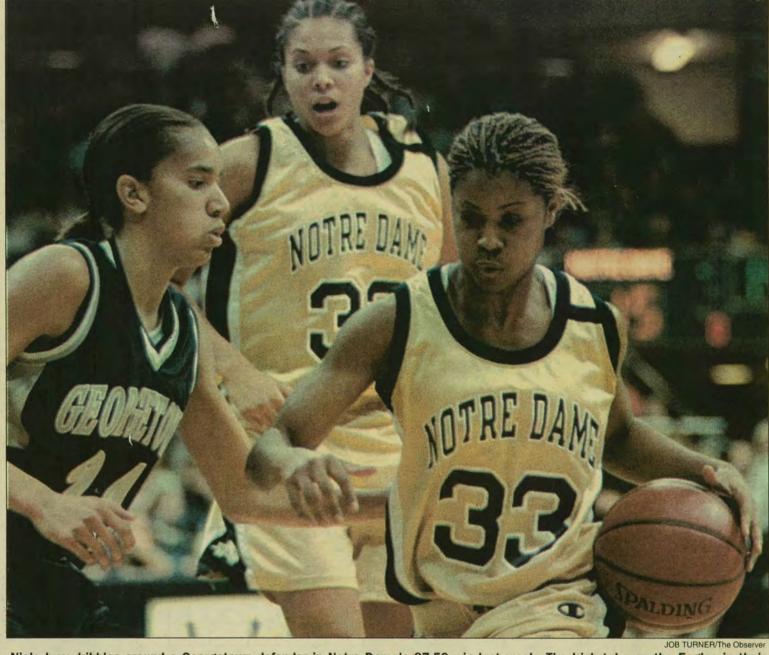
But all that could change as the Irish face a slew of tougher teams in the coming weeks. Top conference teams like Boston College, Rutgers and Connecticut are three of Notre Dame's final seven opponents.

"We're taking it one game at a time," said junior forward Kelley Siemon. "But this game does hold a little bit of leverage because it is our first game against a ranked opponent in a while and starts out a stretch of good opponents to end the regular season.'

Ranked 18th in the nation, Boston College has won 14 out of its last 15 games and poses the biggest threat so far to Notre Dame's undefeated conference record.

Come Saturday, the two squads that meet on the court at the Joyce Center will be much more evenly matched than Notre Dame would like.

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Niele Ivey dribbles around a Georgetown defender in Notre Dame's 87-56 win last week. The Irish take on the Eagles in their biggest conference test so far this season Saturday.

TRACK

ND prepares for tough competition at Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish are looking for a little Meyo magic. The 10th annual Meyo Invi-

tational brings in some of the most talented track and field athletes from the nation. often

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several Olympians. The Irish general-

ly draw a big boost from the home fans in matching up with the top-quality athletes.

The crowd is definitely going to help out," sophomore Luke Watson said.

Some of the world-class athletes competing include Olympian Natasha Kaiser-Brown in the 400-meter run, top hurdler Tonya Lawson in the 60 meter hurdles and NCAA 800-meter champion Brian Peterson of Missouri.

"I think it helps them knowing that the competition is going to be so tough," Notre Dame sprint coach John Millar said. "It's kind of like running at nationals; you

"I think it helps them to know that the competition is going to be tough. It's kind of like running at nationals: you have to rise to the level of the competition."

> John Millar Irish sprint coach

have to rise to the level of the competition.

The Irish face a fresh slate of teams this weekend.

The men go up against

Michigan, Missouri, Wake
Forest, Alabama, Miami
(Fla.), Tulane and Rice. The in a row. women will take Michigan, Missouri, Tulane, Wake Forest and Iowa.

Several Irish athletes have Meyo Invite titles to defend.

"I think mainly what we're trying to do is give people some opportunities to improve on their performance and maybe get some NCAA times," Millar said. "We're pretty much going to run one event and let them focus on one event.

Senior Phil Mishka is out to capture a second straight title in the 1,000-meter run and thrower Matt Thompson is also aiming to make it two

Two of the top athletes on the men's side will be missing

Marshaun West, an NCAA finalist long jumper and the 1999 200-meter champion at the Meyo Invite, will sit out the meet with an injury.

Junior distance runner Ryan Shay will also be gone due to an injury.

High jumper Jennifer Engelhardt and pole vaulter Natalie Hallett both won their events a year ago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMC elections try the polis

It is my opinion and the opinion of at least 51 percent of Saint Mary's College voters that Koelsh/Rodarte is the winner of the recent election. Although Renner/Nagle is qualified — as all four tickets were qualified — they were not the resounding choice of the campus. Had they been, three separate elections would not have been required to elect next year's President and Vice President of Saint Mary's.

If they [the other tickets] are declared winners, for whatever nonsense reason, I will not feel adequately represented in BOG. I will no longer have confidence in a school I have attended for nearly three years. The week-long election was stressful for all of the candidates — that I know first-hand. But a winner has been selected, and that winner deserves recognition.

The elections, though numerous, were handled in a fair and professional manner. The decision for a second run-off after the unprecedented first run-off tie was made with clear and thoughtful consideration of the welfare and desires of Saint Mary's women. It was a situation that all of the candidates seemed in agreement with — that is, until a winner was chosen.

It is my understanding that Renner is the Elections Commissioner of BOG, a title that was relinquished to Bridget Heffernan for this particular election, as Renner was a candidate. As someone who held this position for more than a semester, and who would be aware of all the intricacies of the process, it seems as though this complaint could have been lodged at a much earlier time. If there had been such a serious error in judgment and procedure, it should have been brought to Heffernan's attention prior to Sunday night — even Friday morning. Perhaps even before the Renner/Nagle ticket posted additions to their fliers, encouraging the student body to vote in Friday's election, to "Come Together One More Time." Unfortunately, losing does not justify a procedural appeal.

In addition, there is no reason whatsoever to take Monday's results into further consideration. In that election no ticket held the clear majority, and this necessitated a run-off. If we were to add that result to Wednesday's result, at least 20 percent of the original voters would be un-represented. Although 43 percent voted for Renner/Nagle and 37 percent voted for Koelsh/Rodarte, 20 percent of voters chose the other two tickets. And Wednesday's vote was a clear tie. There was no winner. A third vote was vital.

In any election, the winner must have a simple majority — 51 percent of the vote. Koelsh/Rodarte was the only ticket to do so, in any of the elections. Thus, there is no cause for discussion or rayiow.

I made a commitment to have my voice heard by voting on Friday, even if I did have to go all the way to the Noble Dining Hall to do so. Apparently, other Saint Mary's women did the very same thing, including off-campus students.

I sincerely hope that Georgeanna Rosenbush and the Elections Committee will not renege their resolution in light of current hustling by a losing ticket. If everyone is truly interested in doing what is "best for the student body," as Renner stated in yesterday's article, they will stand behind the decision of that student body.

Friday's decision should stand. Koelsh/Rodarte was the choice of the campus and the Observer Editorial Board. I look forward to experiencing the fruits of their leadership.

> Desirée Hollis Junior Le Mans Hall February 7, 2000



What time is it?

Could somebody please set that big clock over there on O'Shag? I don't wear a watch, so I haven't been getting to class on time much lately. I'd do it myself, but I don't really know how.

Andy Ankowski Senior, Off-Campus February 7, 2000

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John Cassella Denver, Colo. January 30, 2000

Students should omit 'sucks' cheer

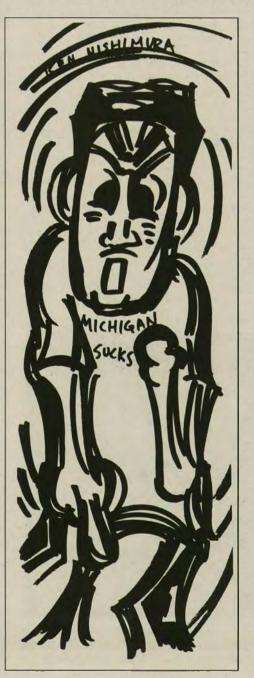
Congratulations on a fantastic turn-around season in men's basketball. I have been attending games since I graduated in '75 and am very excited about Matt Doherty and all that is happening to make basketball great at Notre Dame.

I have one grievance which I hope can be resolved by the student body, namely, the "sucks" cheer after each opponent's name is called. It occurred to me, after that great comeback game against West Virginia, how active the student body is in the community. Many support all kinds of community services and lead the way in the nation toward helping kids. Would any of the students want to cheer "sucks" if they were standing in front of one of the kids they help? Though I doubt they would want to look that raunchy individually, they seem to take on a different character as a group. It's not really all right if the whole student body is anonymously raunchy.

I watch the kids in the crowd who are very interested in what the student body is doing. As an alum, I am also very hopeful that the students will represent all the University is about with character. In fact, they did throughout the game. To the students, and whole crowd, do not resort to foul stuff very often.

I hope we can come up with a more resourceful cheer to accompany reading The Observer during the introductions.

Tim McBride Class of 1975 February 7, 2000



Please stop saying 'retard'

When I was growing up my father used to take my family on these trips to Notre Dame. I used to call it his glory time since he was kind of reliving the past. I also got the impression that Notre Dame was this wonderful place where nothing goes wrong.

Ever since I started going here, I found that it has its problems just like everywhere else does. However, there is one problem which gets under my skin. It is when I hear my fellow classmates use the word "retard" to describe how they feel or what they look like.

There are two reasons why this bugs me. First, I have an older brother who is a "retard," so I have grown up with people staring at him and making him fell out of place. Second, out of all the people in the world, they are the only ones who cannot defend themselves. I also know that most mentally disabled people know that it means something negative about them.

I know that nobody would call someone a "retard" who actually is mentally disabled. However, it is the idea behind the word that still exists. I just hope that people will be a little more thoughtful before they say "retard."

> Aaron Cook Junior, Zahm Hall February 7, 2000



CONCERT REVIEW

Chicago warmly welcomes The Samples

By LISA BRUNO Scene Music Critic

Astrong opening from the up-and-coming Boston band. The Pushstars, set the mood Friday night at the House of Blues in Chicago. The Pushstars have been touted as the "next big thing" and proved they were worthy of the title with a solid set.

As The Samples walked on stage and opened with an energizing version of "Little Silver Ring," complete with the seasonal lyrics, "it's snowing cold, why aren't you here for me to hold," it seemed difficult to comprehend why they haven't seen broader success. Perhaps it can be accredited to the difficult path they have traveled. The Samples have had a rocky career, almost as rocky as the mountains of their home base in Colorado, where they got their start in Boulder in 1987. Since that time, they have signed with three record labels, gone through a number of management. changes and, much to their fans' dismay, had a breakup scare with the parting of two original members.

Yet through all of this, The Samples have stuck together. It was apparent Friday night that the glue that binds them together is the amazing and seemingly infinite talent of the band's leader, Sean Kelly. Kelly's rare talent combined with a certain purity of the band's members sets The Samples apart from other bands. The word "filter" does not seem to appear in Kelly's vocabulary, as he lyrically holds nothing back. An ever-present sadness is heard in his voice, and patches of happiness can be seen in his lyrics. For example, in "Nothing Lasts For Long," Kelly uses words that evoke a pain understood by an audience of fans that affectionately

mouths each syllable in harmonious

Seeing The Samples at the House of Blues was a surreal dream come true for any longtime fan. They played some their most requested and rarely heard classics like "Information" and "Indiana," along with standbys like "When It's Raining" and "Close To The Fires.'

During the concert, fans speculated that they returned to classic favorites because bassist Andy Sheldon was injured two weeks prior and was not able to play. Facing the difficulty of being short one member. The Samples appeared to rise to the challenge by stepping it up a bit and appealing to the whims of adoring fans. With this infusion, the band displayed a confident cohesiveness as it jammed through almost two hours of music, causing one veteran Samples concert-goer to remark, "They responded to the challenge issued tonight!

To compensate for the lack of a bassist, the band also set up a game of checkers on stage. In what may be called as a symbolic move, the checkers game was placed where the bassist would have appeared, perhaps in a deliberate display of respect for his absence. A few lucky fans were permitted to bypass guards and climb onstage to play checkers an arm's length away from Kelly. This caused a short session of chaos in the middle of the show as fans desperately attempted to get on stage

One of the highlights of the show came when Kelly performed two acoustic songs. The first, "Feel Us Shakin'," is a staple Samples concert song that, in its entirety, says so much about Kelly: "I'd like to stay, but I couldn't stay with you. I have to go, but I have a lot I want to do." The second acoustic song is unreleased, titled



Even with bassist Andy Sheldon missing the show because of injury, lead singer and guitarist Sean Kelly led the band through a set of fan favorites and obscurities. The Samples plan to release new material in addition to a docu-

"Water Under The Bridge." This song was written in response to a Chicago house fire that killed one person and exemplifies pure Sean Kelly, as he draws parallels between the house fire and the untimely deaths of his

The absolute highlight of the show came with Kelly's announcement that The Samples will be releasing three albums and a documentary in April This is almost like sensory overload for Samples' fans as the band hasn't released an album since 1998's Here and Somewhere Else. After the concert, pushing through the brutal Chicago wind somehow didn't seem as difficult knowing that April, and more Samples material, is right around the

CONCERT REVIEW

Coe serves up a country music feast

By BRAD FARMER Scene Music Critic

 Γ he following is the recipe for a typical David Allan Coe concert. Combine 45 years of country music experience and classic hits in a concert hall. Add wild stories of prison, alcohol and women. Then gently sprinkle with the energetic band Black Oak

various bikers, tattoo artists, and outlaws. Finally, bake at 100 degrees under flashing lights. Serve immediately with a shot of whiskey.

David Allan Coe served this culinary delight on Feb. 3 at the 3rd Annual Old School Tattoo Convention in Indianapolis. The concert featured two opening acts — Captain Don Leslie and Arkansas. The opening acts helped rile the already-rowdy crowd for the emergence of the featured artist.

Finally, at 10 p.m., the "Mysterious Rhinestone Cowboy" took the stage to the cheers of his fans. Supported by a six-member back-up band, Coe flexed his tattooed musical muscles and helped transport his audience on a country music time machine. Wearing a black leather vest, blue jeans and cowboy boots, the 6-foot-3 Coe and his flowing gray beard towered over the audience as his massive hands engulfed his guitar.

After opening his concert with the Allman Brothers' classic "Melissa," Coe launched into a version of "Please Come to Boston." He then played one of his oldest songs, "Jack Daniel's If You Please," written in 1957.

Coe shared several stories with the audience that helped explain the lyrics of his songs. Before playing "If That Ain't Country," Coe described how Johnny Cash had helped him "get out of prison" during his youth in Ohio. "If it weren't for Johnny Cash," Coe said, "I wouldn't be here playing tonight!" Appropriately, Coe then constructed a musical collage of Cash's most famous songs, including "Folsom Prison

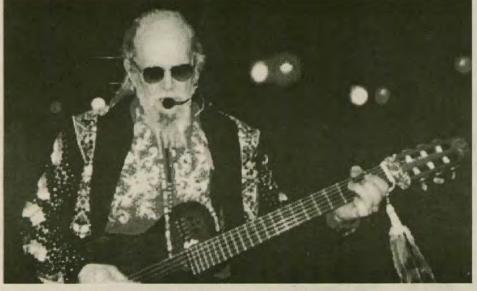
Coe also played some new songs from his latest album, Recommended for Airplay, including "Song for the Year 2000" and "A Harley Someday."

The crowd especially appreciated the latter song, pointing often to Harley-Davidson T-shirts, hats and bandanas while singing along with Coe. "Drink Canada Dry," a song that the organization MADD has attacked as inappropriate, also generated an enormous response from the crowd.

After Coe had played for a solid two hours, he said goodnight and left the stage. The rowdy crowd refused to disperse, though, and continuously chanted "D.A.C." To the cheers of the audience, Coe and his band reemerged and played his classic hits "Longhaired Redneck," "Tennessee Whiskey" and "You Never Even Called Me by My

Coe finished his final set with the haunting song "The Ride," which describes an imagined roadside encounter with the ghost of country legend Hank Williams. As the final notes of "The Ride" were played, the crowd showed its appreciation of Coe's music by giving him a thunderous round of applause

Although no one will mistake David Allan Coe for Martha Stewart, it was evident that Coe also had a flair for preparing his own distinctive cuisine. As the satisfied crowd left for the night with bellies full of redneck country music, it definitely looked as if fans had gained a few pounds.



Fans were treated to a smorgasbord of classic country music, wild stories of days gone by, tatoo artists and alcohol at the latest David Allan Coe concert.