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Committee favors Renner/Nagle after balked ballot

♦ Renner appeals Koelsch/Rodarte win after 'improper' election

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 Saint Mary's Editor

Crissie Renner's Sunday-night appeal of Friday's presidential vote nullified final election results and left the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious, according to reports from Renner and the Board of Governance Election Committee.

Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte originally secured victory in Friday's

election, carrying 51 percent of Saint Mary's ballots. Friday's vote, the third in the 2000 campaign, was authorized by Student Activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush after Wednesday's runoff ended in a tie.

After more than three hours of debate Sunday night, the Elections Committee tallied raw votes from Monday and Wednesday's elections.

The Renner/Nagle ticket, having secured 43 percent of the raw vote on

Monday, emerged ahead of Koelsch/Rodarte, with 46.5 percent of the total vote. Koelsch/Rodarte fell behind with 43.7 percent of the vote.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket could not be reached for comment early Monday morning.

Renner's appeal states that Rosenbush unduly relinquished responsibility for the election from the proper BOG committee.

"It is not within Georgeanna's dis-

cretion to make this decision, but rather, the Elections Committee," Renner said in the appeal. "Those present at ballot counting assumed that Georgeanna was familiar with election bylaws, yet the Elections Committee was not notified that it was their ultimate authority to make the final decision."

She went on to say that Friday's third vote should have allowed off-campus students to vote in the off-campus lounge as they had Monday and Wednesday. While they were allowed to vote in the dining hall, based on the precedence set in the



Renner



Koelsch

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Saint Mary's alumnae (left to right) Carol Rafferty, Jen Moore and Vivian Ostroski discuss their homosexuality as part of the College's Identity Week Friday.

CHRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Alumnae open up about homosexuality

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
 Saint Mary's Editor

As students, they were silent. As alumnae, they spoke.

Breaking the years without voices they experienced as students at Saint Mary's, four homosexual alumnae broke the silence and began to speak Friday at the culminating event of the College's Identity Week. Some spoke of silence, some spoke of pain; all spoke of what it meant to hide who they really were from a community that didn't always

understand.

Each woman brought a perspective from a different point in the College's history, from days of uniform-clad conformity to the '80s fads of Izod shirts and designer jeans. While some spoke of the futures they found for themselves, others depicted acceptance and change during their time on campus.

Carol

Carol Rafferty, Class of 1963, remembers her two years as a Saint Mary's student in colors that were as expressive as she was allowed

to be.

She recalls dull charcoal gray uniforms and white blouses, each woman sporting the required attire from the College, marching one by one down the tree-lined avenue during required physical fitness walks.

But above all, she remembers a gray silence.

"The atmosphere here was very quiet, very closeted," said Carol, who had known about her sexual identity before coming to campus. But discussing homosexuality was a far off notion at that point, buried in an environment that hardly mentioned heterosexu-

ality.

"It was spoken about in hushed tones among three or four people," she said. "People would whisper, 'Oh, did she do it?' but it was all very quiet. Lesbianism and homosexuality were not talked about — they simply did not exist."

Furthermore, there was a clear heterosexual standard inherent in the educational process. With most young women filtering in for elementary education or nursing degrees, while majors such as religious studies were still

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SafeRide undergoes revisions

By LAURA ROMPF
 Assistant News Editor

SafeRide, the transportation system driving students from off-campus locations back to Notre Dame, has undergone revisions after its termination at the end of last year and should be running again in the next few weeks.

Although Matt Mamak, student government chief of staff, noted that the program was successful when it began three years ago, it faltered with lack of volunteers. Responsibility for SafeRide seemed to be too much for someone already involved in many aspects of student government.

"As the program continued, it faced increased difficulty. The coordinator, who worked for student government, also had to find volunteers, make sure the vans were ready, have people to work the phones," Mamak said. "This was a big responsibility over the course of the semester."

"The program became inconsistent, so we decided to reevaluate and think about it again. We wanted to find a way to improve SafeRide," he added.

Mamak estimated that on peak nights, 60 to 70 calls were received. However, on off nights, only about 10 to 15 calls were received.

Other complications added to SafeRide's problems. It was expanded last year to three nights and incentives were offered to volunteers.

"Last year was the first night the program was expanded to three nights (Thursday,

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INSIDE COLUMN

I like tigers: big ones

So usually I walk by the old lady that sits low, hiding in the brush, waiting for the evil dark ones who seek to destroy Notre Dame by stealing a chair or table from the dining hall. Legend has it that the day they figure out how to get a table through that side door by Dillon that Catholicism itself will meet its doom.

These predators of truth and justice stand ever vigilant, watching and waiting, and then belting a hearty "Come back here!" every time I run out the side door. While running like mad, I realize that I left a quality newspaper, such as this one, on the table. I feel bad for a second, but then I realize "I just paid to eat there."

That lady can pick up my paper. Besides she's bored. You can tell by the way her shifty eyes move around.

Here's another thing that's been bothering me, these people that play in the snow. It's snow. It's cold. I hate it. Snow is God's way of making the wise suffer and the ignorant happy because they get to dance in the lovely snow all day.... stupid. Tubing is fun, or maybe pretending you're a fish and hopping into a pile using no hands. Other than that, if you're going to play in the snow, you might as well shovel it up. Then take it back to your room. Build a snow fort, play snow football, actually, just make a big pile and make sure you whap your rector upside the head with an iceball when he asks you what just what the heck you think you are doing. Remember, anybody that can't see the fun in snow has no sense of humor. Right?

Point in case: the credit card people. I hate these wonderful pillars of the community. I bet they breed under my basement stairs. That's where the monsters live. They call me and say "This is a courtesy call on behalf of blah blah blah....". Now most people hang up right now, and if you don't, you can smell the anticipation of the swindler waiting for the click, followed by the joyful noise of the dial tone. Of course, this only provides them a reason to call you again when you're not feeling quite as grouchy. Hence, I go into my routine. To stop getting these untimely calls, waste at least twenty to thirty minutes of their time. Start by asking simple questions, such as "What are these newfangled contraptions of which you speak, these credit cards?" Of course pull your worst medieval English accent and speak to them as if you're a beggar, real high pitched and whiny-like. I'm sure these people make more than minimum wage, and if they're going to waste my time, they're going to earn every penny of it. Then ask if they would be interested in trading a limb for some bread. At this point, you have instilled a nice, healthy sense of "My god, maybe this person shouldn't be automatically approved..." and then you're behind the wheel for a change. Always remember this one thing when dealing with these people. They eat shopping carts. Maybe they don't chew them, but trust me, they eat the whole thing.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Film: "Blade Runner," 7 p.m., Snite Museum	◆ Lecture: Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium	◆ International Film Festival: "Private Life," 7p.m., Montgomery Theater, LaFortune	◆ Blood Drive: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Rolfs Sports Rec Center
◆ Lecture: "History of Gospel Music," noon, Haggar Parlor, Saint Mary's College	◆ Film: "Baghdad Cafe," 7 p.m., Snite Museum	◆ Prayer service: Christian prayer and praise service, 9 p.m., Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Mary's	◆ Performance: "Grease," 7:30 p.m., Pasquerilla East Music Company, Washington Hall

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Grand jury indicts LSU student for stabbing of dean

BATON ROUGE, La. A grand jury indicted a Louisiana State University student Wednesday for attempted second degree murder in connection with the Jan. 24 stabbing of interim dean of students John Baker.

Marques Smith, a philosophy junior, was also formally charged with impersonating a peace officer and two counts of forgery, said prosecutor Aaron Brooks.

The forgery charges stem from Smith allegedly signing his professors' names on grade change sheets in December, and the other charges refer to him allegedly impersonating an FBI officer at Baker's house, Brooks said.

He said Smith allegedly changed the grades in two of his classes: Chemistry 1001 and French 1501.

Smith allegedly changed his "F"



in chemistry to an "A" and his "D" in French to a "B," Brooks said.

Smith, 20, is currently booked in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison, and bail is set at \$250,000.

The District Attorney's Office has set Smith's tentative trial date as July 17, Brooks said.

Smith could face a maximum of 50 years jail time or a minimum of 10 if he is found guilty of these charges, Brooks said.

Smith allegedly stabbed Baker at his 141 University Highlands Court home at about 7:10 a.m. on Jan. 24, after he was informed by letter that the University was investigating him on charges of grade tampering.

According to LSUPD, Baker was backing out of his driveway when a man approached his car, and after the man identified himself as an FBI agent, he told Baker to get out of the car.

Baker opened the door, and as he began to exit, the man stepped between the car and the door.

The man had a large kitchen knife, and he and Baker struggled over the knife.

During the struggle, Baker sustained wounds to his neck and around his ears, and Smith received a wound to his arm.

UNH blocks access to MP3 Web site

DURHAM, N.H.

University of New Hampshire Computing and Information Services (CIS) has blocked access to a popular MP3 music Web site, sparking questions and frustration among students who use the service. Early last week, Telecom found that UNH had excessive traffic related to MP3s and Napster.com, a site also under investigation for copyright violations. This was enough to persuade CIS to block access. "It's a work in progress, and we are operating with the information we have," said Peter Brym, director of client services at UNH. "UNH is simply responding to the fact that there is a cease and desist order, and I respect students for wondering what's happening." Napster is a popular worldwide distributor of MP3 (music) files, which allows its users to freely exchange files among its members. Users can search for music through a directory, which lists users who already have MP3s downloaded onto their computers. The legality of what the site distributes to its members is still under question, with a lawsuit pending against the site for violating copyright infringement, reportedly by Sony.

High housing costs concern Stanford

STANFORD, Calif.

The future of Stanford's prestigious pool of faculty could be in danger because of the escalating price of housing in the Silicon Valley, according to faculty and staff who are working on the issue. While the university has been concerned with housing for faculty and students since its inception in 1891, the housing problem, especially for faculty members, has become so acute that associate provost Jeff Wachtel said it "has become a crisis situation in the last two to three years." "Housing has always been an issue for incoming faculty here and also for the retention of faculty because this area is more expensive than other parts of the country. It used to be that we could neutralize housing as a factor by using special programs to help faculty members cover their housing costs," Wachtel said. These programs, which impact the purchase of homes both on and off campus, have included a housing allowance available for a fixed period of time, a down payment assistance loan and a mortgage assistance loan that is set at a low interest rate.

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Houston	72	44	Philadelphia	47	22	Wash DC	50	26	

Dyson to speak at lecture series

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Ordained Baptist minister, best selling author and scholar Michael Eric Dyson will speak at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Dyson will be the keynote speaker as part of Office of Multicultural Student Affairs continuing lecture and fine art series titled "Leadership in Diversity: Recognizing Our Role Models."

"I saw him at a conference a year and a half ago, and he is the most dynamic, articulate and motivational speaker I

have ever seen," said Kevin Huie, OMSA's assistant director. "I don't think many students know about him, and I know students will get a lot out of what he has to say."

Dyson has taught at Brown University and Columbia, and is currently a "first professor at DePaul," said Huie. "He grew up in inner city Detroit and had what can be considered an atypical experience getting to college."

The author of "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Lines" and "Between God and Gangsta Rap: Bearing Witness to Black Culture," Dyson will also hold a book signing.

Aquinas' journey similar to ours

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Father Thomas O'Meara brought Thomas Aquinas into the new millenium in his lecture "Real People and Real Presence: Thomas Aquinas on the Sacraments," held on Saturday as part of the day-long Third Annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium.

"The issue for us is to go on a journey," O'Meara said. "We go on this journey not by steps but by the actions of our lives. The sacraments mark special events on the journey [of life]."

O'Meara opened his lecture with remarks about journeys in life. Thomas Aquinas' journey through life is similar to our own, O'Meara said.

"In that journey to college is Aquinas' whole life," O'Meara said. "He leaves his whole family for the big city. He leaves a platonic way of life for science and a world of images for one of an Aristotelian era. He leaves the monastic world to join the Dominicans. All those journeys are taking place at the edge of a new era, the High Middle Ages. He walks into his destiny. He walks into those worlds and likes them. He was a person of enormous self-confidence at 17."

O'Meara related Aquinas'

work, the Summa theologiae, as describing a journey.

"The sacraments take place within the journey," O'Meara said. "They pertain to the human life cycle. Grace draws nature to its destiny."

The final journey that O'Meara discussed was the journey of ordinary human life, and how they relate to the sacraments and their particular order.

"The sacraments are for real persons. They are not for dead people," O'Meara said. "Sacraments contact people

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Father Thomas O'Meara
lecturer

through their senses and emotions. The reason we have sacraments is because we are animals endowed with sense and reason. The sacraments are going to reach our minds through the senses. The grace comes through the contact with the sense, although not all grace comes through the sacraments."

The primary focus of O'Meara's lecture on Aquinas was the sacrament of the Eucharist.

"It's unlike all the others,"

O'Meara said. "The divine in it is not fluid. In the Eucharist, the divine is present and stays there. Aquinas' reason for the real presence

[of Christ in the Eucharist] was that what is most characteristic of friendship is presence. Friends hang out with friends. God wants

to be with us because God wants to be our friend."

O'Meara then tackled the concept of the Eucharist and its accidental and divine components.

"The risen Christ is in the Eucharist," O'Meara said. "The substance was the underlying reality of the thing. All of the accidents remain. What we perceive still remains: the bread and the wine. Our faith sees something deeper," he continued. "Our faith says that the underlying reality is that of Christ."

With his final thoughts, O'Meara related Aquinas' concerns about the different views of the Eucharist. One theory, still prevalent today, is that the Eucharist is merely a symbol.

"This is heretical because it is contrary to the words of Christ," O'Meara said. "[Aquinas] prefers to call them signs, [because] the sacraments are not only symbols."

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SafeRide

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Friday, and Saturday]. Also in addition, dorms and clubs could sponsor a night and earn \$50," said Michael Palumbo, student body vice president.

"It was the first year there was incentive to work, the first two years the program depended completely on volunteers," Palumbo added.

All these complications persuaded student leaders to reevaluate the program.

"I was a skeptic at first, and wondered whether we really need the program because we did not receive phone calls complaining that the program didn't exist," Mamak said. "However, after sitting on the committee and talking to students, I saw a definite need for the program. From there we worked on improvements to make SafeRide successful again."

"At the beginning of this year we didn't feel many of the problems were resolved, so the Student Union on Transportation committee was formed," Palumbo said.

The committee — made up of senators, hall presidents, student government and treasury office members — compiled a report and presented it to Senate in November.

After reviewing the report, the Senate concluded that the service was still in demand, Palumbo said.

"A new plan was devised to address the problem that there was no central coordinator," he said. "The new proposal called for a coordinator who would be employed through the security office."

The coordinator would be paid \$7.10 an hour, the highest rate a student can earn, Palumbo said. Their responsibilities would include publicity, getting volunteers or employees, and also training these employees.

In addition to hiring an outside coordinator, the new plan cut SafeRide to two nights of operation.

CROWD PLEASERS



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer
The 24th annual Keenan Revue cast entertained audiences this weekend at O'Laughlin Auditorium with musicians, comedians and magicians.

Elections

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previous two votes, "it is obvious that this election was improperly conducted."

Renner stressed early Monday morning that established regulations were not followed in this case.

"Bottom line, my main concern was that the Elections Committee was not given the jurisdiction to make that decision Wednesday night," Renner said early Monday morning. "This was not a personal attack on Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte. It was a faulty election on Friday and I was very concerned about that."

Results may not remain final, however.

According to Board of Governance bylaws, parties have 48 hours after the final vote to appeal results before they become final. The latest decision will become official shortly after midnight Tuesday.


"We realize this is an emotional strain for everyone involved," said Allison Wade, an Elections Committee spokesperson. "As the Elections Committee, we represent the student body and think this was the best decision. We're sticking to it."

Renner said she, Michelle Nagle, Koelsch and Rodarte will meet this morning to discuss possible combination of their tickets in positions of president and vice president.

"Right now we are under discussion about what would be best for the student body," Renner said.

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
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Prostitutes paid to quit

ABUJA, Nigeria

A state that recently enacted Islamic law is offering to pay \$250 to every prostitute willing to give up her trade and get married. The payments, which have so far been accepted by 27 ex-prostitutes, are designed to help the women set up small businesses, said Karima Ahmed Sani, the wife of Zamfara state governor Ahmed Sani, who was elected on a campaign to enact Sharia, or Islamic law. Nigerian newspapers have reported that dozens of prostitutes have already fled the state, fearing prosecution. Sani said the northern state was also trying to improve education for girls, many of whom are not sent to school by their families. Although Sani signed two bills on Jan. 27 making Zamfara the first Nigerian state to adopt Sharia, some of its aspects were adopted months ago. Women-only taxis have been operating in Zamfara since last year and most schools now separate boys and girls.

Car-free Sundays begin in Rome

ROME

Skating, cycling and strolling Romans reclaimed their cobblestone streets from the automobile on the capital's first car-free Sunday. It was perfect weather — sunny and bright — for walking the dog or taking a jog, and thousands did just that, thronging uncharacteristically quiet streets. The city — normally pungent with fumes and throbbing to the beat of the internal combustion engine — took on a festive air. "It's wonderful, you can even hear people's footsteps on the cobblestones," said 65-year-old Franco Cianci, strolling with his wife near the Pantheon. Rome is one of nearly 150 Italian cities banning cars and non-electric scooters from their centers one Sunday a month in a campaign to cut air pollution. Public transport was still operating, as were taxis, but Rome was a quieter, cleaner version of its usual chaotic self on Sunday.

1950s experiments exposed workers to uranium

LOUISVILLE

Some workers at a federal uranium processing plant participated in experiments in the 1950s that had them breathing the radioactive element. The Courier-Journal reported Sunday. Some of the participants at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant volunteered for the tests, but some may not have been informed of the dangers, according to a draft report by the Department of Energy on an investigation of health, safety and environmental problems at the western Kentucky plant. In one experiment, staff members volunteered to breathe a radioactive gas to see how quickly uranium was excreted in their urine, according to the report. In other tests, a senior staffer drank a solution containing uranium, and at least 14 workers tested the effectiveness of respirators against radioactive dust, gas and smoke.

MEXICO



A student protester confronts police at the National Autonomous University of Mexico Sunday. Police arrested 632 students who had been protesting the University's plans to raise tuition since April.

Police arrest hundreds of students

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

In a surprisingly smooth conclusion to the 9 1/2-month occupation of Latin America's largest university, police raided the main campus Sunday and arrested 632 striking students.

The raid ended an exasperating ordeal in which Mexican authorities from President Ernesto Zedillo on down seemed unable to wrest the country's most important academic institution from a tiny band of radical students with names like Mosh and The Devil.

Armed only with batons and shields, about 2,400 federal police marched into

an all-night meeting of the student strike council at 6:45 a.m. and rounded up about 430 students, including the eight top strike leaders.

The strikers didn't resist arrest and there were no injuries. Police then swept through the giant campus, detaining hundreds more strikers.

"A democratic society cannot allow the kidnapping of the national university," said Interior Secretary Diodoro Carrasco.

Rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente said that, where possible, the university would withdraw criminal complaints filed against students during the strike. In cases where the university lacks the authority to with-

draw complaints, Fuente called on prosecutors to offer leniency. He also asked them to drop charges against minors.

Several hundred strikers were already jailed on various charges before Sunday's raid. It was unclear how many would be affected by Fuente's declaration.

The 291 day strike at the 260,000 student National Autonomous University of Mexico began in April to protest plans to raise annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the equivalent of \$140.

The university backed down, but a small core of radical students continued to occupy the campus. They

pushed a six-point agenda to reverse recent academic reforms and give students more power within the university administration. They also used the strike as a stage to denounce the free-market economy and Mexico's political system.

What little public sympathy that may have existed for the strikers gradually faded as a result of their traffic-clogging and sometimes violent protests, vandalism of university buildings, intolerance of dissenting opinions and intransigence in negotiations. A referendum last month showed students and teachers overwhelmingly sided with the university in the dispute.

FINLAND

Halonen becomes first woman president

Associated Press

HELSINKI

Finns elected their first female president on Sunday after a tight runoff race that focused more on personalities than issues.

With 99.9 percent of the vote counted, Tarja Halonen had 51.6 percent to former Prime Minister Esko Aho's 48.4 percent.

"This is a historical moment for Finland," said Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen, a Social Democrat like Halonen. "Her personality decided

this election. Halonen is a person with her own individuality. Her openness and her genuine character appealed across party lines."

Halonen, who was foreign minister, takes office March 1 for a six-year term. Lipponen said he will appoint another Social Democrat to replace her in the foreign ministry.

"I know that there are still many areas where equality hasn't been achieved, and I hope this result will be encouraging change," Halonen, 56,

said on national television as she next to Aho late Sunday.

Aho also spoke, conceding defeat.

"The final sprint was good, but not good enough," he said.

Finns turned out in high numbers Sunday for the election, lining up outside polling stations before they opened. The stations reported 76.8 percent turnout among the 4.2 million person electorate.

Voter Sinikka Peltomaa said both candidates were equally qualified, but she wanted Finland to have its

first female president.

"I have nothing against men, but we've had so many men before," the 44-year-old secretary said.

Halonen, a Social Democrat, won the Jan. 16 first-round election with 40 percent support to Aho's 34 percent, but none of the original seven candidates had a majority, forcing Sunday's runoff.

The candidates sparred in last minute campaigning over the European Union's denunciation of the new right-wing Austrian government.

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unfounded, there was a feeling of another goal in the atmosphere.

"We were all here to get a 'Mrs.' degree," Carol said.

After leaving Saint Mary's after two years to pursue a career in interior design, Carol later married and had four children, who learned of their mother's sexual orientation after their father's death.

"It was difficult for the youngest one, especially," she said. "But since then, they have matured about it."

Since her collegiate experience, Carol was still struggling to find acceptance among society, or at the least, an escape from unwelcoming attitudes. She found that escape in the Michigan Women's Music Festival.

"There are straight women and lesbian women there together, and nobody cares," she said. "But once you leave, and come back to the real world, that different, unwelcoming attitude smacks you in the face. You have to go back to that perception of how society thinks you should be."

While Carol does say things have improved, she still copes with friends from school who have been unable to fully come out, she said.

Because of the silent attitude towards sexuality as a taboo topic, finding women struggling with their own sexual identity was, and still is, difficult. Befriending one woman who was also aware of her identity at the time, to date, they are the only two women who were homosexuals in their class.

"As far as I know, we are the only two," she said. "There could be more, but we don't know. My one close friend is still very quiet about it. She was afraid to come out then because of job opportunities, and she is still quiet now."

Vivian

Vivian Ostroski knew she had to escape because of who she was.

With vivid memories of Saturday night perfume clouds and makeup frenzies and herds of women climbing onto the shuttle bus to voyage to Notre Dame, Vivian knew from the start that she didn't want to go over "there."

"I wasn't part of that group, that group who was always going over there," said Vivian, Class of 1985. "I didn't want to do that. I didn't talk to the straight women; it was very important not to be a part of that scene."

Aware she had little in common with a vast majority of her college classmates, she became a part of a group that actively avoided trekking across the street. Coming out during her junior year, her sexual orientation was simply another reason not to belong with the group she so strongly opposed.

"Being queer — it just wasn't something you said," Vivian said. "I was from a working class family. I didn't have the right clothes, shoes or sexual orientation."

So each weekend, Vivian packed her bags, left her dorm, and climbed on her train to freedom. Visiting a friend who attended school in Chicago, she became part of a colorful community where she felt alive.

"I would go into this community where there were people

who were queer, people who were flamboyant, there were people of color and people who took up space," she said. "People had this thing called gay pride that I didn't know existed until I saw it."

She kept her journeys secret, partly because she wanted them for herself.

"I owned this place," she said. "If I told anyone, then I wouldn't own it anymore. They owned [Saint Mary's]. This place was mine."

But climbing on the train, that community could only live in her memory until her next visit.

"It was like as soon as I smelled the ethanol in the air, that smell was replacing what Chicago had been," she said. "I didn't feel sad or angry, it was just the way it was."

Jen

Jen Moore's experience of sexuality on campus was primarily one of opposition to herself. Still in the process of discovering herself, Jen admitted that she spent much of her time at Saint Mary's in denial.

"I was in the process of coming out to myself, and I was very much in denial," said Jen, Class of '94. "Academically, that hurt my abilities a lot junior and senior year."

But while she knew that avenues such as GALA ND/SMC, OUTreachND and GLND/SMC were available to help her, she did not seek resources from those groups, partly because of that denial.

"Many people found places at GLND/SMC that were very safe," she said. "I just didn't go to those groups."

Her difficulty in finding herself was further aggravated by discussions about heterosexual sex which was predominant on campus.

"There was definitely a lot of

talk about heterosexual sex," she said. "The few lesbian students that were here used to love it when parietals would come around, because that would end it for us," she said.

An active member in Board of Governance and Notre Dame Encounter retreats during college, Jen found her outlet in community service, which led her to a year of service with Holy Cross Associates in San Francisco following graduation. During that year, she would encounter her sexuality not only with her family, but with

herself as well.

"One of the first things that I did when I got out to San Francisco was join a lesbian softball team," she said. When her mother came out to visit and saw her short haircut at one of the games, she immediately expressed concern for her daughter.

"I hadn't come out to my family at that point," Jen said. "My mom came up to me and said, 'Doesn't it ever bother you that people think that you're gay?'"

Her reply embodied the spirit that Jen had come to love about the San Francisco area.

"Mom, in the Bay area, people don't assume anything," she said.

Kelly

Kelly Harrison, Class of '98, had suddenly found herself in the center of a tailspin that she wasn't prepared to enter and at first, wasn't sure she wanted to.

Entering college unsure of her sexual identity and self-classifying herself as homophobic during her early years of college, Kelly described her process of coming out as one that was terrifying. Afraid to speak about who she was or what she felt, she did not find support until her sophomore year when she sought out the newly formed Alliance (a sexual

ity support group).

"I would hear discussion around me, and I kept thinking that sooner or later, someone was going to ask me what I thought," she said. "I was trying so hard to be closeted."

That option became less and less a possibility as Kelly realized she needed support.

"When I was not out, it was impossible to find support," she said. "That's still the case for anyone who is closeted. When I became a part of that group, my life took on a whole new dimension."

After GLND had applied for official club status at Notre Dame and had been denied, the subject of a gay/lesbian support group at Saint Mary's was brought to the forefront, placing the Alliance at a crucial transition point.

The Alliance applied for group status at Saint Mary's in 1998 but was denied by president Marilou Eldred.

However, dialogue was still open and awareness was circulating on campus, Kelly said.

However, that wasn't always an advantage.

"I was in one of my classes, and I overheard one of the girls in the class say I was one of 'the couple,'" Kelly said, who had been seeing another student at the time. "On one hand I was laughing, and on the other I was wishing I could just enjoy college, and not just be a representative of a group. One day I wasn't even out yet, and the next I was being interviewed by The Observer."

Moving beyond Saint Mary's taught all four women that the attitudes they have encountered against their sexual orientation are not isolated specifically to campus. The problem, they said, is something that is spread across society.

"There's been a lot of progress," Kelly said. "We still have a lot to work on as a society. There's a heterosexual assumption where you meet someone and automatically assume they're straight. That can cause a lot of hurtful situations," she said.

But starting changes can start at the campus level, and

the women did have suggestions to improve the climate at Saint Mary's.

"I want a space for lesbians to meet at Saint Mary's that is safe," Vivian said, who currently works at the University of Massachusetts in the provost's office. "I want a speaker's bureau of people who are willing to come out and tell their stories. I want someone in the mental health departments, administration, and security that has a clue. I want a class in queer culture, so that gay and lesbian issues are at the heart of the experience here."

"I want gay and lesbian language in the liturgies," she said. "I want there to be safe zones on campus where students know they can go and be safe. I want a plan for dealing with gay violence before it happens. I want the part of the mission statement that deals with diversity to be at the bottom of the college's stationery so it says that everyone is welcome."

Many women also expressed the need to reach out to lesbian alumnae.

"I'd like to see articles in the Courier about gay and lesbian issues, to reach out to women of my generation who need to be reached," Carol said.

The push for any change, however, needs to come from students.

"As a student you can feel very powerless and unimportant," Kelly said.

"But the initiative has to rest with students. If these are things you want, you have to go out and get them. This is a student issue — you can change the environment tremendously."

The women agreed that they wanted to graduate women who were educated about sexual orientation and diversity issues.

"I want women who leave this college to be informed about sexual orientation," Vivian said. "It isn't just about sexual orientation — it's about racism and classism, too. I thought being gay was about sex. It wasn't until I left here that I realized it was about culture."

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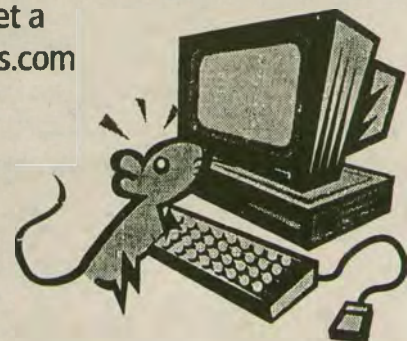
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American Indians struggle to find decent housing

Associated Press

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. Wanda Segina and her four young children moved to the capital of the nation's largest American Indian nation and promptly made one home improvement.

They dug an outhouse.

The family has no electricity, no running water and no sewer. They cook over an open fire and bathe in water hauled in by relatives. And though the trailer the family shares has three bedrooms, they sleep in one, huddling together in the cold winter nights.

"It's a living hell. It's a disaster for me as a mom," said Segina, whose children attend the local elementary school.

Segina's living conditions are shared by thousands more on the 4.8 million-acre Navajo Reservation, which sprawls across portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and throughout America's Indian reservations, where housing is in desperately short supply and often substandard.

The National American

Indian Housing Council estimates U.S. reservations need 200,000 houses to alleviate overcrowding and replace inadequate dwellings.

More than half of the Navajo Reservation's 56,372 homes lack complete plumbing and a large percentage still use wood as the primary heating source, according to 1990 census figures.

"The country is moving so rapidly, we're losing the chance to catch up," said Navajo community development director Benjamin Jones.

What keeps many American Indians from being able to buy or live in adequate homes is a head-spinning host of problems: high unemployment, few willing lenders, almost no private land and bureaucratic red tape.

Even basic knowledge about establishing good credit and applying for mortgages can trip up many would-be buyers, said Ernest Goatson, director of the Navajo Housing Service Department.

"The (federal) housing program is more of a subsidy program than a home ownership

program," he said. "They see a house more as a giveaway."

Tradition can also prove a major obstacle to modern housing, Jones said.

Navajos have historically lived far apart, with the rugged northern Arizona hills separating their corn crops and sheep from their neighbors. Their hogans, round dwellings built from native trees, were constructed by individual families.

"The way they saw their homes was spiritual, more of a cathedral, not property," Jones said. Building a home, he said, was a measure of manhood.

For Navajos like Segina, for whom traditional dwellings are less important, money is an insurmountable obstacle.

Like Segina, roughly half of the Navajo Reservation's 151,105 residents are unem-

ployed.

The single mother's only sources of income are child support and the odd auto-repair job, making it almost impossible for her to raise the \$6,000 it would cost to connect her to the closest power line and the \$8,000 it would cost for a water connection.

So instead, her children Maxine, Keevin, Marita and Thurman do their homework by the daylight that seeps through the living room

window or by a Coleman lantern at night. They drink canned milk and eat canned meat.

Even Navajos with steady jobs face obstacles to home ownership.

Jones holds a position in Navajo government roughly equivalent to a Cabinet post, yet he lives in government housing he calls a "stall."

"I'd be happy to buy a place

if there was a place to buy, but there's not," he said.

Indian reservations are generally made up of trust land controlled by the federal government or family allotments, which can have dozens or even hundreds of owners. Such allotments create so much red tape and uncertainty for lending institutions that conventional mortgages are rarely granted.

Between 1992 and 1996, just 90 conventional loans were made in Indian country, and half of those came from a tribally owned bank, said Christopher Boesen, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington.

Reservations sorely lack private financing because many lenders don't see reservations as viable home loan markets, he said, forcing many Indians to live in substandard housing.

"This is the land America has forgotten," said Scott Bray, who works with the Navajo community development division but is not a tribal member. "America has forgotten about these people."

"It's a living hell. It's a disaster for me as a mom."

Wanda Segina
Navajo mother

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JORDAN

King Abdullah speeds up reforms

Associated Press

AMMAN

King Abdullah II had a little advice for ministers and business leaders disagreeing over how to bring about educational reforms in his country.

"Roll up your sleeves and get down to work," the 38-year-old king roared as he presided over a meeting on upgrading the school system. "Unless we move fast on this track within a year or two, we risk losing the opportunity."

Since Abdullah became the surprise choice to succeed his father, King Hussein, a year ago, the energetic and often impatient new leader's preoccupation has been speeding up reforms in his destitute country.

Hussein, who died last Feb. 7, was credited with transforming a land of nomadic Bedouins into a largely cosmopolitan nation that exports doctors and engineers to the Arab world.

Challenges at least as great face his son.

Jordan is saddled with foreign debt of \$7 billion and unemployment that officially stands at 14 percent but is said to be nearly twice that. About 20 percent of its 4.8 million people live in poverty. Corruption is rampant, and bureaucracy hampers foreign and local investment. The 1994 peace treaty with Israel has brought little dividends, and the West and oil-rich Persian Gulf Arab states have been hesitant to help.

Abdullah's hands-on approach has earned him the nickname "Jordan's chief executive officer," and his calls for greater public freedoms, civil rights, social justice and equality have raised blood pressures in a government and parliament dominated by conservative politicians.

The new king also has staged raids on state institutions to inspect the services citizens receive.

He personally fired two doctors in charge of the public al-Bashir Hospital three months ago when they ignored his instructions to

fix two elevators. Abdullah sometimes posed as an old man, a television reporter or a taxi driver — a ploy that allowed him to freely listen to complaints from his countrymen.

"After my first several visits, it was like Elvis," a chortling Abdullah told foreign media correspondents recently. "There were sightings all over the country, but what it did too, it created fear in the civil service."

"They started treating everybody as a king because they

didn't know whether the next guy standing in line was the (real) king," he said. "Now people are on their toes."

Such moves have sent Abdullah's popularity soaring among younger Jordanians, who had revered Hussein for his liberal outlook but see in the new king a determination to make changes that would improve their lives.

"King Hussein was the father of all Jordanians, but King Abdullah is the brother of the Jordanians," said 39-year-old Samer Abed al-Hadi, a civil engineer.

Until his father's deathbed decision, Abdullah was a tank company commander with little experience in affairs of state.

He was considered a long shot to assume the Hashemite Throne — one of the Middle East's key political posts — since his uncle, Prince Hassan, had been crown prince since 1965. But Hussein deposed Hassan just days before he died.

Abdullah was labeled a political novice, but has shown himself capable of setting his own agenda.

He has forged crucial strategic alliances to ensure the survival of a country that had been ostracized by the Arabs.

"Roll up your sleeves and get down to work. Unless we move fast on this track within a year or two, we risk losing the opportunity."

**Abdullah II
King of Jordan**

GERMANY

Nine passengers die in train derailment

Associated Press

BRUEHL

An overnight express train filled with Alpine ski vacationers was racing far over the posted speed limit when it derailed Sunday south of Cologne, killing at least nine passengers and injuring almost 100, authorities said.

The sleeper train heading from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, derailed shortly after midnight at a switch, said German railways spokesman Manfred Ziegerath. Several cars were crushed.

Rescue workers using heavy equipment and search dogs broke open mangled blue coaches at the debris-strewn site throughout the day. Medics had to amputate limbs to free several injured people.

More bodies might be buried under wrecked coaches that were still being cleared late Sunday, lead police investigator Winrich Granitzka said. Sixteen Germans, four Americans and two Dutch passengers were unaccounted for, he said, adding that they may have left the scene on their own.

Authorities were unable to immediately identify the dead or even determine their nationalities because their

bodies were so badly mutilated. Granitzka said 52 passengers suffered serious injuries and 44 others had minor injuries.

Granitzka said the nine-car Amsterdam-Basel train, carrying about 300 people from as far away as Mexico and Japan, was traveling 76 mph in a 25 mph zone when it hit the switch and derailed.

The train left Amsterdam at 8 p.m. Saturday and had barely pulled out of Cologne heading south when it derailed. Many of the travelers were on their way to ski vacations in the Alps, officials said.

As the train left the tracks, one car flipped on its side and another was crushed against a steel post. The engine hurtled down an embankment along with several of the front cars and hit a house, ripping off the balcony before coming to rest just inside the living room, police said. The couple who lived there was not hurt.

George Kellermann, a German radio reporter who happened to be aboard, said the train had slowed down but was speeding up again when it crashed. He said he and his wife were thrown out of their compartment and back in again as the train lurched off the tracks.

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AUSTRIA

Holocaust compensation approved

Associated Press

VIENNA

Right-wing populist Joerg Haider said Sunday the new Austrian government in which his party shares power will take appropriate measures to compensate Holocaust victims.

In a televised interview, Haider also promised to moderate his tough talk and refrain from meddling in the coalition Cabinet. He will not hold a Cabinet post.

Haider's comments came two days after the new government — made up of his far-right Freedom Party and the center-right Austrian People's Party — was sworn in by a stone-faced President Thomas Klestil. The coalition came together despite a wave of protests and moves by the European Union and other nations to isolate Austria diplomatically.

Haider's remarks Sunday were relatively conciliatory compared to the verbal salvos he has fired recently against foreign leaders.

He told his interviewers that the previous government led by Austria's Social Democrats had not really dealt with the Nazi past, including issues like the compensation of forced laborers. He said the new government would seek to redress their grievances and those of Holocaust victims.

"Where we have inflicted great injustice on our Jewish fellow citizens or wiped out their families, we must take pertinent measures," he said.

"We hope that other countries follow our example."

Natan Sharansky
Israeli interior minister

Haider won international notoriety for statements praising Adolf Hitler's "orderly employment" policies and lauding veterans of the Waffen SS as "decent people of good character" — comments for which he has since apologized. The rise to power of his party has polarized a society with dark memories of defeats in two world wars.

Referring to his past vitriolic attacks on other Austrian leaders, Haider said his party would refrain from "opposi-

tional reflexes and unnecessary sharpness ... and prove that, factually, we can reason very well."

Elsewhere Sunday, Israeli Interior Minister Natan Sharansky announced that Haider is banned from entering Israel.

The ban is the latest formal Israeli protest against the Freedom Party's inclusion in government. Israel recalled its ambassador from Vienna as soon as the Austrian coalition was approved.

"It is a very important symbolic act to know that he is not desired in our country. We hope that other countries follow our example," Sharansky said.

He said Haider has expressed an interest in visiting Israel, and that his party tried unsuccessfully to hire a local public relations firm to spruce up his image there.

The Freedom Party's inclusion in government has drawn public protests both inside and outside Austria. On Sunday, about 300 demonstrators gathered outside the Austrian embassy in Paris, shouting "Haider, fascist, collaborator." And on Saturday night, anti-Haider demonstrators scuffled with police in downtown Vienna for a second night, despite appeals for calm from Klestil.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Suspected IRA dissidents bomb hotel

Associated Press

BELFAST

Suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents bombed a rural hotel Sunday — an attack that caused no reported injuries but gave Northern Ireland a bitter reminder of the days the province is struggling to leave behind.

It was the first such attack here since 1998.

A caller claiming to be from the Continuity IRA, a small dissident group

opposed to the IRA's 1997 truce, told the BBC in Belfast that bombs had been left at two hotels in rural County Fermanagh.

Police evacuated both hotels shortly before a bomb, apparently inside a car, went off at the rear of Mahon's Hotel in the village of Irvinestown. Police said they couldn't find any suspicious devices at the other threatened hotel.

"There will always be people who try to undermine the peace process," a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said in London. "We will do what we can to make sure they do not succeed."

Earlier Sunday, Protestants and Catholics prayed for the salvation of Northern Ireland's peace process — and for an unprecedented leap of faith from the IRA.

The IRA's refusal to say whether it will disarm has left the province's new government teetering on the brink of collapse.

"Even if until this moment you never intended to decommission (weapons), it is possible for you to change," the leader of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Kenneth Wilson, said in an appeal to the IRA. "It is possible for you to make a magnanimous gesture — not to march in time to the British tune or the (Protestant) unionist tune but, if I may say, to God's tune."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair emphasized Sunday that he wants to gain a disarmament commitment from the IRA this week. Otherwise, Britain intends to

take back the powers it transferred in December to the province's new Protestant-Catholic coalition Cabinet in Belfast.

That transfer of power was a key part of the 1998 Good Friday peace accord. It ended 27 years of direct rule of the province from London.

Rendering the four-party coalition powerless would

decrease the risk that its major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, would collapse the Cabinet outright

"This is the moment when we simply need to know."

Tony Blair
British prime minister

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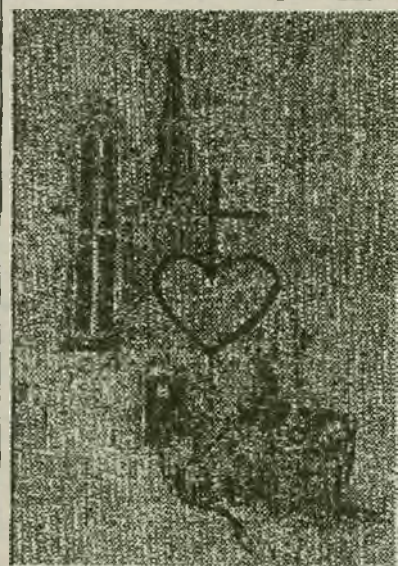
In November, the Ulster Unionists accepted the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as Cabinet colleagues on condition that IRA disarmament follow. But the province's disarmament commission reported Jan. 31 that its two months of secret discussions with IRA figures had produced no concrete gains.

On Saturday, IRA commanders said British and Ulster Unionist pressure wouldn't spur them to disarm — but hinted they might begin disarming someday, saying for the first time that "the issue of arms needs to be dealt with in an acceptable way."

Sinn Fein said the IRA's statement represented a significant change in policy. But Blair said it didn't answer the question of whether the IRA will disarm.

"This is the moment when we simply need to know," Blair told a conference of his governing Labor Party in Blackpool, northwest England. "Because this issue of decommissioning is not going to change, it's not going to disappear, it's not going to alter in its essentials. It's just got to be confronted and resolved now."

Responding to Sinn Fein complaints that his government's blunt appeals would only make the IRA dig in its heels, Blair said: "I'm not speaking in anger. I'm not standing here as the British prime minister making demands. I can't make anyone do this. I can only say that now is when we need to know whether it's going to happen, or it's not."



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Minorities not represented on TV

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Ever since the networks announced their fall lineups last year, the Big Four have been scrambling to deal with accusations of racial bias in their programming.

The NAACP and other minority rights organizations felt that the fall season would be a virtual "white-wash," almost completely void of blacks, Hispanics or other ethnicities beyond the traditional white European.

While the NAACP cited shows like "Friends," "Drew Carey" and the new drama "Once and Again" for their lack of color, networks threw out feeble excuses and lame attempts to prove their devotion to equality in programming — i.e. NBC's attempt to pass off "West Wing's" Martin Sheen as a Hispanic-American. Now that all the backpedaling is over and the fall season has already seen its winners and losers come to the forefront, we can take the time to examine whether all the complaining, threatened boycotts and network cow-towing really made a difference at all.

Here is the black-and-white truth about television: It is a for-profit venture. FOX, CBS and all the others can claim they want to put forth quality programs which will both inspire and entertain people of all backgrounds, but if "quality inspiration" doesn't bring down the needed Nielsons, then it's time to replace quality with

"World's Scariest Moments on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," hosted by Jerry Springer and Heather Locklear. 'Cause if we learned anything last fall, it's that money and cute blondes bring in the viewers. So when networks take a look at their viewing audience and notice that a significant portion of them happen to be middle-to-lower class whites aged 18-45, they tend to go after shows these uber-viewers will enjoy.

Is it right? Depends on your vision for television. Are the airwaves there for betterment or profit? If you own stock in ABC, you'll probably go with the latter.

When the problems arose last summer, networks had a few options. They could have ignored the outcry, made promises to change things next year, scrapped the lineups or inserted token minorities into already-created series. Many went with the inserted-character concept. "Wasteland," a short-lived, 20-something drama, gained a black male. Why was his character included? To give the show a sense of reality — or to appease the NAACP?

These token blacks and Hispanics are as much of an insult as the exclusion of minorities altogether. Often they are only peripheral characters whose entire purpose is defined by their race. If you add someone to a

series just for their skin color, they have, in essence, become a one-line joke.

The solution? Color-blind casting, for one. Instead of writing shows where parts are defined from the get-go by racial status, create characters who are people, and then see who best fits the part.

(Obviously if you are writing a sitcom about four Jewish friends in New York, you might have to be a little more specific in your casting, but we'll allow that.)

If shows are going to be judged on their color make-up or forced to add characters just to attain a perfect ratio, quality will suffer. And given the sad state of television today, that's something we couldn't have.

Minorities deserve proper recognition in next year's lineup. They just shouldn't

have to settle for second-rate add-ons and stereotypes as their representation.

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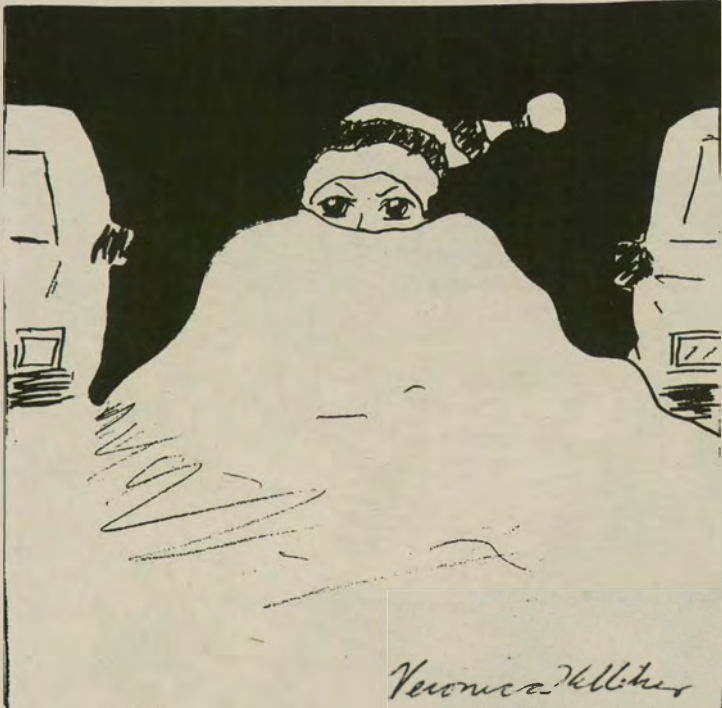
QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Where there is money, there is fighting."

Marian Anderson
African-American vocalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Sidewalk cleaning is unsatisfactory

I have been attending this University now for two years and have loved almost every second of it. I truly appreciate the lengths to which the University goes to beautify the campus. The ability to pick up every leaf on campus during a football game weekend not only makes the campus aesthetically pleasing but mind-boggling.

For this, I thank you. But now for the problem I've encountered, and I would guess others have also.

I just spent 25 minutes trying to get my car out of D-2000. If I remember correctly it has been at least a week since the last snowfall, which was not very hard. I know it might be a chore to plow the lot with all the cars in it, but some effort would be nice. D-2000 has not been touched once since the initial snowfall of the season, and just because it has not snowed does not mean that snow has disappeared. There are now new parking spots being created and this has created fur-

ther problems, especially for those who don't know how to drive in this weather.

I went to a junior college for two years before transferring into this University. There I spent \$2,000 per year for my education.

However, there was always a clean parking lot along with clean sidewalks. The effort given to the sidewalks is extremely unsatisfactory. The big sweep machine that they use to brush the sidewalks is ridiculous. Get some gosh-darn snow plows out and clear the sidewalks and parking lots. I think we can dip into the small bag of money that this University has and clean this place up during the winter. It is not like this is the first snow in the University's history. So do something about it, please.

Eric Amato
Senior
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February 2, 2000

ND's efforts for Sweatshop Task Force not yet complete

We should commend the University for the first university sweatshop code and calling for full disclosure. We have read much about the administration-appointed Sweatshop Task Force. They ponder child labor, living wage, safe and healthy working conditions, discrimination against women and immigrants, etc. We know of membership in fair Labor Association (FLA), hiring of PricewaterhouseCoopers to monitor adherence of contractors to university codes, cooperation with local religious groups, presence of inept or corrupt local unions and Notre Dame's enlistment of its alumni and alumnae in several foreign countries.

Professional accounting firms have their own agendas and sometimes conflicts of interest. Experience has proven that workers view similar "monitors" as beholden to the interests of those who hire them rather than the workers' interest. Workers usually shy away from rendering frank accounts of conditions in their sweatshops. Contractors can "spruce up" their shops in 48 hours. To get caught in such a scam would be morally reprehensible for Notre Dame or any "good conscience" manufacturer or retailer.

The best insurance against undermining codes is the presence of reliable local religious, union and activist groups. They "know the territory" — actual working conditions and terms of employment of their people, as well as the "ins and outs" of local laws. Such knowledge is essential because their people trust their leaders' dedication and sincerity. No "sell out" is expected, based on past experience!

However, what to do when some religious communities or local unions have proven themselves wedded to the exploitative contractors and corrupt governments? Enter the coalition Notre Dame should and can lead with the U.S. Catholic Conference, the AFL-CIO, other religious organizations and activist groups. All these institutions have extensive contacts with domestic and international groups interested in economic justice for workers. Such a coalition is a natural for Notre Dame, committed to Catholic Social Teaching — an essential part of its Catholic character. The U.S. Catholic Conference's 1999 Labor Day Statement reminded Catholics, "All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations." Repeatedly the Catholic

President of the AFL-CIO and Iona College graduate, John Sweeney, has extolled the Catholic Social Teaching in his efforts to re-invigorate the labor movement to its early commitment to social justice.

Several years ago, a worldwide conference was held in the Vatican for directors of national social justice offices — analogous to the U.S. Catholic Conference. The consensus of these well informed people was that, given the control of so many governments by exploitative multinationals, the only way to monitor and curb abuses is by implementation of a strong coalition of national interfaith bodies, national union confederations, the United Nations International Labor Organization in Geneva and national activist groups.

Many of these religious, union and activist groups already have ties to each other and investigate and decry abuses of workers' rights. In some areas of the world, local and missionary personnel are already cooperating with local unions and activist groups to improve the conditions for workers. However, they need more financial, moral and political assistance from outside groups. Rallying more of that assistance could usher in better improvement and implementation of more than sweatshop codes. Notre Dame's recent decision to reach out to local religious and human rights groups is a step in the correct direction. However, more comprehensive strategies on an international scale are necessary.

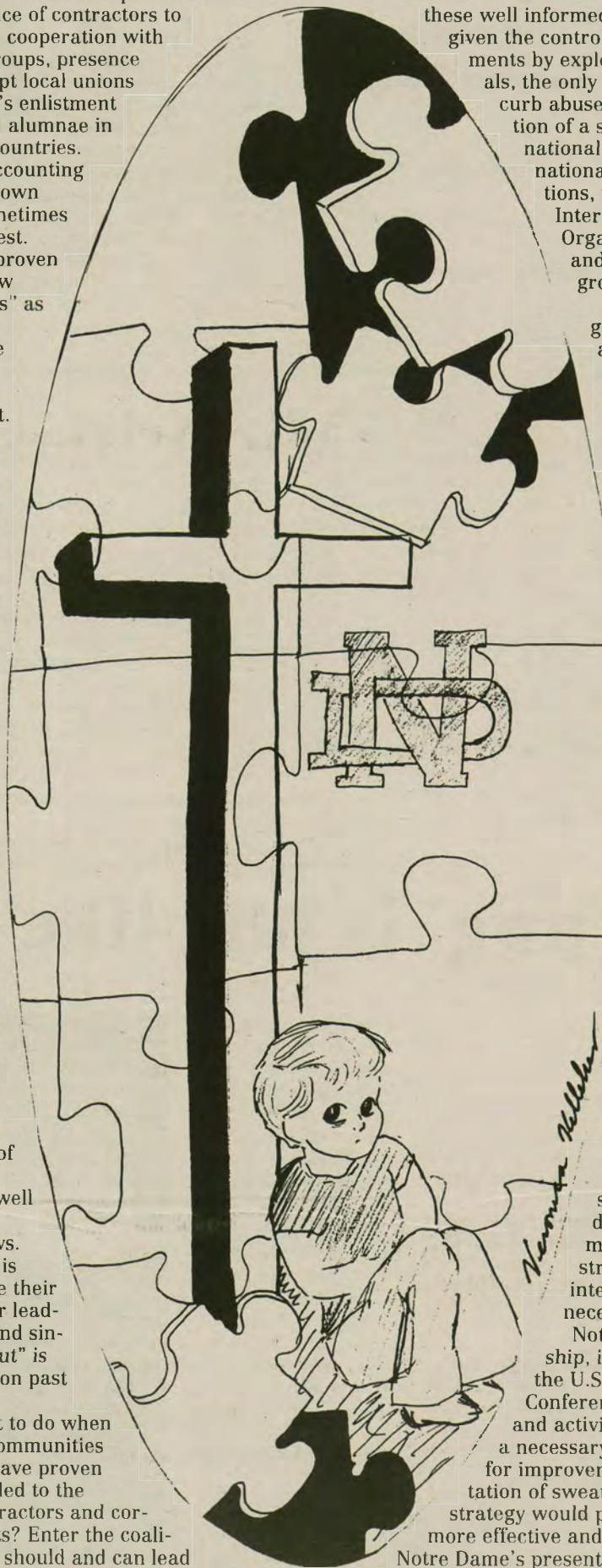
Notre Dame's leadership, in conjunction with the U.S. Catholic Conference, the AFL-CIO and activist groups, would be a necessary additional strategy for improvement and implementation of sweatshop codes. Such a strategy would prove, over time, more effective and less expensive than Notre Dame's present strategy. Such a strategy would stir other universities to "get on board," give witness to Notre Dame's Catholic character in every sense of that much-banded-about adjective and respond to Pope John Paul II's call for "solidarity" on behalf of worldwide workers.

Failing to respond to such a challenge, Notre Dame should at least join with other universities and the United Students Against Sweatshops to complete its objectives.

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November 17, 1999

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

'Vigilante 8: Second Offense' ignites the screen

By GEOFF HEIPLE
Scene Writer

If you're looking to enjoy a relaxing Sunday drive, go visit Amish country.

Activision promises and delivers carnage, mayhem and several motor vehicle code violations in their much-anticipated sequel to the popular vehicular combat game, "Vigilante 8."

"Vigilante 8: Second Offense" scorches the PlayStation world by adding more multi-player options, vehicle enhancements, special attack moves and explosive realism to an already established hit. It is packed with a host of improved features, yet continues

to highlight the heated gang rivalry between the "Vigilantes" and the "Coyotes." This confrontation, made popular in the original V8, really ignites the spark plugs in "Second Offense."

Most of the characters are familiar faces. However, 10 new personalities, as well as the mysterious Drifter Gang, are introduced in the game. Each character drives a distinct vehicle. The character's personality is matched to a specific type of vehicle to offer the best combination of muscle and machine. A player has the opportunity to control one of 18 new fully loaded, '70s vehicles — from a moon vehicle to a garbage truck to a mass transit bus, or choose from a selection of various other vintage or specialty vehicles. The background plot shifts into four-wheel drive as Lord Clyde, ex-Vigilante turned OMAR leader, viciously continues to inflict the torment of his Coyotes upon the United States. This time, he has developed a time machine that can transport him and his rogue warriors back to the 1970s in order to wreak vehicular havoc on America's gas crisis. Convoy and his new wife, Houston, combine to lead the Vigilantes against the Coyotes to secure the roadways of America and prove that, in fact, they are the most diesel troop.

"Vigilante 8: Second Offense"



out of five shamrocks

Maker: Activision

The original V8 featured a myriad of playing options (both one and two player); "Second Offense" develops upon that solid foundation yet adds some new playing perspectives. The Quest Mode, made popular by the "First Offense," consists of eight levels for each character. To win each level, one must complete the mission objectives and destroy all enemy vehicles. Throughout this mode, potential reckless drivers have the ability to unlock codes for new characters. For example, Convoy's character and vehicle are not available to a player who sits down to play "Second Offense" straight out of the case. However, through the mastery of some levels in the Quest Mode, one can gain access to the use of Convoy and his super-charged machine.

In the Arcade Mode, one selects an arena (there are 12 possibilities), a vehicle and opponents. Arenas include a steel mill in Pennsylvania, a ski resort in Utah, a pier in California and even NASA's Cape Canaveral in Florida. When playing in the Survival Mode, one selects an arena, vehicle and opponents, but the object is to see how many enemies one can destroy before he or she is eliminated. The gamer will face waves of enemy vehicles and must be able to keep one hand on the wheel and one hand on the weapons at all times in order to stay alive.

In addition to the basic machine gun standard on all vehicles, "Second Offense" offers an arsenal of new ordinances to each vehicle. Missiles, mortars, mines, rockets and flame-throwers can all be mounted on the respective vehicles during play. Furthermore, each vehicle has a special weapon, unique to its dynamic construction.

While "Second Offense" is not "Goldeneye," it certainly offers an exciting outlet for the stress and frustration of students who seek that calming serenity offered only through video games of destruction and turmoil. For the PlayStation enthusiast, who has sampled all types of games from sports to role-playing, "Second Offense" incorporates a diverse mix of settings, characters and vehicles and produces a tremendous product that can appeal to



Graphic Courtesy of Activision

The new PlayStation thriller "Vigilante8: Second Offense" is packed full of options to suit any gamers' interests. A mix of settings, characters and vehicles makes the game a hit with any video game action enthusiast.

almost any video game players' interests. Despite masterful graphics, substantial character development and full-throttle devastation, a superior quality to note is how V82 really allows the game to be controlled by the video game players. Toss "Second Offense" in your PlayStation and buckle-up your adrenaline because the intense action will drive you to pure pandemonium.

'Wu-Tang' is just like other fighting games

By MICHAEL KERR
Scene Writer

What do you get when you cross a legendary rap group with modern technology? An all out fighting simulation game that certainly doesn't leave much to the imagination.

If you aren't familiar with Wu-Tang Clan, then a fighting video game starring them as sword

masters would definitely seem out of place to say the least. But the actual story behind this PlayStation game incorporates much of what the Wu-Tang Clan is all about.

Centered on the group's fondness for kung fu movies, this game plays well into their rap style. The overall objective in the tireless mission is to save the Wu-Tang master. He has been kidnapped by bandits who are desperate to learn the secrets of the Wu-Tang sword fighting style. Set up in a "street fighter" format, you are forced to face numerous foes in a quest to save your teacher.

As far as graphics go, "Wu-Tang:

"Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style"



out of five shamrocks

Maker: Activision

Shaolin Style" is very tough to beat, and 3-D graphics and lifelike movements make each battle eerily realistic. This is definitely not a game where "just hitting the buttons" will get you very far. Each of the characters you can choose from has more than 20 signature moves that must be mastered in order to complete the

quest. A very nice feature of this game is that it provides a practice mode where you can spar and learn all of the secret moves. The menu in this mode gives you button by button instruction for the more difficult ones. Wu-Tang definitely makes this practice necessary as the difficulty of competition is elevated very quickly.

Among other assorted bonuses associated with this game include a great



Graphic Courtesy of Activision

It's obvious that much work went into creating 'Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style,' although there is little to set it apart from other games in the same genre. With high difficulty and high violence, this game is definitely geared for the more mature audiences familiar with the Clan and its style.

soundtrack personally laid down by the Wu-Tang Clan. It is also a plus to be able to choose from the entire cast of the original Wu-Tang. From Ol' Dirty to Method Man, each character takes on its distinct personality with lifelike

voice-overs well dispersed throughout the game.

On the downside, the violence associated with this game makes "Mortal Kombat" seem like a game for sissies. The fatalities involved in each fight are graphic and leave you sometimes sick to your stomach. A parental lock feature at the beginning of "Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style" serves well to keep impressionable minds from getting into the really gory scenes.

Another downturn lies in the actual difficulty involved in the game itself. Some levels are literally impossible to conquer without incredible amounts of patience and practice. Although countless hours of work have obviously gone into developing this game, it does little to truly set itself apart from the fighting games of the past. Even though the addition of the overall popularity of the Wu-Tang Clan to this game does a lot, it fails to impress as a truly unique game. The die-hard Wu-Tang Clan fans will love this game, but those who have no idea about this group will leave this game undoubtedly disappointed.

Overall, "Wu-Tang: Shaolin Style" is an entertaining game. It may lack much in taste and substance, but it is definitely something worth trying out. Although not recommended for anyone young, most Wu-Tang fans will find that this game is exactly what they'd expect from them: a cutting edge endeavor that definitely sets them apart from everyone else in the rap industry.

SHOW REVIEW

'Best yet' Revue scores with audiences

By MOLLY McSHANE
Scene Writer

If there is one thing college students cannot get enough of, it's crass, inappropriate, perverted humor. If there are two things, it's that and cheesy television theme songs.

The young men from Keenan Hall came through with plenty of these popular items this weekend in their 24th annual Keenan Revue. During their opening speech, director Mike Romanelli and producer Matt Johnson stated more than once that this year's revue was the "best yet." Maybe it was the fact that it was the last show of the year, or maybe it was the hundreds of girls in the audience all waiting to dance the night away, but this Saturday's performance of the Keenan Review was a spectacular event.

The show opened with the unveiling of "Keenan, the Barbarian" (a short, skinny kid trying to lift a large sword), and of course, his 250-pound "sidekick." The music and narration created a certain amount of excitement and anticipation for the rest of the night, but what first got the audience cheering was the use of the word "hung" when describing the barbarian. And thus, the mood was set.

Granted, the show was not all penis jokes and fart noises. There were also some impressive musical acts, like the enjoyable performance of "You Shook Me All Night Long," complete with a fog machine and mini-fireworks. Adam Martzke was indeed a talented performer, but the crowd may have gotten a little restless without the choreographed dance by numerous young men in "wife-beaters."

The Revue also included acts that were not meant to offend or cause nervous laughter. There was the amazing piano playing by Kevin Dowdell, who (even without back-up dancers) captivated the crowd with his remarkable talent. Christopher Welch wowed the audience with his magician skills and a piece of rope (or many pieces). These acts were not only extraordinary, but also a nice break between urinal ballet and half-dressed men clanging themselves with pots and pans.

Some outstanding individual performers emerged from the Keenan Knights this Saturday as well. Ryan Cunningham entertained the masses with a short stand-up routine. He discussed, among other things, the overwhelming amounts of pornography found on the Internet these days. It seems that even his innocent research on the topic of "sweet, sweet donkey loving" led him to sites based on porn. And who could forget Mike McKegney's touching song, "Captain Willy Finger Puppet?" His childhood memories are now also our own.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer
Christopher Welch dazzles the audience with his magic act.

Naturally, campus issues were a main focus of the sarcastic wit provided by the men of Keenan. Stealing from the Dining Hall, the contentious squirrels and, of course, gender relations were subjects that got big reactions from the audience. Particularly amusing was the skit involving the employees at the computer clusters whose solution for everything — including a dismembered hard drive — was to "reboot your computer and remember to save often."

Another successful skit in Saturday's performance was the one entitled "First Phone Call," in which four guys attempted to explain where exactly gender relations went wrong at Notre Dame. The problem apparently started with the infamous "first call" between future roommates before their freshmen year of college. Two young men enacted the female call, and two others enacted the male call. The women were naturally very high-pitched and full of squeals; and the men were cool and laid back. The female roommates were calling each other soul mates, while the men

were being careful not to sound too excited about a video game the other had. One of the women said that she wasn't planning on taking her "skanky" dress to school, because she "couldn't think of any reason why she would want to look attractive at Notre Dame." That line got an immense reaction from both sexes in the audience, although perhaps for different reasons.

And, of course, there were jokes about religion. Pontius Pilate's guide to getting out of awkward situations, Jesus getting hammered at the 'Backer and DARTing into the afterlife are all subjects not touched upon in the theology courses provided at Notre Dame. But the risqué nature was what made these sketches the success they were. However inappropriate, the line "Thank you Pontius Pilate, but no thank you for killing Jesus Christ" got big laughs from the many practicing Catholics in the room.

The main controversy over the Keenan Revue is whether or not the jokes are too cruel, too insensitive, to be told at a public event. As much as people would like to feign offense when they are inadvertently called hairy and unattractive, one cannot deny the hysterical laughter that was going on in the O'Laughlin auditorium this weekend. Jokes about a drunken Jesus Christ blaspheming our God are shameful in theory, but when some guy is up on stage dressed as the Son of Man Himself stumbling around plotting to turn water into wine so He can get more wasted, the ridiculousness of it washes the conscience away. After a few tense giggles and a glance to your neighbor, relaxation ensues and you realize that sometimes it's all right to be politically incorrect. Sometimes it's even fun.

He said ... She said ...

Scene asks about love in a series of columns leading up to Valentine's Day.

~ Today: Introductions ~

Respond to these columns at Scene@nd.edu.

THE GUY



SCOTT LITTLE

I am Scott Little (big in all the right places). I like football, beer and women. Oh yeaah, and pizza! Put them all together and I am in heaven.

I stand about 6-foot-3 in the morning. And can stand about six beers at night. I guess I should give my general outlook on women, since Valentine's Day is comin' up. I think women at this stage in my life should be around for a good time. They should be fun, and not too emotional. Girls should do their best to look nice and entertain me. Not entertain me like I'm at a nudie bar, but nakedness is A-OK. JK all the way. Have some good conversation ready. It wouldn't be a bad idea if they kept up on some sports too. If they aren't into that, they should talk about working out or food.

My days are always brighter when I see pretty girls around. I don't think it is that hard for girls to take a little time each morning and look their best. Guys do stuff

to make girls happy. Most of us give really nice hugs with our big strong arms. We also offer protection from mean boys. And most of us are fun to talk to and snuggle with.

I also have some advice for girls: You all aren't going to look like movie stars or Russian super-models, so just look your best and you'll get what you deserve.

Senses of humor are really important too. Also, make it more obvious when you are interested in one of us. No more silly games. Life is too short for that goofy stuff.

And when you are walking by someone on the sidewalk and you think they look cute, look at them and say hi or start up a conversation. Guys too. Too often, here in the Midwest, people get dull and just walk around with their heads down because of the weather, or they look straight ahead. Look at faces. Pretend you are at Mount Rushmore.



THE GAL



ERICKA RAVETTINE

Hi! I am an off-campus senior with no prior Observer writing experience.

However, a friend of mine thought that I would be a good candidate for this series of columns. I have never had a serious Domer-to-Domer relationship beyond the friendship realm so I do not really know why I am the one to write about the dating scene here at Notre Dame. However, I have been told that I hold some strong (and sometimes controversial) views and critiques so that could be it.

The on-campus years of my Notre Dame life were spent in Lyons Hall. For you women who live there and those men who have attempted to visit, you know that it is the chastity belt of South Quad. This contributes to my comments on

gender relations and dating at Notre Dame.

Generally, when I lived on campus my female friends and I would either have people come to our room or we would visit our male friends in their rooms. Then 1:59 a.m. came around and there would be a mad rush for the door.

Things have not changed that much. The only difference is that we do not go to the dorms anymore, and we frequent the bars much more often. OK, and sometimes it might be a bit later than 1:59 a.m.

By this time you are probably thinking: This girl is going to write five more of these columns? But here is the bright side, we want to hear your views and the Observer Scene is accepting letters to the editor.

Tomorrow's topic: Boy bands vs. Teen divas

M. Bball

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back into the game in the late going with three shots from behind the arc.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon was nearly the team's savior for the second time in one week. He hit a 3-pointer to narrow the gap to two against Pittsburgh in the final minute. Dillon had a steal, followed by a break-away slam dunk in the crucial moments against St. John's.

Seabrooks and Lockhart hit two free throws apiece in the final 28 seconds, securing the win for Pittsburgh.

Four Panthers scored in double digits — Greer and Lockhart with 17, Seabrooks with 16, and Holmes with 10. Meanwhile, only Murphy and sophomore David Graves tallied 10 or more points for the Irish.

The Panthers dominated the boards, outrebounding the Irish 43-30.

Freshman Donatas Zavackas was a key addition to the Panthers' game, after missing the first match against the Irish. Zavackas, despite only scoring two points and four rebounds, managed to rein Murphy in, holding him to 20 points. Of Notre Dame's nine losses, Murphy has been kept below his scoring average in all but one.



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Jimmy Dillon battles for a loose ball in Wednesday's win over West Virginia. Dillon scored eight points in the loss to Pittsburgh.

BOXING

Frazier wins, challenges Ali

Associated Press

SCRANTON, Pa. Jacquie Frazier-Lyde, Smokin' Joe Frazier's daughter, turned pro with a first-round victory Sunday, then threw down the gauntlet to Muhammad Ali's daughter, Laila.

"Laila Ali, you wanted to know if I was a professional fighter, now you see," Frazier-Lyde said after stopping Teela Reese in the first round. "I'll kick your butt Laila Ali. I'm

challenging you. Don't make me come and get you."

The 38-year-old Frazier-Lyde, a Philadelphia lawyer and mother of three children, didn't look nearly as impressive as the 21-year-old Ali did when she won her debut by knocking out April Fowler in 31 seconds Oct. 6. Ali has won two more fights since.

Watching Frazier-Lyde's victory was Laila Ali's sister, Khalilah, who lives in Philadelphia and is a friend of Jacquie's.

"They take the history

between their fathers serious, and they should," Kahlilah said. Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali had three legendary fights, with Ali winning two of them.

Frazier-Lyde is scheduled to fight March 19 at Mountaineer Race Track and Casino in Chester, W.Va.

With her father, the former heavyweight champion, watching and her brother, Marvis, working her corner, Frazier-Lyde, billed as Sister Smoke, came out winging against the 19-year-old Reese.

NHL

Bure brothers lead World team to win

Associated Press

TORONTO

Three goals, two brothers, one special moment in an NHL All-Star game that, for a change, was something more than an unexciting shootout.

Pavel Bure scored three goals, two set up by little brother Valeri, and goaltender Olaf Kolzig played a rare shutout period as the World team turned the 50th All-Star game into an uncommon rout, dominating North America 9-4 on Sunday.

"That's why I got MVP, he set me up a lot," Pavel Bure said, nudging his little brother.

The Bure brothers nearly connected for another goal in a four-goal World third period, but Valeri disobeyed big brother's instructions by passing up an open shot to try to feed Pavel again.

"Younger brother never listens to older brother, you know how that is," said Valeri, who plays for Calgary and insists he would take less pay to play alongside Pavel in Florida. "I thought it would be even better if he got a fourth goal."

Except for the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, the Bures have not played together since their days with the once-famous Red Army team. Valeri joined the Russian team at age 16, when Pavel already was a star.

"I'm his biggest fan," Valeri Bure said. "It's easy to play with him, 99 percent of time give him the puck he scores a goal."

Bure's hat trick was the 11th in All-Star history, but the fourth in four years in a game that has increasingly emphasized offense, with an average of 16 goals scored over the last 10 years.

That's what made Kolzig's

shutout third period so unusual, as he faced only eight shots and stopped them all as the World stretched a 5-4 lead at the start of the period.

"We got some great goaltending," said World coach Scotty Bowman, who coached in an All-Star game for an unprecedented fifth decade. "He [Kolzig] made some tough saves and really distinguished himself out there."

Pavel Demitra of St. Louis scored his second goal and Miroslav Satan of Buffalo and Radek Bonk of Ottawa also scored in the third period against Mike Richter, the only goaltender to not allow a goal in Saturday night's skills competition.

The five-goal decision followed close victories by North America, 8-6 in 1999 and 8-7 in 1988, in the first two All-Star games played under the present format.

In a game where defense is an afterthought and hitting is totally forgotten as players are as concerned with preventing injuries as they are scoring goals, hometown goaltender Curtis Joseph of the Maple Leafs made 20 saves in a busy first period, yet still trailed 3-2.

With icings waved off and the play constantly flowing from end-to-end with no checking or face-offs to interfere, it took only 11 minutes to play the first nine minutes of clock time — an unheard of pace for a regular-season game.

The first and only penalty wasn't assessed until 5:51 of the third period, when Colorado's Sandis Ozolinsh of the World team was called for hooking.

St. Louis goaltender Roman Turek started for the injured Dominik Hasek of Buffalo and was outstanding despite yielding goals to Joe Sakic and Jeremy Roenick.

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NFL

NFC defeats AFC in highest-scoring Pro Bowl

Associated Press

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Randy Moss set records with nine catches for 212 yards, and Mike Alstott scored three touchdowns in the NFC's 51-31 victory over the AFC on Sunday in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl ever.

NFC 51
AFC 31

Arizona's Aeneas Williams and Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks returned interceptions for touchdowns as the NFC dominated the game from the start in snapping a three-game AFC win streak.

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Moss, the 6-foot-4 Minnesota star selected the MVP, used his height advantage to out-leap the AFC defensive backs, particularly 5-11 Sam Madison of Miami and 6-foot

James Hasty of Kansas City.

Moss' last catch was a 25-yard TD reception from Carolina's Steve Beuerlein with 1:05 to play that closed the scoring.

Alstott, the Tampa Bay full-back, scored on runs of 1, 3 and 1 yards. He finished with 13 carries for 67 yards.

Brooks picked off a pass from Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell and raced untouched 20 yards for a touchdown to make it 44-24 with 11:12 left.

Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith caught three touchdown passes, and finished with eight catches for 119 yards. His last score, a 52-yarder from Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, made it 44-31 with 6:30 to play.

Manning had two touchdown passes and two interceptions,

including the 62-yard return by Williams that gave the NFC a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Williams had an open field after Colts receiver Marvin Harrison fell down, and he raced down the left sideline for the score.

The next time the NFC had the ball, St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner connected with Moss for 48 yards to put the ball on the AFC 5. Warner, the Super Bowl MVP, was 8-of-11 for 123 yards.

Detroit's Jason Hanson kicked a 21-yard field goal to make it 10-0. He had three field goals on the day, including a 51-yarder at the end of the first half that tied a Pro Bowl record.

The AFC got on the board when Brunell teamed with Smith on a 5-yard touchdown

pass with 30 seconds left in the first quarter, capping a 68-yard drive in which Tennessee's Eddie George gained half the yards.

The NFC pushed its lead to 17-7 three minutes into the second quarter on a 1-yard run by Alstott, following a 46-yard pass from Warner to Moss.

After an exchange of turnovers, Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon connected with Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez on a 10-yard

pass to make it 17-14.

Glyn Milburn of the Chicago returned a punt to the AFC 43, starting a five-play drive that saw Alstott score from the 3 after running for 27 yards the previous play.

Manning then led the AFC on an 87-yard drive that ended with a 21-yard TD pass to Smith with 20 seconds left in the half.

A 66-yard return by Michael Bates of the Carolina Panthers set up Hanson's 51-yarder as time expired.

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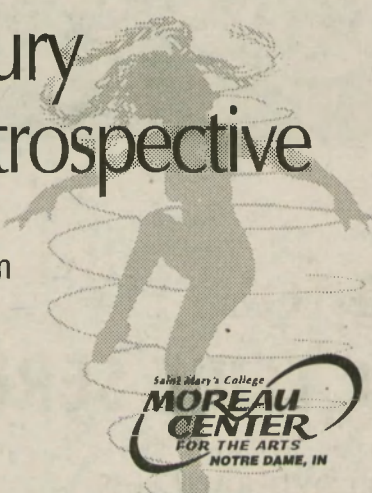
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HOCKEY

Icers split CCHA weekend series against Buckeyes

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Irish survived a last-second Buckeye penalty shot to remain in fifth place in the CCHA standings. The close victory gave the Notre Dame hockey team (12-14-6, 9-8-5) a split in the weekend series in Columbus, Ohio.



Carlson

The Irish came back from a 3-1 loss to the Buckeyes on Friday night to pull out a 2-1 overtime win on Dan Carlson's goal with 56 seconds remaining in overtime.

Senior Ben Simon set up the play with a pass from the left side of the crease, where freshman Michael Chin slapped it toward the net. Carlson gathered the rebound and put it past the Ohio State goaltender for his fourth game-winning goal of the season and team

leading 12th goal.

The Irish nearly lost the game with time running out in regulation.

OSU's Eric Meloche came into the Notre Dame zone on a breakaway. Tyson Fraser tried to cut the forward off. Meloche beat Fraser to the slot and managed to get a shot off that was denied by Irish goaltender Tony Zasowski.

The referee, however, called for a penalty shot after Fraser had swiped at the puck as he was falling down behind Meloche. With argument from the Irish bench, OSU's leading scorer took the penalty shot and fired wide, with only 16 seconds remaining. The missed shot left the game tied at 1 at the end of regulation.

"The game was unbelievable," said Irish defenseman Sean Molina. "It was huge for us to comeback and win, especially Dan scoring that goal. We were playing well and came from behind in the series to get the win in the second game."

The Irish scored first in the game. Chin put the Irish up 1-0 in the first period, converting

on the rebound off of Ryan Dolder's shot. The goal gave Chin six points in the last five games.

The Irish went on to dominate the second period, but failed to add to their lead. They outshot the Buckeyes 17-7, but eventually surrendered the game-tying goal. Ohio State called a time-out at the 13:46 mark and then converted 12 seconds later. Jean-Francois Dufor converted on a pass from Meloche on an odd-man rush for the lone Buckeye goal.

The Irish held a 36-23 shot advantage, marking the sixth-straight game that Notre Dame has outshot its opponent. During the course of those six games, the Irish have posted a 4-1-1 record while amassing a 213-124 edge in shots on goal (average of 36-21).

In Friday night's game, Ohio State boosted their chances for qualifying for the playoffs with a 3-1 win. Senior goalie Ray Aho made 26 saves and Ohio State's offense made the most out of their chances to defeat the Irish.

Notre Dame fell behind 1-0 as

sophomore center Mike McCormick converted on the power play midway through the first period. Irish freshman goaltender Tony Zasowski had appeared to smother the puck but it squirted loose to set up McCormick's easy goal. OSU then added to its lead early in the second period on freshman right wing Nic Boileau second goal of the season from.

Carlson scored on a feed from Dolder for a power-play goal early in the third period to put the Irish back in the game. They were not able to tie the game in the remainder of the period, finally giving up an empty-netter as the Buckeyes put the game away.

"Friday was not an indication of Notre Dame hockey," Molina said. "We had to concentrate on coming together more as a team, and we sat down as a team and talked about it on Saturday. I think we did a better job in the second game, it was great to see everyone playing together."

Friday's loss had temporarily left the Irish in a tie for fifth place in the CCHA.

With the win on Saturday, however, Notre Dame moved back into sole-possession of the fifth spot. Notre Dame was helped by Bowling Green's defeat of Nebraska-Omaha, pushing UNO down to sixth place.

The win did not make up any ground on the two third-place teams. Lake Superior State posted a 3-1 win over Michigan State, leaving the two teams tied for third. The Irish can control their fate in the standings with six games remaining. Notre Dame faces Nebraska-Omaha next weekend and Michigan State in the final series of the season.

"It is definitely better for us to be seeded as high as possible," Molina said. "We want to go in on a roll and then we will have a better chance. We hold it in our hands. Nebraska is right behind us and Michigan State is ahead of us. Those games could decide as high as second place in the standings, so if we play well these last six games, there is no end to where we might go."

NBA

Stockton takes over in fourth as Jazz defeat Spurs

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Tim Duncan owned the first 46 minutes. John Stockton took over for the final two.

Stockton's two clutch baskets helped the Utah Jazz break a six-game losing streak as they defeated the San Antonio Spurs 93-90 Sunday.

"It was just nice to get over the top," Stockton said. "It's only one win, but it sure feels a lot better walking around the house."

With the Jazz down two points, Stockton made a 3-point shot with two minutes remaining to put Utah ahead 89-88. After Terry Porter powered in for a layup, Stockton's driving layup with 16 seconds remaining gave Utah a 91-90 lead.

On the next possession, Duncan was closely guarded by

Karl Malone and clanged a jumper off the back rim from 20 feet away. A loose ball foul on Jaren Jackson gave Bryon Russell a pair of free throws which put Utah ahead 93-90.

Duncan, again closely guarded by Malone, airballed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"We knew he was going to take the last shot," Malone said. "We just wanted to make sure it was a tough shot."

Duncan led the Spurs with 32 points, 24 coming in the first half. He managed just two points in the final period.

"He missed some shots," said Malone, who led Utah with 25 points. "Guys played him tougher. We were not going to let him get into a rhythm in the second half. I put a body on him, I made him step out."

"They started doubling in the second half," Duncan said. "They started coming in a little

quicker."

Duncan has totaled 172 points in his last five games against Utah. The last time San Antonio faced the Jazz, he set a career high with 46 points on Jan. 10.

Bulls 109, Clippers 90

Rookie Elton Brand scored 21 points and the Chicago Bulls overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the Los Angeles Clippers for the eighth straight time.

Toni Kukoc had 20 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for the Bulls, who dealt the Clippers their fourth straight loss and 18th in 20 games.

Maurice Taylor scored 23 points and Troy Hudson added 19 off the bench for the Clippers.

Brand ignited a 14-2 run with a slam dunk and capped it with a short jumper, as the Bulls turned a three-point deficit into a 66-57 lead with 2:55 left in the third quarter.

Pistons 109, Rockets 105

Grant Hill didn't take long to show the Detroit Pistons that he was ready to come back from a bruised back.

Hill, who missed five of the previous seven games, scored 36 points to help the Pistons beat the Houston Rockets.

"It's incredibly obvious to say this, but we are a much better team with Grant on the floor," Pistons coach Alvin Gentry said. "It was good to have him out there. It was really, really good."

Hill helped the Pistons win their second straight after losing

eight of nine. Things went much better this time than when he tried to play last week, struggling through a game-and-a-half before returning to the sidelines.

Suns 105, SuperSonics 93

Jason Kidd had 22 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds and Rodney Rogers added 22 points as the Phoenix Suns used a dominant third quarter to beat the Seattle SuperSonics.

Kidd had 16 points and eight assists in the second half. Penny Hardaway added 19 points and six assists for the Suns, who lost in Seattle 94-86 on Friday night. Rogers, who had a season-high 26 in Seattle, was 8-for-12 from the field.

Tom Gugliotta scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half and grabbed nine rebounds for Phoenix, which split its season series with Seattle 2-2.

Friday night, Seattle's Gary Payton got the best of Kidd in a matchup of two of the NBA's best point guards. This one, though, went to Kidd. Payton had 13 points on 4-for-18 shooting and scored one point in the second half.

Trail Blazers 100, Celtics 94

Jermaine O'Neal didn't have a lot of time to change the game.

And he didn't need it.

The 21-year-old forward scored 13 points in 13 minutes, pulling down a team-leading eight rebounds to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a victory over the Boston Celtics.

"It's hard sometimes when you watch the clock dwindle down. You think 'I know I can make things happen,'" said O'Neal, the 10th of 10 Trail Blazers to get into the game. "But there's a lot of talent on this team."

Steve Smith scored 23 and Scottie Pippen added 19, hitting a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left in the third period to give the Blazers a lead they never lost. That's because O'Neal scored Portland's first seven points of the fourth quarter, and pulled down five of his six offensive

rebounds in the final period as well.

Knicks 94, Heat 80

Patrick Ewing sat at his locker a little longer than usual, trying to convince everybody that this performance wasn't out of the ordinary.

"Nothing different," he said with a straight face.

In truth, a lot was different.

Playing with a perfect mix of raw talent and enthusiasm — a combination that often had been missing from his repertoire this season — Ewing scored a season-high 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds while outplaying Miami's Alonzo Mourning as the New York Knicks defeated the Heat.

"I chuckle at the way he's been measured," Miami coach Pat Riley said of Ewing, whose game is rounding back into form after missing the first 20 games recovering from a partially torn Achilles' tendon. "You only have to coach a guy like Patrick to know what kind of heart he has. I think he's just beginning to show it."

76ers 119, Kings 108

Allen Iverson calmly sank two free throws, and the magic number flashed on the scoreboard: 50 points.

The last time he did it, people had a problem with it.

This time, it was a milestone that showed how much things have changed.

Iverson tied his career high and made a mockery of his showdown with Sacramento's Jason Williams as the 76ers beat the Kings.

Iverson's performance was reminiscent of the one in Cleveland three years ago when he put up 50 in the city where he was booed during the rookie game at All-Star weekend.

Now, his team is in position to make the playoffs for the second straight season after an eight-year drought, and Iverson is finally shedding his reputation as a selfish showman who cares only about stats.

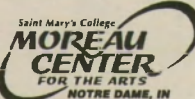
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FENCING

Notre Dame posts 11-1 record at Northwestern

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

EVANSTON, Ill.

The men's and women's fencing teams combined for an 11-1 record Saturday at a Midwest Conference dual meet at Northwestern.

Led by perfect records from epeeist Brian Casas, foilists Ozren Debic and Forest Walton, and sabremen Andrej Bednarski and Gabor Szelle, the men won all six of their matches by a combined score of 146-16.

The women posted the most impressive win of the day with a 27-0 shut out against Lawrence, but dropped a close bout to Northwestern, 15-12, to finish the day 5-1.

"Obviously we were disappointed about the women losing to Northwestern," men's foil captain Jim Harris said. "But they fenced well. They fenced better than they did against Penn State. I am really happy about where the team is right now and we are going to be ready for the Midwest Championships in March."

Epee captain Kim DeMaio was also disappointed with the women's loss to Northwestern but stressed the improvement shown after last weekend's loss to Penn State. While the women improved in the close bouts, the Irish were hoping to deal the Wildcats a loss after several derogatory comments against Notre Dame surfaced in The Daily Northwestern.

"They have some tough fencers but we showed some improvement over last week especially in the close bouts," she said. "We were 6-1 in the 4-4 bouts. It would have been nice to win because they were so arrogant in their paper."

The Irish women's sabre team fell for the first time this year as the Wildcats

dealt the Irish a 7-2 loss. At foil, however, the Irish bounced back with a decisive 6-3 victory of their own.

The epee match against Northwestern was the closest match of the day. The Wildcats jumped out to a 4-1 lead and threatened to rout the Irish. Led by freshman Anna Canick's 3-0 record, however, the Irish battled back.

Meagan Call, who finished the day 11-2, won a critical bout to tie close the gap to 4-3 before Carnick tied the match at 4. In the ninth bout, however, the Wildcats picked up the win to clinch the match 5-4.

Despite the close loss, the Irish are looking forward to fencing the Wildcats in the JACC at the Midwest Championships.

"I guess maybe they were a little more up for it than we were," DeMaio said. "But we will see them again down the road so hopefully we will have a chance to get it back."

Although the women's sabre team dropped the match to Northwestern, it finished the day strong with a 5-1 record. Freshman Natalia Mazur led the Irish with a 13-1 record while Katie Flanagan and Carinanne McCullough went 12-4 and 11-2, respectively.

With captain and All-American Magda Krol fencing just six bouts, the foil team still posted an undefeated weekend. In Krol's place, Kelly Orsi fenced a strong weekend and finished with an 11-2 record. Freshman Liza Boutsikaris continued to shine with an 11-0 record while Aimee Kalogera posted an 12-5 record.

With the exception of the Northwestern women, both the Notre Dame men and the women faced few challenges. After fencing some of the top teams in the country the past two weeks, getting focused for lesser competition was a challenge.

"Coming off the last two weekends which were big weekends for us, it's a lit-



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Sophomore epeeist Brian Casas prepares to attack during a bout Saturday in Evanston. Casas finished the day with a perfect 12-0 record.

tle tough to stay focused," Harris said. "But we still have to remain focused because these are our conference opponents and we need to do well against them."

The Irish men left no doubt about their dominance in the conference after the meet. With most of the Irish starters fencing two or less bouts per match, the Irish reserves got their chance to shine.

"My No. 2 priority after winning is getting in all my other guys — getting them qualified so they can compete in the Midwest Championships," Harris said. "We just want to make sure everyone gets a reward for all their hard work in practice."

Clay Morton and Tony Rizzuti both posted perfect records for the sabre team. While the foil team got strong performances by the 4-0 Harris and Jeremy Beau who went 4-1, epee reserves Dominic Guarnaschelli and Scott Gabler went 5-1 and 4-1, respectively.

In addition to the undefeated records of Casas, Debic, Szelle, Walton and Bednarski, the Irish starters posted strong weekends. Epee captain James Gaither posted nine wins while Jan Viviani added seven. Sophomore Steve Mautone complemented Debic and Walton's undefeated records with a 13-2 record.

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Sophomore sabreman Gabor Szelle assesses his opponent last weekend against Ohio State.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

EVANSTON, Ill.

The most pressing concerns for the men's sabre squad weren't strategy or style Saturday against the Minnesota Gophers, but instead the identity of a first baseman.

"Who's on first?" freshman Matt Fabricant asked his fellow sabremen before 9-0 victory over the Gophers.

While the Irish never determined if "I don't know" played third base, they left no doubt that they were the top sabre squad in the Midwest with convincing wins over Northwestern, Purdue, Chicago, Lawrence, Minnesota and Case Western.

The biggest challenge for the Irish this weekend wasn't the tough competition but the lack of competition.

"It's harder fencing the guys that aren't very good competition because it's sloppier," said Fabricant who posted an 11-1 record on Saturday. "It's hard to get around certain things."

Senior captain Clay Morton had the difficult task of trying to get his team focused on the meet when it was obvious that the Irish would win easily.

"Being as good as they are, they are used to this [easy

wins]," Morton said. "They just go out there and do what they need to and then go cheer on the other squads."

Setting individual goals and expectations was important at a meet where the team was practically guaranteed six wins.

"Everyday you are out there you are competing against yourself," said junior sabreman Andrzej Bednarski, who led the Irish with a 15-0 record. "So you have keep yourself amused when you are out there — doing different things and keeping everyone amused."

Bednarski found a way to keep himself amused against the Gophers. With the team fighting to not only win every bout but also to win every bout 5-0, Bednarski cringed when he gave up a touch. Bednarski quickly tuned the disappointment of giving up a touch into laughter when he jumped into the air and slashed his opponent's head for a 5-1 win.

Bednarski is clearly the jokester of the squad with his antics on the strip.

"I don't take anything too seriously — opponents, myself, coaches, other teammates as well as everything else," he said.

Bednarski and sophomore Gabor Szelle have both earned All-American honors in the past while Fabricant and sophomore Andre Crompton are both capable of All-American status this year.

With four talented sabremen on the team and only three starting spots, Morton has a tough job finding them all a chance to fence.

"First you just let them duke it out and then see who comes out on top," Morton said. "Then you give the fourth person shots to see if he can do it."

With Crompton fencing internationally Saturday, Fabricant got the chance to step into the starting lineup.

"Matt has shown he can do it," Morton said. "Crompton didn't come today but Matt stepped up and won every bout but one. It's fun that your second best guy leaves and you don't lose a thing."

Fabricant admits that it's tough to wait behind such strong teammates but said that team goals are more important than individual accolades.

"It's definitely tough to wait your turn but I am just here to support the team," Fabricant said. "It's all about the team and not just one individual."

Even beyond the top four, the sabre team dominated. Morton finished the day with

an 8-0 record while Tony Rizzuti also posted a perfect record at 5-0.

With so much talent, practices are often more intense than the meets. The Irish go head-to-head every day in practice to fight for starting positions and respect among teammates.

"Practice is much more difficult," Fabricant said. "Fencing with Gabor and Andre and Andrzej — it is much easier to fence [other teams.]"

On a squad with so much talent, one fencer still distinguishes himself as the best — Szelle.

"He makes it look easy," Morton said. "He's smooth and fast as lightning. It's a great asset to have him as part of the team. When he fences us in practices, he makes us better and uplifts the whole squad."

Szelle, who finished second at the NAAs last year, won all 13 of his bouts with ease. Szelle also finished second at the Junior World Cup Championships in 1998.

In 2000, he has set his sights on his first NCAA sabre individual championship.

"That's my goal for this year," he said. "That's what I can control. I know that I have to win the individual championship to help the team win the title."

When the sabre squad travels to Stanford in March for the NCAA Championships, it will have a chance for revenge against the only team that defeated the Irish this year — the St. John's Red Storm. In the first meet of the year, the Red Storm surprised the Irish with a 7-2 win.

Szelle and the rest of the squad consider that loss a fluke and believe that they will turn the tables on St. John's in the spring.

"Even if we would have fenced them again in New York right after we lost, we would have beaten them," Szelle said. "It was just one of those matches where we didn't focus. I don't know what was wrong with us because we beat Stanford and Stanford beat St. John's. We are definitely capable of beating them and I am pretty sure we will beat them at the NAAs."

Bednarski exudes even more confidence than Szelle.

"Among the sabre squads we dominate the nation," Bednarski said. "We are the dominant team in the country. The loss to St. John's was easily a mistake. St. John's is going to be sorry that Notre Dame was ever built in the state of Indiana when we get done with them."



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faces.

This unselfishness off the court transcends to their success between the lines. There are no looks of disgust when they are taken out of a game, no smug demeanor when their teammate misses a shot.

Glance at the season statistics and you'll see four players averaging between 10.8 and 15 points per game. No player averages more than 10 field goal attempts per game. The Irish average more than 20 assists per game. Eight players average more than 10 minutes per game. Five different players have led the team in scoring in a game with eight different players leading in rebounding.

Every night there seems to be a new face in the spotlight. For the past two games it's been Kelley Siemon's turn to shine. One game after scoring a career-high 23 points against Providence, the junior forward contributed 11 points and 14 rebounds on Saturday. Playing the entire second half, Siemon dominated the boards against the Eagles, on both ends of the floor. A starter last year, Siemon has adjusted well to her new role.

"It was hard for me [coming off the bench]," Siemon said. "But now later in the season it's really a role that I've come to like. I can get a feel for the game so when I come in, I can be ready to play."

"She's really done a great job with her attitude in terms of acceptance of her role [coming off the bench]," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "With Danielle [Green] in the starting lineup we need a spark off the bench and Kelley has been that spark."

Siemon's acceptance of her role coming off the bench is a microcosm of what makes this team special.

The main role is played by junior Ruth Riley — the team leader in both scoring and rebounding. The 6-foot-5 All-American center, among the nation's best players turned in one of her best performance's of the season against Boston College with 23 points on 7-for-11 shooting and 9-for-10 from the line.

Her dominance was never more apparent than in the first 12:17 of the second half on Saturday. In that span, Riley scored 15 of her team's 21 points, helping expand the lead from three to 12. At one point, Riley had 11 points in a row, including a perfect five for five from the foul line.

And on defense, Riley limited Eagles center Jamie Cournoyer to just 6 for 15 from the field, while also making the Eagle guards think twice before driving through the lane.

Yet even Riley only shoots nine times per game, far below what a star player usually attempts. With her size, repertoire of post moves and 84 percent mark from the foul line, Riley could be easily be a 20-point, 10-rebound performer every night.

But it's Riley's unselfishness, her willingness to be patient on offense and get her teammates involved that has helped this team to a 19-2 record.

"When you look at her statistics, you've got to realize who she's playing with," said one WNBA scout at Saturday's game.

The supporting cast includes freshman Alicia Ratay, whose sweet jumper reminded Irish fans of a past great, former All-American Beth Morgan.

Then there's the point guard and team leader, Niele Ivey. She has the unique talent of being able to dominate a game without scoring. On Saturday, Ivey shot just 1-for-11 from the field, but hauled down nine rebounds, dished out nine assists and had three steals in 38 minutes.

Her backcourt mate Green's speed and quickness helps the Irish in transition. The 5-foot-8 senior scored 19 points on Saturday, with none of her field goals coming from further than eight feet away. When the Irish needed her most, Green delivered with nine points in the final 6:18 of the game.

Helping out in the front court are Julie Henderson, Ericka Haney, Amanda Barksdale and Meghan Leahy. The quartet provides rebounding and defensive help for the Irish, who have six players taller than 6-foot.

"We have such good balance," McGraw said. "A couple of years ago when we went to the Final Four [in 1997] we relied on Beth Morgan and Katrina Gaiter every single game. This team's not like that. We have great talent. We have five or six people that can lead the team in scoring."

Like the 1997 team, this year's squad has its sights on the ultimate prize in Philadelphia — the Final Four.

Before they get to the City of Brotherly Love, the Irish still have six Big East games remaining, including the season finale against Connecticut, their Achilles Heel the past few years. Then the show moves to the Big East tournament, then hopefully back home to host a first round NCAA tournament game. And from there, anything can happen, like it always does during March Madness.

It could be a memorable season.

But for a group of girls in Michiana, their memories are already set.

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Senior Danielle Green looks to pass inside against the Eagles Saturday in the 72-59 Irish victory. The win improved Notre Dame's league record to 10-0.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Calvin ends Saint Mary's win streak

By KATIE McVOY
Sports Writer

After a two-game winning high, the Saint Mary's basketball team dropped its 11th conference game of the season.

Calvin 64

Saint Mary's 44

The Belles fell to Calvin College 64-44, lacking all the elements that had gained them their only two wins of the season. Saint Mary's shot only 24.6 percent from the field and were out-rebounded by the Calvin Knights 50-29.

"We played as well as we did against Kalamazoo and Olivet for the first half of the game," freshman forward Kristen Matha said, "but our rebounding and shooting fell apart midway through the second half."

Calvin came into the game with a second-place rank in the MIAA, trailing Hope College by only half a game.

With Saturday's win, the Knights improved their record to 10-2 in the MIAA and reached a 15-win plateau for the eighth consecutive season.

Calvin took the lead early in the game, but the Belles stayed close through the first half. Early in the second half, Saint Mary's only trailed by four.

Midway through the second half Calvin clinched the game with a 20-4 scoring run. Saint Mary's only scored five points in the last seven minutes of regulation time.

"Calvin went on a large scoring drive and we lost pace and couldn't keep the momentum," Matha said. "Our shooting and rebounding fell with that loss of momentum."

Matha led the Belles with 13 points and eight rebounds. Joining Matha on offense was junior forward Julie Norman with nine points. Defensive help came from sophomore Kelly Jones who led the team in rebounds with nine.

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home win.

But moving to 19-2 and remaining undefeated in the Big East at 10-0 wasn't as easy as the Irish would have liked.

The Eagles hung with Irish during the first half. Although they were never able to gain the lead, the Eagles tied the game twice and kept the Irish scrambling.

Bouchard was a menace on the perimeter, hitting 4-7 from 3-point range and leading the Eagles with 17 points.

"I think they [BC] are an excellent team," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "Their guard play is outstanding. I think they're among the best in the conference. They played well. They're a great team. They came back."

Riley gave her team the final edge they needed to down the Eagles when her 11-straight points for the Irish increased the lead after a close halftime score.

"Today our emphasis was get the ball to the block," McGraw said. "And this was probably the first team that we really knew we had a big man and took advantage of it."

When guard Danielle Green scored seven of her 19 points in a row, the Irish were up by 10 with just two minutes left to play and dashed the Eagles' chances of an upset.

"I think the difference in the second half was we were able to keep our starters on the floor most of the half," McGraw said. "I think that is why we finished so strong."

Ratay, one of four Irish scorers in double digits, added 12 points and six rebounds for the Irish, while point guard Niele Ivey dished out a game-high nine assists.

Neither team went to their bench as much as they have in previous outings. McGraw felt



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Danielle Green posts up two Boston College defenders Saturday in Notre Dame's 72-59 win.

her starters were rested enough because of several television timeouts and Eagles head coach Cathy Inglesse wasn't satisfied with her reserves' play.

"I think [the lack of depth] was a factor," said Inglesse. "We need more from the players coming off the bench."

The Eagles had two players who played for the entire game and a third who played for all but one minute of the contest.

The Irish win was key for a team who had gone relatively untested in the conference before Saturday.

"[Winning] was so important to keep our hopes alive for the Big East championship," said McGraw. "To get that home court game in the NCAA tournament we need to beat ranked teams so we're excited to beat a ranked team."

Boston College was the first ranked team to come to the Joyce Center all season.

Despite downing the Eagles — a team that fell to Connecticut by only seven points — McGraw is convinced that her squad can play better.

"We're definitely playing with a lot of confidence and I don't think you've seen our best game yet. I still think we can play better," said McGraw. "We're playing well in spurts and we've had some players step up but as a team I don't

think we've peaked yet and that's what we're hoping will happen in the Big East tournament."

Even with four Irish players scoring in double digits, solid defense that held the Eagles to less than the average conference team has scored against the Irish all season and a big win over a tough conference rival, McGraw thinks her squad can do better.

"I'm looking at Niele's shooting 1-11 — she's not going to do that very often," said McGraw. "She had a great floor game today but I think she and Alicia can both score more."

Envisioning a squad that has five players scoring in double digits, McGraw is poised to lead her team into the final stretch of the regular season before the Big East and NCAA tournaments in March.

And her players are ready too.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble focusing [during the rest of the season]," said McGraw. "We've got our eye on a goal that's down the road and we know we have to take care of the business at hand."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish run strong against top competition at Meyo Invite

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish nipped the heels of America's great track and field athletes, running to tight finishes against veterans from the 1999 NCAA championships in this weekend's Meyo Invitational in the Loftus Center.

Notre Dame's distance medley relay team of Phil Mishka, Chris Cochran, Tim Kober and Luke Watson raced to a second-place finish in Friday night's competition. Finishing in nine minutes, 43.78 seconds, Notre Dame was less than a second behind Alabama, a team which placed fourth in the NCAA championships a season ago and set a new meet record this weekend.

"That distance medley was terrific," head track and field coach Joe Plane said. "That was a great race."

Notre Dame posted the third-fastest distance medley time in the nation this year, recording provisional qualifying marks for nationals.

"With the relay, we all went out and ran really well," Cochran said. "We're third in the nation right now. Hopefully that will allow us to get into the NCAA's."

Mishka added a top-notch individual performance on Saturday, placing second in the 800-meter run to returning NCAA champion Derrick Peterson of Missouri. Both ran NCAA qualifying times, with Peterson finishing in 1:48.26 and Mishka in 1:48.57.

"I've got to say, I was pretty excited about it," Mishka said. "It's not only an indoors personal record, but a record overall."

"I thought I was going to get him until he went by me with about 80 meters to go," Mishka added. "I tried to throw in another surge at the end, but he's just too good."

Mishka's time was a career best.

"He ran a marvelous race," Plane said. "And that time would get him into the NCAA's."

Cochran was another two-event star, taking second in the 400-meter run to Alabama's Cori Loving. Cochran's time was just two-hundredths off Bobby Brown's school record.

Other top races among the sprint and middle-distance events were the men's and women's 500-meter run, the women's 400-meter run and the men's 200-meter run.

Junior Terry Wray and senior

Tim Kober provided a one-two punch in the 500.

"That was the best race I've ever had here," Wray said after winning the 500. "That was a PR [personal record]. That's the biggest thing I can concentrate on for scoring at the Big East."

Junior Carri Lenz placed second in the women's 500 in a time of 1:15.5.

Sophomore Liz Grow took second in the 400 to Faye Williams of Etobicoke. Grow's time of :54.68 earned her a provisional spot in the NCAA championships.

Tom Gilbert performed well for the men in the 200.

"Tom Gilbert in the 200 is just improving every week," sprints coach John Millar said.

Freshmen Tameisha King and Kymia Love are coming on strong in the hurdles.

"I think Tameisha King is starting to come around a little bit in the hurdles and show what she's capable of," Millar said. "Kymia Love — she's starting to show the promise that we're hoping to see out of her."

King qualified for the finals in the 60-meter hurdles, but did not run due to a sore hamstring.

The Irish did not fare as well in the distance events, with the lone victory coming from Brian Holinka in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:27.49. Watson competed in the star-studded Meyo Mile, and met provisional times to qualify for the NCAA championships.

The 3,000-meter runs saw two new meet and track records set.

In the men's competition, Alabama's Tim Broe set a new meet and track record with an automatic qualifying NCAA time of 7:55.41. For the women, former Valparaiso standout Collette Liss finished in 8:58.47, with her nearest competitor 25 seconds behind.

"We've got to improve the distance end in both the women's side and the men's side," Plane said.

The Irish women took home victories in nearly every field event.

Sophomore Dore DeBartolo established a new Notre Dame record in the 20-pound weight throw. She won the event with her hurl of 56 feet and a half inch.

"I was really excited about it," DeBartolo said. "Because that was my best performance of my whole career and I hadn't even thrown really well this whole year. It was a huge improvement over last week, and it kind of



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The men did not fare well in the field events, such as the pole vault shown here at a January meet, in the Meyo Invitational; they did not win a single event.

took me by surprise."

King is making winning a habit, as she once again was victorious in the long jump.

"Tameisha King is getting very consistent right around 19-2, 19-3," Winsor said. "She's capable of doing much better than just scoring in the Big East."

Irish pole-vaulters Jamie Volkmer and Natalie Hallett earned first and second in their events. Both tied the school record of 11-0, but Volkmer cleared the bar with fewer attempts to win.

Senior All-American Jen Engelhardt won the meet in the high jump, despite a lower-than-normal mark.

"Jenni was a little under the weather for this meet, and we also worked hard in bounding and plyometrics this week," Winsor said. "So I wasn't really surprised that she didn't jump as well as normal. But she still won the meet."

Angela Patrizio and Krisa Diaz took second and third in the triple jump for Notre Dame, falling to Missouri's Lindsey Miller.

For the men, the field events were not the strong point, as they did not win a single contest. Quill Redwine did double duty with the high jump and triple jump, while Gilbert competed well in the long jump.

"In the long jump — again Tom Gilbert did a fine job," Winsor said. "He's doing a great job. I think he's getting ready to bust a big one."

The Irish could not get a top finish in the throwing events.

"We've got a lot of work to do on the throws," Winsor said. "Our throws quite honestly are not where I think they should be. In the shot put, we've got to work on our technique."

The track and field team will send a limited number of sprinters and field events specialists to the Butler Invitational this weekend. The remainder of the squad will sit out in preparation for the Big East Invitational.

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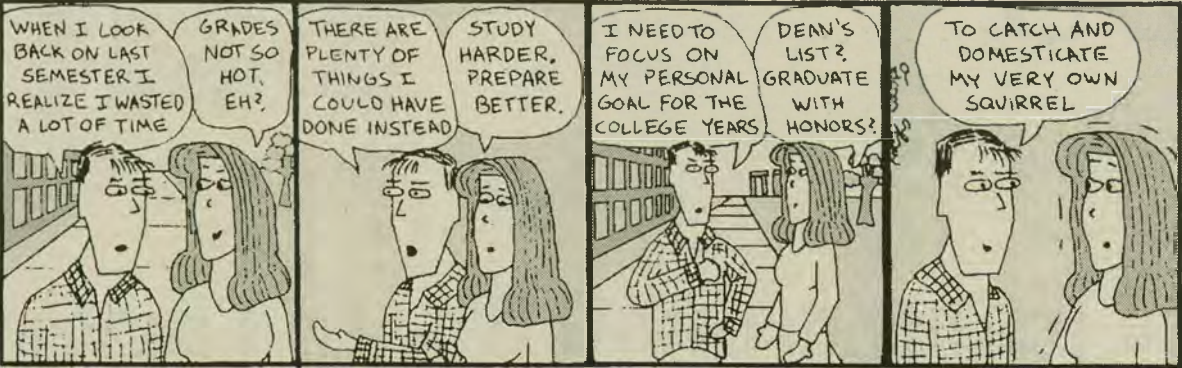


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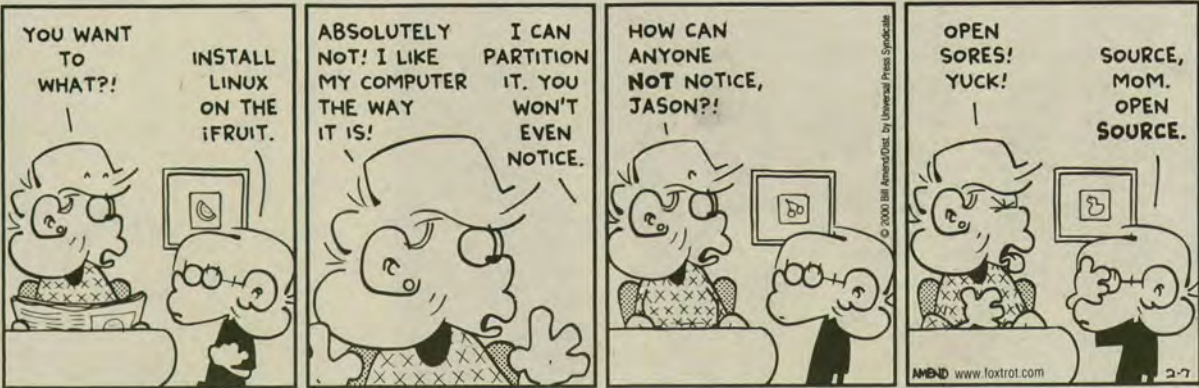
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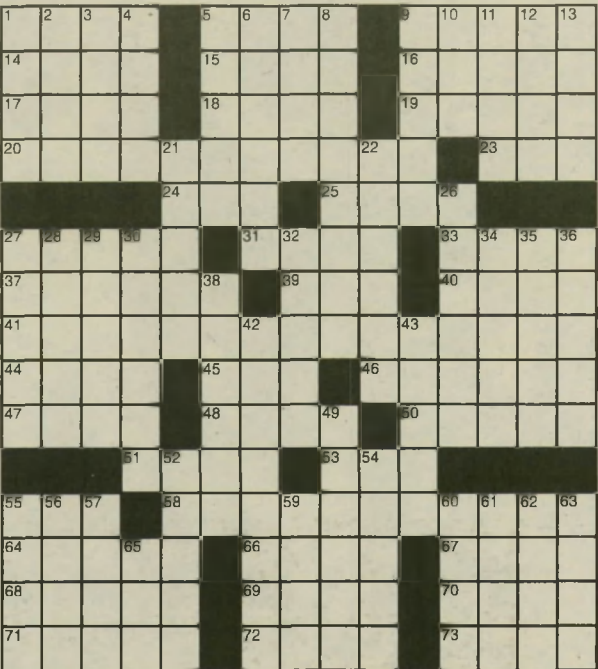
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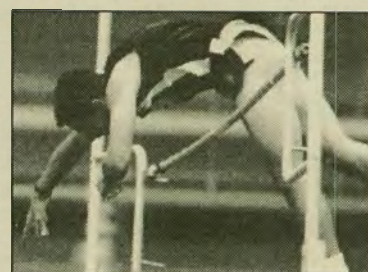
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish dominate paint, ground No. 18 Eagles

◆ Leahy, Riley
lead Irish to win

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

When the No. 18 Boston College Eagles stepped on the court Saturday to face the No. 5 Irish, they had a simple game plan: contain the paint.

Notre Dame 72
Boston College 59

Unfortunately for the Eagles, the game plan didn't work.

After 40 minutes ticked off the clock, the Irish were on top 72-59 and center Ruth Riley and forward Kelley Siemon combined under the basket for almost half of Notre Dame's points and rebounds.

Riley scored a game-high 23 points and Siemon came off the bench to record a double-double with 11 points and a career-high 14 rebounds to lead the Irish.

"We knew that [the Irish] were strong and that they were a great team," Eagle captain Cal Bouchard said. "One of our goals was contain the paint, contain penetration and we didn't do that in the first five minutes of the game and we slowly realized we needed to double down a little bit more."

The Irish stepped on the court ready to defend their undefeated conference record, and opened the game with five points from Riley in the lane and a 7-0 run.

By the time the Eagles realized they needed more pressure down low, the Irish had already ignited the spark that propelled them to their school record-tying 15th consecutive season win and 18th straight

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Julie Henderson elbows her way past Boston College's Jamie Cournoyer in No. 5 Notre Dame's 72-59 win over No. 18 Boston College. The win improves the Irish to 19-2.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

◆ Irish take time
out from dream
season for fans

The line stretched from under the basket, through the tunnel leading to the Irish locker room, and around toward the women's basketball office.

Scores of fans, mostly pre-teen girls, gathered around the women's basketball team, asking for autographs or pictures of their idols.

It was 30 minutes after Notre Dame had beaten Boston College 72-59 at the Joyce Center on Saturday afternoon, their 15th victory in a row. The television cameras were stored away, the bright lights had been turned off, no reporters were asking questions. This was not a made-for-TV piece about how nice and caring the women are to the area residents.

It didn't have to be scripted. These were real smiles on the faces of the 12 members of the No. 5 Irish, who were still in their gold home uniforms. Unlike their professional male counterparts, they enjoyed the interaction with the young girls. They were willing to take time and talk with these fans, not just sign their memorabilia with an expressionless, can't-wait-to-get-home look on their



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh gets revenge at home against Notre Dame

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Notre Dame's NCAA tourney hopes took a hit Sunday as the men's basketball team stumbled with a 72-66 loss to Big East foe Pittsburgh on the road.

Pittsburgh 72
Notre Dame 66

The blue and gold's defeat came at the hands of a team it had beaten

only two weeks before at home — a team hovering near the bottom of the conference standings.

But the Panthers (10-9, 2-6) showed up demanding more respect than the average basement-dweller. Despite their dismal record in the league, the Panthers have played all but one of their first eight Big East games against teams in the top half of the conference.

The Irish led through much of the first half, and went ahead

by as many as 11 early in the second period.

But the Panthers weren't about to let this win slip away from them like it did in narrow losses to undefeated Syracuse and Miami — the second place Big East team. A 3-pointer by senior guard Jarrett Lockhart narrowed the gap to five.

Then Irish sophomore Troy Murphy scored four straight points to put the Irish ahead 43-34 with 16:20 to play in the game.

The Panthers came storming back, scoring 15 straight points to turn the tables on the Irish.

Three different Pittsburgh guards hit closely guarded 3-pointers during the Pitt spurt. Lockhart, junior guard Ricardo Greer and senior guard Jeremy Holmes all hammered in treys in the run to put a nail through Notre Dame's hopes of victory.

Although the Irish fought back, the Panthers retained their lead the rest of the game. The closest the Irish could get

was within one at 54-53, after buckets by Murphy and freshman guard Mike Monserez.

But Pitt scored the next five points to take a six-point lead with 5:48 to go. Freshman guard Brandin Knight knocked down a 3-pointer, and sophomore forward Chris Seabrooks added a lay-up in giving the Panthers the six-point advantage.

Notre Dame worked its way

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