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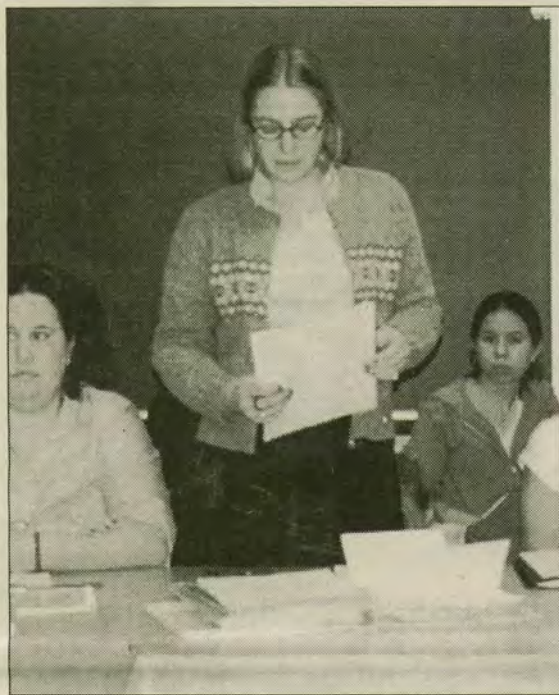
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Koelsch quits as commissioner in protest



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Board of Governance member Emily Koelsch delivers her resignation. The announcement follows the confusion surrounding the student body presidential election.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
 News Writer

Emily Koelsch resigned as the Board of Governance women's commissioner Tuesday after a week-long controversy surrounding student body president election procedure, stating that she had "lost confidence and respect" for several BOG members.

"I think this has been a really difficult three weeks," Koelsch said, holding back tears. "It has become apparent to me that my input is no longer necessary to the government at Saint Mary's. I believe in fostering fair competition among women. I resign my position as women's issues coordinator and I wish the student government the best."

Koelsch and running mate Rachele Rodarte had been declared the winners of the presidential election Friday evening. The revote, authorized by director of student activities Georgeanna Rosenbush, was nullified

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early Monday after a complaint filed by Crissie Renner. Renner's complaint claimed that proper voting procedures were not followed in the election, because the elections committee should have been consulted for the final decision in the event of a tie.

The Koelsch/Rodarte ticket filed an appeal on Monday afternoon, stating that the Renner complaint was not filed in a timely manner and did not take the opinion of the student body into consideration. The appeals committee rejected the appeal, stating that the decision by the elections committee was final.

Much of the debate centered on the fact that the Election Committee, after reviewing Renner's complaint and Koelsch's subsequent appeal, chose to use the results of the Jan. 31 primary election to determine the winners of the election, and did not demand a revote.

Student body president Nancy Midden made it clear at the onset of the discussion that the decision of the appeals committee was final.

"The decisions that have been made are final," Midden said. "The elections committee has made a fair, just and

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Alums back Wadsworth resignation

By MIKE CONNOLLY
 Associate Sports Editor

Days before their Feb. 4 meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., members of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees received a letter from more than 50 Notre Dame alumni criticizing the structure of the athletic department — specifically the leadership of athletic director Michael Wadsworth and executive vice president Father William Beauchamp.

Three days after that meeting, the University announced Wadsworth's resignation and relinquished Beauchamp of all athletic responsibilities.

While a University official said the timing of the letter and the restructuring of the athletic department was just

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Cambodians remember through story, art

Survivor recalls life under the Pol Pot regime

By ERIN LaRUFFA
 News Writer

More than 20 years have passed since Sal Nem watched two of her children die, but she vividly remembers what happened.

"My head! I can't lift it up," he yelled to me," Nem said, referring to her 7-year-old son, Siep. The boy, who was sick for only one day before he died, also lost his sight over the brief course of his bout with dysentery.

Nem's 4-year-old daughter, Siet, later died after a yearlong illness. Due to lack of food and medicine in their native Cambodia, Nem could do nothing but watch her children die.

Life in Cambodia was not always so tragic for Nem and her husband Wuy, who came to the United States in 1985. Wuy now works in the North Dining Hall.

Originally rice farmers in rural Cambodia, the couple was married in 1967, before the group Nem calls "the Pol Pot people" took over Cambodia. Their first child, Siep, was born in 1968.

That year, Nem first saw planes on bombing missions in her native country.

"A lot of bombs in Cambodia ... We had to sit in the ground, sometimes all day," said Nem.

The U.S. backed the original Cambodian government, which ruled before the violent Khmer Rouge regime took over in 1975. The U.S. began bombing raids to support the original Cambodian government. The bombing raids,

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PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Visitors to The Snite participate in the remembrance of victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

Photography exhibit documents terror

By ERIN LaRUFFA
 News Writer

Holding a sleeping infant in her arms, the woman stared straight into the camera, with an almost resigned look on her face.

The woman and the baby were executed soon after the picture was taken.

The woman and her baby were two of the 14,200 people the Khmer Rouge regime forcibly brought to S-21, a high school turned secret extermination site.

Seven of the 14,200 survived.

Blows to the head killed the rest of the prisoners, whose bodies are now lying in mass graves that the prisoners dug themselves. Prior to execution, they were tortured until they confessed to their alleged crimes — usually espionage.

Pol Pot led the Khmer Rouge regime, which violently ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979. The regime's goal was to create an agrarian utopia.

Conservative estimates place the death toll from starvation, malnutrition or disease at more than 1 million — about 7 percent of Cambodia's population. Additionally, 200,000 people are believed to have been executed. Other estimates place the overall death toll at 30 percent of the country's population.

Before the regime killed someone at S-21, located in the city of Phnom Penh, the sol-

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INSIDE COLUMN

The rise of phallocentrism

Hi. My name is Mike, and I have a penis. That's right folks. I have a penis, and I'm not afraid to say it.

But while most guys, including myself, will not shy away from admitting they have a penis, my own proclamation comes in light of several cultural celebrations of the male tool of copulation.

I point first to the Paul Thomas Anderson film, "Magnolia," in which Tom Cruise's character Frank T.J. Mackey screams to a roomful of oppressed men, "Respect the c—k!" Leading a seminar on the revitalization of the dominant male within American society, Mackey perhaps stated in those three words what men everywhere have wanted to say for years.

In last month's Student Film Festival, six auditoriums worth of men and women from the local community witnessed what was described as the one film bent upon unrepressing the taboo that is the penis. It was brutally effective, making (I assume) everyone cringe at the successive exhibition of 24 penises.

Indeed, the repression of the penis has ended.

The next step toward universal submission to the penis could be found in the literary special of Scholastic Magazine. Inside, one could find a very entertaining ode to the penis. But it wasn't just an ode to the penis. It was an ode to the wacky life the penis seems to live, without any input from its greater human component. It was an ode to the erection, and it rightfully placed the importance of the penis in the male's life high on the long list of life priorities.

Finally, last weekend marked the coming of the annual campus favorite, the Keenan Revue. In the show, there is always the threat of sexual innuendo that will surely include euphemisms for the male organ so many guys know so well. Rod. Happy stick. Johnson. Wang. Schlong. Boner. And many more.

So, my dear friends, what is my point?

We must embrace the penis, in all its greatness. We must understand the penis as more than a mere appendage given to one sex and not the other. We must look at the penis as a work of God. We must not simply see the penis as a means of physical pleasure. We must trust that the penis will guide us through the new millennium. It will bring peace and happiness to all.

To know the penis is to remember a long lost cousin. Well, that's not true, for the penis is perhaps, as the short story in Scholastic noted, man's dearest friend.

So I now declare, for the first time and for all times, the second week of February will be known as National Penis Appreciation Week.

Remember this day, everyone, for it will live and grow in the hearts and minds of man and woman alike throughout history.

Imagine, 50 years from now, when National Penis Appreciation Week is a yearly event, not just at Notre Dame, but around the world. Imagine the penis festivals held at campuses across America. Imagine the new American icon: the penis. No longer will we worship the dollar bill. No longer will we worship the television. We will worship the penis, in all its penile glory.

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

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ Art: "All Gallery Abstract Show;" oil paintings, water colors and pastels; 18 Artists Gallery, Chesterton; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	♦ Theatre: "The Mousetrap;" Everest-Rohrer fine Arts Center, Bethel College; 8 p.m. ♦ Film: "The Incas and the Lost City of Machu Pichu;" Fernwood Garden, Niles; 1:30 p.m.	♦ Film: "Bringing Out the Dead;" Snite Museum of Art; 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. ♦ Music: Concert featuring Los Huracanes Del Norte; Hedwig Memorial Center, South Bend; 7 p.m.	♦ Social: Valentine Tea; Queen Anne Inn, South Bend; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. ♦ Dance: Hush and Listen; Traditional South African dance and music; Umble Center, Goshen College; 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Amateur sports gambling bill sparks controversy

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. A new bill passing through Congress could effectively end gambling on all intercollegiate athletic events — at least from a legal standpoint.

But, chances are, those March Madness office pools will remain as popular as ever, especially on college campuses like Pennsylvania State University.

Senior Michael Wirick said he still plans to bet on March Madness just as he has in the past.

Wirick said there is no way the bill will completely eliminate gambling on amateur sports.

"I don't think any kind of government act will stop anyone from gambling," Wirick said. Online gambling and bookies are easily accessible, he added.

The bill, introduced January 31 in

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Michael Wirick
PSU senior

the senate by Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) and Sam Brownback (R-Kansas), proposed the elimination of gambling throughout the United States on high school, collegiate and amateur sports, including the Olympics.

Known as the High School and College Gambling Prohibition Act, the bill was introduced in part from the recommendation of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, Leahy said in his statement on the Senate floor.

The NCAA endorsed the two senators in the introduction of this bill.

"I believe our legislation is needed to ensure the integrity of college sports across the country," Leahy said. "Sports betting puts student athletes in vulnerable positions and threatens their integrity and the integrity of college and Olympic sports."

"We've taken a very clear stance on sports wagering on the college level — it's wrong," said Wally Renfro, NCAA spokesman.

If passed, the law would close a loophole that was created with the passage of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, which outlawed betting on amateur events in all states except Nevada. Because of this loophole, anyone could travel to cities such as Las Vegas or Reno and still bet.

Michigan's naked mile faces setback

ANN ARBOR, Mich. April is a time of activity in Ann Arbor. The snow is gone, students finish winter semester and on the last day of class, hundreds of University of Michigan students streak across campus, wearing nothing but running shoes and a smile. Although the Naked Mile isn't scheduled to take place until April 14, there are discussions already taking place on how to control the event. The student tradition started in 1986 as a prank played by members of the crew team. A letter of concern sent to Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm by a Livonia man has prompted questions about how law enforcement officials should deal with the upcoming run. In the past, the only purpose of police at the event has been to manage the crowd of spectators, which last year was estimated to be between 8,000 to 10,000 people. Somewhere between 400 to 800 actually stripped down and participated in the run, which begins at the Rock and ends in Regents Plaza. "We are fully satisfied that local law officials are taking necessary steps," Granholm's spokesman Chris DeWitt said.

Candle starts fire at Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill. The smell of smoke still lingers on the 12th floor of Southern Illinois University's Schneider Hall. Black soot stains the under part of a ledge outside room 1208's window, which is now boarded up with plywood. Step off the 12th floor elevator Monday afternoon and you would have been encapsulated in a darker, smoke damaged floor. Around 1:30 a.m. Sunday a candle likely set Schneider Hall resident Shawnte Bennett's neighbor's room ablaze, fire officials said. The women who live in 1208 were not in their room when the fire started. Though she just moved to SIUC this semester, Bennett, like many students in Schneider, first thought the alarm was fake. She had heard the stories. There were 81 mechanical malfunctions on campus last semester. Police said an alarm was pulled 21 times when there was no fire. But when Bennett's room filled with smoke, she knew it was real. She threw on her robe and scurried outside. "Seeing the smoke and everything — it's traumatizing," Bennett said. "That's something nobody should go through."

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday	44	33
Thursday	47	34
Friday	39	21
Saturday	29	17
Sunday	36	24

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Feb. 9.
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Atlanta	64	44
Baltimore	52	35
Boston	45	15
Chicago	49	33
Houston	74	58
Las Vegas	70	48
Memphis	68	50
Milwaukee	44	31
New York	45	36
Philadelphia	47	34
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Dyson: Black history is 'crucial'

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Blackness, whiteness, black history and all the different shades of race in America were the topics of an energetic 80-minute discourse Tuesday by acclaimed author and educator Michael Eric Dyson.

Dyson, who has been hailed as a "street-fighter in a suit and tie," wowed the large crowd with his speaking style, which ran the gamut from rapid-fire gangsta rap to intellectual digressions that could put a philosophy professor to shame. But his message was constant: Race is much more than a simple black and white issue.

"Race is so much more complex than it used to be," he said. "Race is at the heart of the American project."

Dyson discussed the wide range of ethnicities and of experiences, that fall under the moniker of "black," and the equally wide variety of types of "white," "Latino" and "Asian" that make up American society today. He contended that Americans should learn to appreciate and accept these varying racial identities.

"We should not try to force Tiger Woods to be either black or Thai, because he's both," he said.

There are many different varieties of blacks and whites and Latinos, Dyson said, and conflicts between different groups within and between the races arise from a variety of misunderstandings. His lecture focused on blacks, and he discussed the clash between today's youth — "the hip-hop generation" — and their parents, who lived through the



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"Race is so much more complex than it used to be. Race is at the heart of the American project," said Michael Eric Dyson Tuesday.

civil rights movement, and who Dyson contended, too often accuse the entire younger generalization of materialism, without listening.

"There is some criticism of that [materialism] within hip-hop, but if you don't listen to it, if you hate it, if you criticize your own children, you won't see it," he said. "Listen to internal critique, because there's something important going on."

Dyson also discussed the importance of an understanding of black history, both for blacks and for people of all races, saying that it is a crucial part of American history.

"African-American studies is not just for African-Americans," he said. "The reality is that that this is important for all of us to

learn."

The history of black people, and other minorities, in America is one which is essential to students' understanding of this country's past and future in no small part because of the divisions among different ethnicities, he said.

"Our history has always been about conflicting streams and strands," he said.

Dyson is a professor at DePaul University in Chicago and an ordained Baptist minister. He has written three books on the subject of race.

The talk was held in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. It was a part of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs lecture series "Leadership in Diversity: Recognizing Our Role Models."

SMC students to attend conventions

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Two Saint Mary's students are in for the experience of a lifetime.

This summer, Michelle Nagle and Heather O'Donnell will receive a remarkable lesson in political science as they work first hand with current political leaders and staffers while attending Campaign 2000: The National Political Conventions.

"This is an incredible opportunity, to be able to participate in something not as a kid, or college student, but as a citizen of the United States," Nagle said.

Campaign 2000 has been designed with the specific intention of allowing college students direct access to this year's presidential campaign. Students will have the opportunity to meet candidates, help manage campaigns, report news and work behind the scenes to put campaigns together.

"This is our first year [participating in this program]," said Patrick Pierce, professor of political science. "The program seemed to provide important and exciting experiences for our students."

The program, which sends one student to each convention, will last for two weeks. O'Donnell will be attending the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia from July 23 to Aug. 4, while Nagle will be attending the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles from Aug. 6 to Aug. 18.

The program aims to help enable the young women to attend the conventions and is supported in part by academic dean Karen Ristau, along with the rest of the Board of Governance.

"I was completely shocked when I found out I was chosen to attend," said O'Donnell. "This is one of the greatest opportunities."

The first week of the program is mainly designed to allow students to learn the ropes and help set up for the convention the following week. The students will learn about the history of political campaigns and conventions, campaign finance and media coverage and will participate in the excitement as public

officials and delegates begin to arrive.

The second week will focus on campaign issues and strategies, the keynote address, party platforms and selection of presidential and vice presidential nominees. Students will then be placed in fieldwork situations related to their primary interests, such as political committee or candidate, marketing/advertising, communications, event planning and advocacy groups.

O'Donnell, a double major in political science and communication, hopes to be able to work with the media.

"I want to be a political reporter one day," said O'Donnell.

Nagle, also a political science major, looks forward to the chance of working on a political committee.

"I would love to go to law school," she said. "Ideally, I would like to get into the realm of politics. There are

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Heather O'Donnell
political science major

several alumnae from Saint Mary's that are working for the federal government in Washington, D.C., and I would love to be a part of that someday."

For O'Donnell and Nagle, there is a significant amount of work to do even before they leave this summer.

"They need to complete adequate course work in political science to be able to benefit from the experience. The 'facts' at a nominating convention do not speak for themselves; you need to interpret or analyze them," said Pierce. "[O'Donnell and Nagle] have taken courses that will enable them to understand events at the conventions."

Nagle knows this will have a great impact on her decisions in the future.

"Obviously, from being involved with student government here at Saint Mary's, you can see this is my passion. This convention goes hand in hand with what I want in my future career," said Nagle.

"Although learning about politics in the classroom is important," said Pierce, "I believe that a full understanding of politics comes when people take that knowledge and apply it to concrete political situations and processes. Our department has always encouraged students to become engaged in political life as part of their Saint Mary's education."

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however, were illegal because the U.S. was fighting a war in Vietnam, not Cambodia.

Although the bombing was a response to the Khmer Rouge's approach to the region where Nem and Wuy farmed, Nem never actually saw Khmer Rouge soldiers until 1972. At first, the soldiers came in small groups, always dressed in black uniforms and carrying guns and backpacks. The soldiers, men of various ages, gathered groups of local people to ask for food.

Around 1974, the Khmer Rouge took Nem and Wuy to a forced labor commune.

"They wanted you to work all day, all night," Nem said.

In 1975, the Khmer Rouge gained complete control of Cambodia.

Wanting to create a utopian society based on agriculture, the regime abolished all private property. Soldiers emptied the country's cities and sent the residents to work on farms, even though the urban people had no farming skills.

At first, the laborers had sufficient food, but by 1975, supplies became scarce.

It was at this point that Nem and Wuy suffered perhaps their worst tragedy, the loss of their children.

However, their children were not the only ones to die. Starvation, disease and gunfire also claimed lives.

"A lot of people died on the ground. I'm still scared," said Nem, demonstrating how she had to jump over bodies that covered the ground. "They killed a lot of people."

She even saw pigs eating dead humans, a sight that prevented her from eating pork again until she came to the U.S.

During his time as a forced laborer, Wuy was taken away from his wife to work in other places for months at a time. Other people were taken away permanently for not working hard enough.

Nem worked in the labor camp until the end of 1978, when the Vietnamese, who had originally backed the Khmer Rouge began fighting against the regime.

Trying to escape the approaching invaders, the Khmer Rouge fled into the mountains, taking the laborers with them. Nem was then caring for her 2-month-old son, Chia.

The trek to escape the Vietnamese began in a large army truck. The sol-

diers tied the men together for the trip, which lasted three days.

When the trucks finally stopped, the soldiers pushed the men, still tied together, out the back of the truck. Like the other prisoners, Wuy and Nem had little food and water throughout the ordeal.

Although she believed she'd be killed, Nem managed to remain strong.

"Khmer Rouge so scared [because the Vietnamese were coming], they wanted to kill everyone," she said. "Everybody cry. I not cry."

During this period of movement, Wuy had to cut branches from treetops to build houses. According to his wife, he saw so many dead bodies in his view from the tree that he nearly fell down.

Food shortages continued to be a problem. Chia suffered from dysentery, but he survived.

The Vietnamese defeated the Khmer Rouge in 1979, and Nem, Wuy and their baby eventually made it back to their rice farm.

Hearing rumors that the government of neighboring Thailand was distributing food, the family began to make its way to that country.

They first reached a refugee camp in Cambodia, after facing landmines and gunfire during their three-day walk. There, the family finally had enough to eat.

After about two or three months, the family moved to a camp in Thailand.

Because the American government promised to accept a certain number of refugees, Nem and her family were eventually able to come to the U.S. in 1985. They spoke almost no English.

"When I flew in the plane and saw America, I cry all day," Nem said, explaining that she feared the family would not be able to make a living in its new country.

Steve Moriarty, curator of photography at The Snite Museum, and his family sponsored Nem and Wuy when they came to South Bend in 1985.

The couple had two daughters after arriving in South Bend, and Nem also has a sister who lives in South Bend and works in South Dining Hall.

Nem still has family in Cambodia to whom she sends money whenever she can. Even a small amount of American money is significant to people in Cambodia, where the economy continues to struggle. Although Nem does not want to live in Cambodia again, she would like to make the expensive trip to visit family there someday.

An exhibit currently at the Snite Museum features photographs of other victims of the Khmer Rouge regime.

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diers photographed the prisoner as proof that he or she had been arrested.

American photographers Chris Riley and Doug Niven discovered the negatives to those pictures in the 1990s when visiting The Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide, formerly the S-21 prison. After the Vietnamese gained control of Cambodia in 1979, they converted S-21 into a museum to memorialize the victims.

Thanks to Riley and Niven, photos of 100 S-21 victims are currently traveling to museums in the U.S. The exhibit entitled "Facing Death: Portraits from Cambodia's Killing Fields," is on display at the Snite Museum through Feb. 29.

"Everyone here died," said Gina Costa, director of marketing at the Snite, as she looked at the faces hanging on the wall. "It's pretty grim."

There is also a continuously-running video in the gallery describing the discovery of the negatives as well as the history of the camp. Quotes about the camp hang on the wall opposite the photos.

"I am lying here waiting to die ..." begins one quote from a prisoner.

Because photographs were separated from other records, the identities of the victims are unknown.

Each prisoner was assigned a number before execution; but numbers were reassigned each day, further complicating identification of victims.

One person who visited the exhibit in Boston recognized a relative in a photo.

People of all ages — from infants in their parents' arms to the elderly — are shown in the portraits.

"They pulled in whole families so there wouldn't be anyone left for vendetta revenge," said Steve Moriarty, curator of photography at The Snite. On special days, only women and children were executed.

Many of the victims did not know what was happening when they were photographed. Some were even smiling in the pictures, while others showed signs of severe beatings.

"Most of them were faithful members of the regime," Moriarty said. "The party turned on them and accused them of being traitors."

Moriarty said he hopes the exhibit will help raise awareness among Americans of the genocide that occurred in Cambodia.

"Most of the students don't know the story," he said. "This is something they haven't learned in school. It's too bad."

As part of the exhibit, Cambodian monks held a prayer service at the museum last week in honor of the people who died at the hands of Pol Pot's regime.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Stolen Picassos recovered

ZURICH, Switzerland

Seven paintings by Pablo Picasso have been recovered more than five years after they were stolen, Swiss authorities said Tuesday. The paintings were stolen by thieves who burrowed into the basement of a Zurich art gallery in October 1994. Gallery owner Max K. Bollag then estimated the loss at \$44 million, with two of the paintings accounting for \$40 million. Other experts disputed the figure. Police and prosecutors said in a statement that the Picassos had been recovered with the help of an unnamed intermediary, who was rewarded by being allowed to keep two of the paintings. Police did not elaborate. A Swiss man and two Italians were jailed in 1996 for the theft, but the paintings were not recovered at the time. The stolen paintings included Picasso's "Seated Woman," a gouache on canvas painted in 1903, and "Christ of Montmartre" a watercolor painted shortly afterward. The two pictures had been stolen from the gallery once before, in 1991.

Florida 'Choose Life' license plates halted

WEST PALM BEACH

A judge blocked distribution of Florida's new "Choose Life" license plates while she decides whether they amount to a political statement against abortion. Circuit Judge Lucy Chernow Brown issued the ruling Monday after the National Organization for Women (NOW) sued. NOW argued that the state improperly approved a "religious motto, which has frequently been used to harass, intimidate and at times kill and maim those who seek to exercise their rights, including the right to choose abortion." The state Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles had planned to begin selling the plates in March for an extra \$22. The state has ordered 10,000 of the special plates, and they are already being made. Proceeds from sale of the plates would go to groups that help pregnant women who decide to put their babies up for adoption.

Asteroid may miss Earth

LOS ANGELES

An asteroid initially thought to be on a possible collision course with Earth in 2022 will miss the planet, astronomers said today after reviewing new data collected by scientists around the world. Using the latest calculations, researchers determined that the orbiting rock will come no closer than 3.5 million miles in the next 50 years, said Andrea Milani, a mathematics professor at Pisa University in Italy. The half-mile-wide asteroid, 2000 BF19, is the fifth discovered in the last two years that researchers feared could hit Earth. A rock that size could do tremendous damage but would not cause planet-wide destruction.

AUSTRIA



AFP Photo

Viennese riot police march past the Austrian parliament building early Tuesday ahead of the first session of parliament since Joerg Haider's far right Freedom Party joined the government last week. The extraordinary session was held amid tight security for fear of demonstrations against the extreme right.

Parliament debates reaction to Haider

Associated Press

VIENNA

Protected by 600 police, Austria's parliament opened a special session today to debate its international isolation following the entry of Joerg Haider's far-right party into the government.

A vote of no-confidence in the new Cabinet headed by Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel was possible, but considered likely to fail.

The Social Democratic Party, which has been in government for the last 30

years and is now in opposition, has 65 seats. Along with the small Greens party, which called for today's session, the opposition holds only 79 seats — not enough to prevail in the 183-seat parliament.

Concern has centered on Haider's opposition to immigration and European integration, as well as his past statements lauding the Nazi's "orderly employment policy." He also has praised former members of the Waffen SS, an elite German military unit that helped carry out Adolf Hitler's

Holocaust against the Jews and others.

Haider has since apologized for those comments.

In an unprecedented move to isolate Vienna for its move to the right, the European Union froze bilateral diplomatic relations with Austria, a member of the group. The political change in Austria has also alarmed Israel, which recalled its ambassador.

Hoping to drive home their anger over a far-right party's inclusion in Austria's new government, some EU members said they planned

to shun Vienna's representative at an informal meeting of EU social affairs ministers scheduled for Friday in Lisbon, Portugal.

The rise of Haider's Freedom Party has also alarmed Austria's own arts community, which fears an increase in intolerance and curbs on freedom of expression.

The artistic director of the Salzburg Festival, Gerard Mortier, said Monday he will cancel his contract after this year's summer program to protest the Freedom Party's role in the government.

RUSSIA

Russians attack Chechen mountains

Associated Press

URUS-MARTAN

Russian aircraft focused their bombing runs on Chechnya's southern mountains Tuesday, while ground troops tried to seal off routes used by rebels to move men and supplies to southern strongholds.

The Russians are looking south now that they claim to have seized the breakaway republic's capital, Grozny. But the city's skyline was punctuated by black plumes of smoke Tuesday from oil refineries hit by continued Russian

shelling.

Occasional artillery fire shook the muddy ground, but was much less intense than the steady pounding Grozny has seen for much of the past six months.

Russian helicopter gunships and Su-24 and Su-25 warplanes showered bombs on the Argun and Vedeno gorges leading through the southern mountains. The rebels use the gorges as supply routes and have bases along the snowy slopes.

Explosions could be heard in the foothills. Top commander Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev said Russian

forces had sealed off rebel routes leading to the mountains, but the claim could not be confirmed.

"In the near future you will hear about the termination of the military phase of the operation and the destruction of militant gangs in the foothills and the mountains," Kazantsev said in Khankala, on Grozny's eastern outskirts.

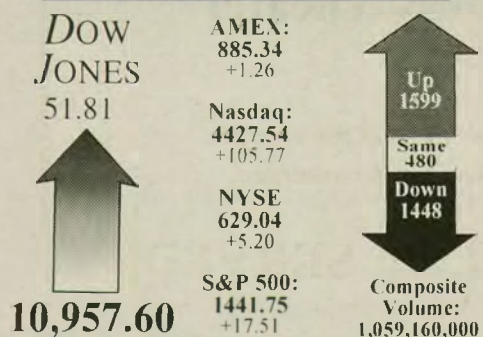
The Russians' claims of progress have prompted discussion of Chechnya's future. Presidential aide Sergei Yastrzhembsky, in Khankala on Tuesday, told Associated Press Television News: "According to one of

the scenarios, Chechnya will be given a special autonomous status within the Russian Federation."

Some Russian officials have suggested offering Chechnya autonomy but not the independence that Chechens demand.

The military has been trying to keep rebels who fled Grozny last week from reaching the south, where the military estimates about 7,000 guerrillas are based. Russia will likely have a tougher time ousting militants from there because the mountainous terrain favors their hit-and-run tactics.

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impartial decision. They mentally placed themselves where they should have been on Wednesday night."

Several students voiced concern over the decision to combine the raw votes from Monday and Wednesday's election, claiming it ignored 20 percent of the student body's votes.

"What I'm concerned about was that there were four tickets [in the initial primary election] that 20 percent of the votes went into," Leatherman said. "The Missy Bittner/Molly Banahan and Jill Koepke/Desiree Hollis tickets obviously voted for themselves, and their voice is not being heard."

These two tickets and their supporters had a chance to reevaluate their choices.

"Because I voted for myself on Monday [Jan. 31], and then voted for ticket B on Wednesday, in the final consideration, I only had one vote," Banahan said. "If Susie down the hall voted for ticket A on both days, she had two votes."

Midden and representatives from the elections committee said they had made the best decision they could under the circumstances, and that they did refer to the student government constitution.

"In the event of a tie you go with the number of raw votes from the initial primary election," Midden said. "The only time a revote is to occur is if improper voting procedures were followed, such as ballot stuffing."

In Saint Mary's student constitution, there are no stipulations listed that detail proper procedure in the event of a tie vote. The only election procedures covered by the constitution are the formation of tickets, campaigning policies, balloting and voting procedures, counting bal-

lots and revoting procedures.

The constitution states that a revote is allowed only if "improper voting procedures are followed," or if a candidate submits a petition with 200 signatures of eligible voters within 48 hours of the election calling attention to such violations.

"Our decision was that Friday's election was null and void," alumnae commissioner and Election Appeals Board member Erin Hall said. "We looked at the procedures and we took that bylaw and nullified Friday's election."

The committee did take into account that its decision would set a precedent for future elections, Midden said. Referring to the constitution as an "ever-changing, flexible document," members said that the election procedures are currently under assessment by the board.

Amendments to Saint Mary's student government constitution will be prepared and presented at next week's Board of Governance meeting to provide definite guidelines in the case of future ties in student government elections.

"At the next meeting, they will have the amendments," interim elections commissioner Bridget Heffernan said. "The current BOG is revising and voting [on amendments]."

"I would like to suggest to BOG that when you are considering rewriting the bylaws, to maybe get people involved [who are outside BOG]," junior class treasurer Alyson Leatherman said. "It is very important that [the constitution] meets the needs of everyone. Maybe that would be a way for the students to feel that their voice is being heard."

"[The constitution] may be interpreted differently," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, student government advisor. "We go by what the Board says. If you don't like it, you can change it."

Several members of the student body expressed discontent that the issue could not be resolved immediately, stating

that the decision the committee made would be felt for the following year.

Midden remained firm on the committee's decision, stating again that it was final and could not change, because the decision was rooted in the constitution's bylaws.

"Our credibility stands in following the constitution," Midden

said. "[Changing] it would undermine our credibility."

"Everyone in this room has lost credibility," said Student Academic Council representative Carolyn Kelley.

Midden asserted that the election controversy affirmed her confidence in the abilities of the members of board of governance and her faith in the constitution.

"Both tickets are highly qualified and exemplify the best of Saint Mary's," Midden said. "Events unfolded such that the constitution was our framework. We are all members of the same student body. There is no one to blame. It is imperative that we have faith in and support the decisions of the current student government."

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Renner reacts to Elections Committee's decision

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

At the Board of Governance meeting Tuesday night, Saint Mary's student body president-elect Crissie Renner said she had second thoughts about her ability to represent the student body.

"The meeting tonight was very emotional," said Renner. "Initially, at the start of the meeting, while I was sitting there looking at all the faces of members of the student body who came to the meeting and were clearly opposed to Michelle and I, people were making me second-guess my ability to represent the student body. That is initially the thought that entered my mind."

Board of Governance members fielded questions regarding the Elections Appeals Board's Tuesday morning decision to declare the Renner/Nagle ticket victorious in the race for student body president and vice president.

The board conceded the win to Renner/Nagle because the ticket earned 43 percent of the vote in the Jan. 31 primary election in which four tickets participated. That election originally thrust Renner/Nagle and the ticket of Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte into a run-off held Wednesday, Feb. 2, which ended in a tie.

The election controversy began after results from a second run-off election, held Friday, was nullified by the Elections Committee on Sunday night.

The vote was void in response to a complaint filed by Renner stating that Friday's election was not valid because the decision to have the election was not

made by the proper committee. Also, she stated that off-campus students were not provided an adequate place to vote.

Renner stands behind her decision to file the complaint.

"I just want people to know that what the Elections Commission and Election Appeals Board decided was not my decision," said Renner. "I filed the complaint Sunday because it was my right as a student to make my voice be heard. I voiced a complaint that was what I believed in my heart was the right thing to do and what I was feeling."

"I won't compromise what is in my heart."

Renner's running mate and student body vice president-elect, Michelle Nagle, did not file the complaint with Renner and was surprised at the outcome.

"I never thought we would assume office after the complaint was filed," said Nagle. "It makes me doubt how much I wanted this position when I hear how adamantly students are opposed to what the Elections Commission and Election Appeals Board decided."

Nagle said she will not step down as student body vice president but added at Tuesday meeting that it was easy to doubt whether she and Renner were doing the right thing by taking office.

"It's hard under what I felt was a personal attack on our ticket tonight not to question whether this was the right thing to do," Nagle said.

Despite what she perceived as personal attacks, Renner was pleased to see members of the student body at the meeting.

"It's a great thing that people are so passionate about Saint Mary's and student government," she said. "It was evident that many of those who were at the meeting were not our supporters and many of my supporters weren't here."

Renner admits this is not the way she

and Nagle had hoped to start their term in office.

"It's unfortunate that we have to start the year this way, but in a way it is beneficial," said Renner. "There were a lot of issues raised tonight that need to be addressed. Unfortunately, it had to be under these circumstances."

Koelsch's resignation at the meeting from her post as the Board of Governance women's issues commissioner convinced Renner that some students have lost trust in student government.

"I know Emily did what she thought in her heart was what she had to do," said Renner. "I can tell that she has lost faith and trust in the student government because of mistakes that have been made. She's such an asset to student government and I hope she doesn't completely close all her doors."

Renner and Nagle plan to work to regain the trust of the student body and won't let circumstances surrounding the election get in the way of accomplishing their goals.

"I'm hoping that we can gain the confidence of the student body and that starts by getting more women involved in student government," said Renner.

"I want to hold forums on campus so we can talk to the student body and address their concerns. There is a lot of anger right now on campus and we need to deal with that."

Sustained confidence is what will help the ticket achieve goals, Renner said.

"I took much of what was said tonight personally but coming into the election, both Michelle and I knew that we could

be met with criticism," she said. "We will continue to be confident and enthusiastic that we can achieve our goals. But we can't do it alone and we are asking for the support of the student body."

Both Renner and Nagle said the controversy that arose over the incident has strengthened them personally.

"Looking at the bigger picture, I think there may be some students who will hold a grudge against me, but I have come out of this a stronger person," said Renner. "I'm confident that Michelle and I can serve the student body. We may not be the representatives you wanted, but we will listen to you and we won't close the door on your opinion just because you didn't vote for us."

Nagle agreed and realizes that she and Renner face an uphill battle in gaining the confidence of the student body.

"I believe this is very much a challenge but I hope we can give the student body the confidence that we are capable of representing them," said Nagle. "We want to make this OK. It obviously makes me doubt if I should be representing the student body hearing all the

objections tonight to having us in office."

"I can't even describe how awful I feel at this moment," Nagle continued, "but I do believe that I can do this job and hope that Crissie and I can prove that to the student body."

Nagle acknowledged the negative impact the past days' decisions have had at Saint Mary's.

"I am sincerely sorry for all the hurt that has come from this election and to everyone who was involved," she said. "I am sorry for all the disappointment this has caused for the student body."

"We may not be the representatives you wanted, but ... we won't close the door on your opinion just because you didn't vote for us."

Crissie Renner
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a coincidence, at least one trustee took seriously the views expressed in the letter.

"It was an intelligent and well-written letter," an anonymous member of the Board of Trustees told the Chicago Sun-Times. "It chastised the University for the management of the athletic department."

For the authors of the letter, however, the extent of their influence over the Board of Trustees is irrelevant. The actions taken by University president Father Edward Malloy are exactly what they desired.

"I think it would be presumptuous for us to say that this letter brought about the events of Monday," said Michael Cash, a member of the Class of 1994 and one of three principle authors of the letter. "There was at least a group of trustees, if not the whole board, that was concerned with what was happening, and I think that what we wrote resonated with them. But I think the wheels were in motion long before this letter ever was sent."

In fact, Malloy convened an external review board of the athletic department shortly after the NCAA placed Notre Dame on probation as a result of the activities of football players and Kim Dunbar. Malloy considered the committee's report and appointed trustees to an ad hoc committee, which simultaneously considered the committee's findings.

While the letters' authors sent the letter to each individual trustee, it allegedly had no influence over the trustees' decision, said Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations and Information.

"Some individual, like whoever that anonymous trustee was who shouldn't have opened his mouth to [the Sun-Times], seemed to be impressed by it," he said. "But it had absolutely nothing to do with any decision that was made."

The actions taken by the Board of Trustees and Malloy, however, were what the authors of the letter hoped to accomplish. By removing Beauchamp from his role within the athletic department, Malloy accomplished the main goal of the letter.

Malloy restructured the organization of the athletic department and made the athletic director directly responsible to him in the future. In the past, Beauchamp served as an overseer of the athletic

department and Malloy was removed from most athletic department decisions.

"It is our opinion that the current management structure [of the athletic department] does not provide a sound basis for Notre Dame..." the letter stated. "[The athletic director's] responsibilities are so important to the well-being of the University that his office needs to remain outside the power base established by the vice president. ... [A]mend the organizational chart so that the athletic director reports directly to the president and has unfettered discretion and authority regarding the selection and removal of coaches."

The letters' writers of the letter hope that this restructuring will end the public relations problems they observed in regards to the Kim Dunbar situation, the Joe Moore lawsuit and the selection of new football and basketball coaches.

"It seemed to be a circus, at least from a PR standpoint," Cash said Tuesday about the athletic department.

This circus-like atmosphere led to an erosion of confidence in the leadership of Wadsworth and Beauchamp. "I go back to Father Hesburgh," said Joe Vannie a member of the Class of 1975 and another principle author of the letter. "Back then there was a general confidence that the right decisions were being made and that the right people were being put into the positions of power to make decisions in regards to the running of the University. We saw that flipping and flipping badly. We're not supporters of the powers that were given to Father Beauchamp and Mike Wadsworth."

This eroding confidence and perceived lack of proper decisions disserved thousands of Irish fans and student-athletes, according to Andrew Cross. "It was unfair to football players to be at Notre Dame

during this time," said the '94 graduate and third author of the letter. "They didn't get the direction that they deserved."

While football was the only sport directly addressed in the letter and was the "impetus for the letter," Vannie stressed that reasons for the letter went beyond the 5-7 record.

"It mainly focused on athletics and the background for the letter was our concern for the University at large and just pointing out some aspects of it that we believed needed fixing," Vannie said. "It wasn't a short-term demand to fix a 5-7 football record that would be thrown out [by the Board of Trustees]."

The more than 50 who signed the letter represent alumni from the Class of 1959 through future alumni in the Class of 2001. The writers believed their views were shared by most alumni and that the University was still a great place despite problems in the athletic department.

"Overall we are still pretty proud of Notre Dame," Vannie said. "This is not a band of renegades. We are all friends who love Notre Dame. We don't want to stand here and throw rocks at Notre Dame."

"The Beauchamp/Wadsworth formula did not work as far back as the whole Lou Holtz dismissal, the [Rick] Majerus incident and the Joe Moore trial," he continued. "The various stamps that they put on the athletic departments were causes of embarrassments."

Kennedy nephew arraignment delayed

Associated Press

STAMFORD, Conn. The arraignment of a 39-year-old Kennedy nephew in the 1975 slaying of a neighbor girl was postponed Tuesday while a juvenile court judge weighs whether to open the proceedings to the public.

Michael Skakel, a nephew of Sen. Robert Kennedy, was to be arraigned in juvenile court on Tuesday on charges of bludgeoning 15-year-old Martha Moxley to death with a golf club in the rich community of Greenwich.

But Judge Maureen Dennis postponed the arraignment until March 14, saying she wanted to consider a request from five newspapers to open up the hearing.

Because Skakel was 15 at the time of the crime, the case is being handled, at least initially, in juvenile court. And juvenile proceedings in Connecticut are ordinarily closed to the public to protect the youngster's privacy.

The New York Times, The Hartford Courant, Newsday, The Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time asked Dennis to open the proceedings.

They argued at a hearing that Skakel is now an adult and that the facts of the case are well known — made public, in fact, by Skakel's lawyer.

Skakel's lawyer, Michael Sherman, said his client favors public access because he "wants as many people as possible to see how bad this evidence is."

The judge said Tuesday she would issue a ruling early next month, and postponed the arraignment until then.

"We resent the delays," Sherman said. "It's been 25 years. We're ready to get this case going."

The prosecution has raised no objections to opening the case to the public. Prosecutors want to have the case moved to adult court, which would mean the proceedings would be open to the public anyway.

Skakel was charged with murder last month, more than 24 years after Moxley was found beaten to death with a golf club on her family's estate, located across the street from the Skakel house. The 6-iron used to kill Moxley was traced to a set owned by the Skakel family.

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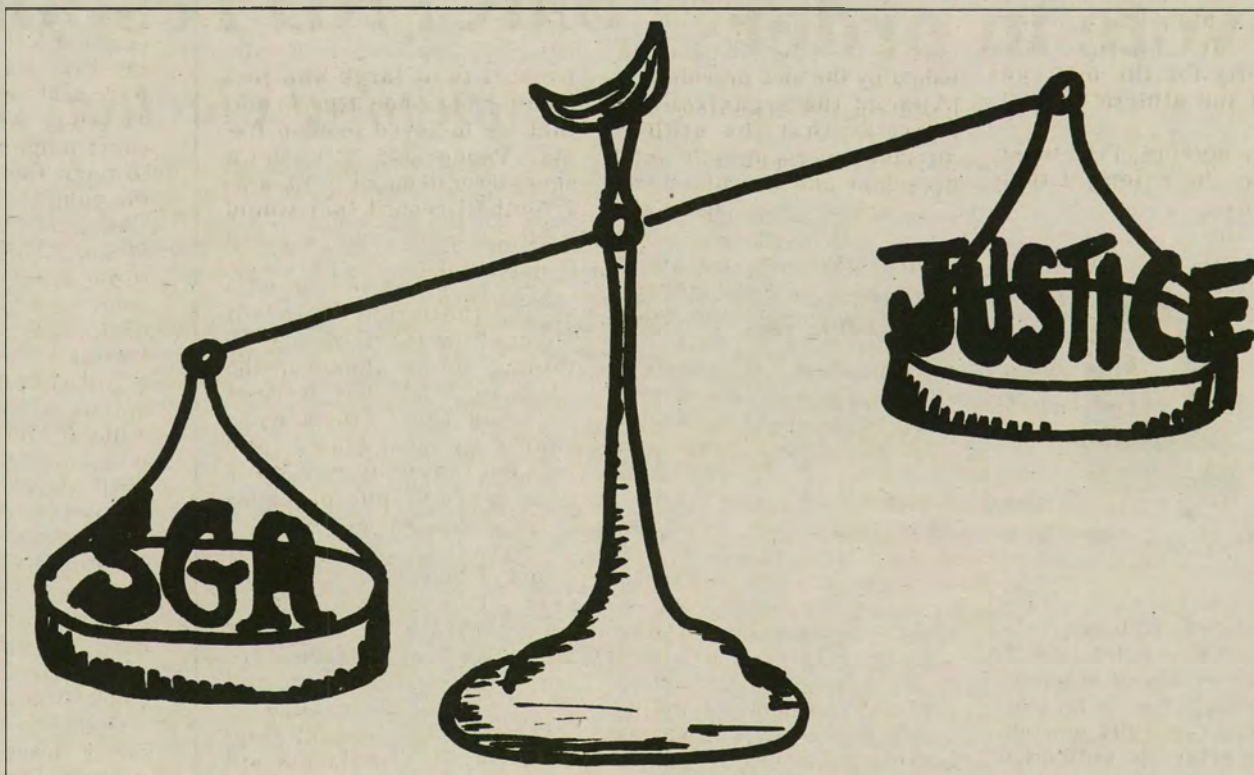
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EDITORIAL



Admit mistake, hold another election

Since choosing Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle as student body president and vice president, Saint Mary's Election Committee and Appeals Board members persistently have stated that the student voice resonated in their minds as they chose the representatives.

Throughout the confusing week of elections, run-offs, filed appeals and complaints, however, it has become clear that they are misguided. The student voice has been loud but ignored.

Committee members were illogical in their decision to nullify the tie-breaking election that voted Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte into office and to designate Renner and Nagle as heads of the 2000-01 Board of Governance.

Although she improvised the student government constitution, activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush made the sensible judgment to hold a tie-breaking election after Wednesday's first-ever even run-off. Students cast their decisions Friday and rested their faith in Koelsch and Rodarte with 50 percent-plus-one of the vote — the only of three elections in which a ticket acquired that simple majority.

Based on Renner's complaint that Rosenbush unduly assumed responsibility and that the off-campus student lounge was not used as a polling site, the Election Committee tallied the raw votes of Monday, Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 2.

They gave the unsound nod to Renner/Nagle, who gained 43 percent

in the original Jan. 31 election, which included four tickets. The committee, thus, ignored the 20 percent of students who voted for two tickets which did not qualify for the run-off.

After Wednesday's unprecedented tie, the election committee was forced to set a precedent. Reverting to the original election numbers demonstrates poor decision-making and the government's abandonment of its own procedures. By nullifying the tie-breaking election, importance is also stripped from the purpose of a run-off.

In this unique situation, student government should have allowed Friday's election results to speak for themselves. More students than not demanded Koelsch and Rodarte as their leaders. Democracy, logic and the student voice all rest in their favor.

Despite the outrage, confusion and disappointment expressed by students at Tuesday's Board of Governance meeting, current president Nancy Midden declared finality in the election process. Midden said the board will not reconsider its decision, and it will keep in office the two people whom the majority of students voted against.

Without question, the presidential election process has been muddled. The government has shown it lacks a clear grasp on the constitutional bylaws and their interpretations.

The board members said, considering this year's election fiasco, they will likely make constitutional amendments. This election, however,

is the very one in which student governors need to apply students' demands.

The only way to restore confidence in the now-questionable Saint Mary's student government and in Renner and Nagle is for the government to admit its mistake and hold another election for the student body to clearly choose its leaders. After a poorly run election, this is the most ethical, logical, decisive and democratic method to elect the 2000-2001 president.

The step to overrule voters injures the trust students invest in the system and its rulers.

As a result of the debacle, damage already has begun to corrode BOG.

Renner has acknowledged her unpopularity among students and the obstacles that this will surely cause in her term. A visibly disgruntled Koelsch resigned Tuesday as the board's women's issues commissioner, citing lack of respect and belief in the very system she hoped to improve as student body president.

If this isn't rectified, BOG will lose more enthusiastic, qualified leaders who feel they must abandon a flawed system that perverts the democratic process.

Midden said student government's credibility rests on the constitution. As vocal students express fury, despondency and shock, and offer remedies such as a re-election, it is clear that all of the government's integrity lies in listening skills.

Student government is not listening.

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"Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking."

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BOG failed, revote in order

The decision of the elections committee to consider

Monday's vote final is patently ludicrous. A member of BOG stated last night that the election procedures of the board are patterned on those used for our actual government.

However, there is no conceivable situation in the outside world in

which a tie in a run-off would be decided by going back to the original vote. Doing this not only disregards 20 percent of Monday's voters, but also the extra 3 percent who voted on Wednesday.

The technical irregularity should not alter this. Even if the Elections Committee decided that Friday's vote should be discounted, in no way was it justified in using Monday's votes to make the final decision. That decision makes no logical sense. That decision makes no ethical sense.

In fact, this decision is unfair to all tickets. If Koelsch/Rodarte is the rightful winner, it is being cheated out of a position that it worked hard to attain. If Renner/Nagle is the rightful winner, then its presidency is tainted. In the interest of justice to both parties, this decision needs to be reconsidered.

The only fair thing to do now is to throw out all the elections and redo all the elections, with all four tickets competing. This would give all four tickets a fair chance. This suggestion was rejected Tuesday night.

To each objection, the board reiterated that the constitution was binding and that the constitution stated that the decision of the appeals board was final. Each time, the arguments came back to the bylaws of BOG.

We have always claimed to be a college that promotes ethical behavior. Elections procedures are put in place precisely for the purpose of promoting ethical policies, of giving all parties a fair chance. When the bylaws and procedures do not promote but actually block fair results, then it is required that they be changed for the greater good of all parties. It is clear that it is the technicalities of the bylaws which concern BOG.

Several times there was mentioned a need to keep the credibility of BOG. When an injustice is committed, it is more important to have fair and ethical practices than to strictly adhere to bylaws. The BOG, by disregarding the protests of the student body, has seriously lost credibility. There will be changes made in elections procedure for

forthcoming years. This is the silver lining in the cloud.

However, something must be done now.

BOG was elected by the student body to make decisions. However, if at any time, a significant amount of the student body disagrees with the board's decision, the board has a duty not only to listen to the students but to try to remedy the difficulty as quickly as it can, as best they can.

Moreover, BOG has a duty to treat all members of the student body with respect. Students did not feel like they were listened to last night. They felt patronized and dismissed. They were told to "get more involved" in student government if they were concerned. They were told that if they really had Saint Mary's Pride, they should be supporting all the candidates and not questioning the board that they had elected.

This is wrong. The students who were at the meeting last night were there precisely because they were proud of Saint Mary's, they thought that something unethical had occurred, and they cared enough to come to the meeting. Being proud of an institution means you try very hard to steer that institution right when you think it is wrong. The students who protested last night did have pride in Saint Mary's. Whether they are still proud this morning is a question that needs to be examined. It is those who attack the pride of concerned students are the ones who need to reexamine their own commitments to fairness.

On that same note, those who made personal attacks on the tickets or BOG members were not justified. This is an issue of policy, not personality. If you happen to take a dislike to a personality, that dislike should not be aired in a public forum or as a reason to ask for a change in procedure. Personal attacks are not permissible, not helpful and ultimately just as unfair as this election process has been.

Ultimately, BOG's final argument boils down to "The decision is final because we said so." If the board and the Elections Committee have made mistakes, then it is not fair to penalize the two tickets. A fair and clean vote should be held. However, BOG rejected that suggestion last night.

Many times, BOG has provided a voice for students to articulate their concerns. It is a valuable liaison between students and administration. But BOG has neither the credibility nor the support of a significant amount of the student body. BOG members have failed to fulfill the responsibilities that they were elected to fulfill.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



**Nakasha
Ahmad**

*So, What's
My Point?*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMC, ND respond to results

Presidential election divides community

What was supposed to bring the Saint Mary's community together has instead torn us apart. One week ago, the first vote took place. With four tickets on the ballot, a run-off was certain and expected. What happened last Wednesday, however, was not expected.

The first-ever tie was cause for celebration for some, when in all actuality it was only prolonging the inevitable — one ticket losing. Both tickets were then given yet another day to campaign. Only one ticket came to our door. Not surprisingly, that is the ticket that we voted for along with the majority of our fellow classmates. The final count late Friday night: Koelsch/Rodarte, 51 percent; Renner/Nagle, 46 percent.

Now the losing ticket has appealed the decision. They certainly got what they wanted — Koelsch/Rodarte held office for almost 48 hours, but not anymore. Who knows what will happen next? We are once again being torn in two directions. In our opinion, this was the worst decision the Elections Commission could have made. Once again, the student body will either be forced to

choose or a decision will be made that, as a student body, we will have no control over. At this point, no matter which ticket wins, just under half of the Saint Mary's population will be bitter about the result.

How unfortunate that at a time when we should be coming together to help the new student body president start her term, we are once again being torn apart because of a technicality. If the Elections Commission is truly acting on our behalf, it will start from scratch and hold an entirely new election. In the end, some people will undoubtedly be unhappy, but at least the true opinion of the student body will decide who becomes president and vice president, proving that contrary to popular belief, democracy IS still alive on the Saint Mary's campus.

**Shannon Sarachman
KrisAnne Wilson**

Juniors

LeMans Hall

February 8, 2000

Elections Committee should hold revote

Saint Mary's Board of Governance Election Committee has brought a great injustice against its students' democratic way of life. They have taken what was a great election race and ruined it on account of a petty technicality. A real authority figure with some knowledge of how the political process works needs to step in and overturn the Election Committee's decision. This panel is made up of students, most of whom have close connections with one ticket or the other, making any decision a biased one.

The situation with off-campus students not being given an equal chance to revote on Friday is being completely mishandled. The first set of votes, unless one party receives more than 50 percent, is merely to narrow the students' selections to the most qualified candidates. Nowhere in the bylaws — and I have read them — does it state that these numbers can be added to the runoff election's numbers. Even if they could, this makes no sense at all.

You can't possibly compare an election that has four tickets to one with only two. When the election came down to it, Koelsch/Rodarte prevailed in

head-to-head competition. How can you argue that? The votes show that of the two tickets, Koelsch/Rodarte is favored over Renner/Nagle.

If Renner feels that some people didn't get to vote, then those people should get a chance to add to Friday's vote. The committee should probably even hold a revote for the entire school — as annoying as that would be — but has no right to pull ludicrous solutions out of thin air.

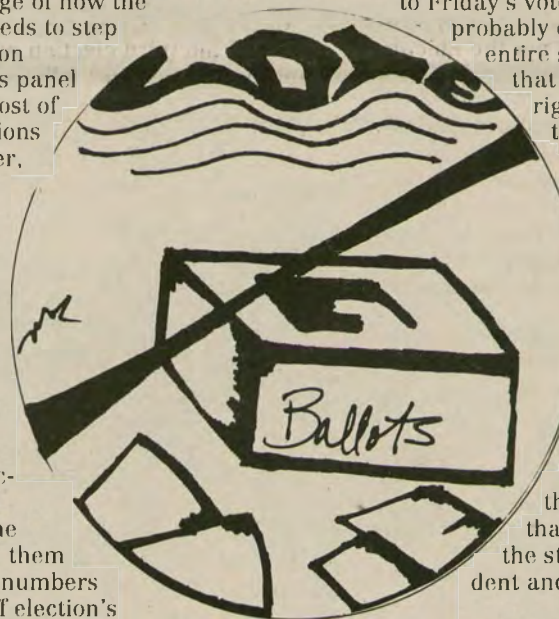
Elections are held so that the best representative of the people can be selected. I think the majority of the students feel that this is exactly what happened, but I guess the Election Committee has a different opinion about the purpose of elections. Maybe the election never should have been held in the first place, but the fact is that it was, and it shows who the students want as their president and vice president.

Brian Rush

Sophomore

Stanford Hall

February 8, 2000



It's clear students want Koelsch/Rodarte

As members of the Saint Mary's student body, we find it necessary to speak to the issues involved in this year's student body elections.

We see blatant mistakes involved in the course of these events. For instance, the appeal filed against the winners of Friday's election was late — 45 minutes late to be exact. Also, by adding Monday and Wednesday's votes to declare a winner, 20 percent of the voting student body is not represented. How can the Elections Committee combine votes from two clearly different elections? We feel that Georgeanna Rosenbush, with over 20 years of experience, acted in the best interest of the student body by approving Friday's runoff. It is obvious what the majority of the student body wants, despite the mistakes of the Elections Committee.

If the Elections Committee has the power to combine votes from two separate elections, why couldn't they support the apparent choice of the students from Friday's election?

As women of Saint Mary's, we want our voices heard. All four initial tickets stressed Saint Mary's pride and unity. As a result of this election, we feel

that we have lost pride in our college. To restore the pride and unity, we as students need to be able to make a difference; we deserve to have the ticket that we elected take office.

According to our mission statement, we are to "acquire the hallmarks of a liberally educated woman ... the ability to make socially responsible choices about the future."

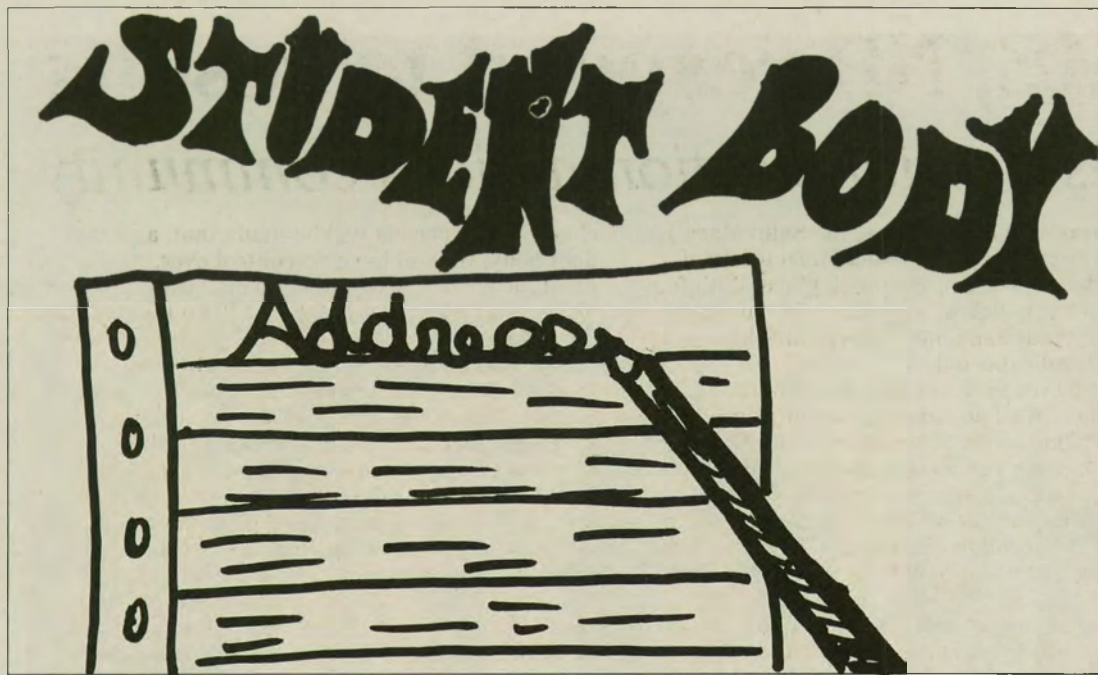
The future begins now.

**Tara Butz
Amy Doms
Kristin Frazer
Jen Griffith
Megan Kosel
Sarah Merrick
Nina Riconosciuto
Molly Strzelecki
Beth Teagan
Melissa Wheeler
Kris Anne Wilson**

Le Mans and Holy Cross Halls

February 7, 2000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Renner defends complaint

I am writing to give a clear and accurate account of the events which led to the complaint filed concerning the election on Friday, Feb. 4. On Sunday, Feb. 6, I learned that the decision to hold a third election on Friday was made improperly.

I learned that this decision was initially suggested by Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Activities. Those present at the time went along with the decision and assumed that she was familiar with and following election bylaws. I did not question this decision at the time because, in the midst of a busy campaign, I was a candidate and not the Elections Commissioner.

When I learned the circumstances of the decision on Sunday, I consulted the election bylaws, which clearly state that decisions concerning elections fall under the jurisdiction of the Elections Committee, which is composed of two representatives from each residence hall, as well as an off-campus representative, who were approved by the Board of Governance in the fall.

Unfortunately, the Elections Committee and the bylaws were NOT consulted Wednesday night concerning the decision to hold another election.

The bylaws also state that off-campus students must vote in a separate location other than the dining hall. The election on Friday did not include a separate location, which led to much confusion and irritation for off-campus students who had been able to vote in the off-campus lounge in both Monday's and Wednesday's election. Although off-campus students could vote in the dining hall on Friday, the dining hall is not normally used by off-campus students and is out of their way.

Additionally, following precedents set on Monday and Wednesday, many off-campus students went to vote in the off-campus lounge where they found no voting booths and no sign directing them to the dining hall. Many off-campus students were subsequently unaware of the existence of a third election.

Based on the fact that off-campus students were not given the opportunity to vote in the off-campus lounge, it is impossible to state that the student body's voice was heard in Friday's election, because obviously the student body includes both on- and off-campus students. Therefore, the student body which the candidates all sought to represent was NOT represented by the election Friday.

I decided to file a complaint concerning both the neglect of the authority of the Elections Committee and the absence of off-campus voting. The election bylaws were clearly and irrefutably violated and largely ignored following Wednesday night's election. In light of these violations, I felt compelled to submit a complaint to the Interim Elections Commissioner, Bridget Heffernan.

As of today, I return to my office as Elections Commissioner for the current school year.

As Elections Commissioner, I am very conscious of the bylaws, but the other candidates should have been as well. Unfortunately, we

all assumed that the bylaws were being followed correctly on Wednesday. When I became aware of the fact that Ms. Rosenbush and Miss Heffernan suggested the third election without the consultation of the Elections Committee as dictated by the bylaws, I wrote and filed the complaint in a timely manner as also prescribed by the bylaws.

Following my complaint, the Elections Committee convened and realized the unfortunate yet obvious violation surrounding the third election. As within its jurisdiction, based on the bylaws, the Elections Committee declared the third election null due to the improper procedures followed.

Although the bylaws do not specifically mention the actions required in the event of a tie, the bylaws do state that such decisions are the responsibility of the Elections Committee, NOT the director of Student Activities nor the Elections Commissioner.

As a member of the Saint Mary's student body, I felt compelled to file the complaint in order to shed light on the faulty procedures in Friday's election.

If the election on Friday had been properly executed and the ENTIRE student body had had the opportunity to voice its opinion, I would accept the results. However, the reality of the situation reveals the unacceptable nature of the third election. Michelle and I acted in the best interest of the student body as legislated by the election bylaws. It would have been unethical for any of us aware of the violations to remain silent. Therefore, we returned to the authority of the Elections Committee, and the Elections Committee is subsequently responsible for determining the final outcome.

Also, the Elections Appeals Board has supported the decision of the Elections Committee to nullify Friday's election and to determine me and Michelle Nagle the student body president- and vice president-elect.

We regret the inconvenience of Friday's election and assure you that we filed the complaint Sunday — immediately following our knowledge of the grievous violations in connection with it. Throughout the campaigning process, Michelle and I pledged our dedication to serving the needs of the student body, and we want to reiterate our love of Saint Mary's and our great enthusiasm in serving as your student body president and vice president. Emily Koelsch and Rachele Rodarte are great assets to student government and deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to Saint Mary's.

In closing, we wish to extend an invitation to the student body to work with us as we prepare to serve you. We are always open to your concerns and needs and look forward to a successful and fun year.

Crissie Renner

Student Body President-Elect

Saint Mary's College

February 8, 2000

Koelsch, Rodarte thank students

This has been a difficult several weeks for the two of us, and now that a final decision has been made, Emily and I would like to thank the student body of Saint Mary's for their concern about our school. The pure fact that a large number of our peers expressed their interest throughout the election process shows your concern.

The frustration could have led to apathy but instead further energized the student body. As a community, you have made your opinions and pride known. We encourage you to continue this involvement and to let your voices be heard across campus this year and next.

You have been the driving force behind us, and we thank you for showing pride and regard for your peers and school. We appreciate you and are proud to be a part of the Saint Mary's College student body.

Emily Koelsch
Rachele Rodarte
Holy Cross Hall
Juniors
February 8, 2000

BOG applauds SMC, election decision

To the Members of the Saint Mary's student body:

We, the Executive Board of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance, wish to applaud the Saint Mary's student body members who took it upon themselves to express their concerns regarding the 2000-2001 student body presidential and vice presidential elections.

We also wish to applaud the members of the current Student Government Association who have been handling the recent events with the utmost courage, responsibility, dedication and intelligence. The Executive Board has complete faith in and supports the final decisions that were made by the Elections Committee and the Elections Appeals Board.

These recent events have served to solidify our confidence in the workings of the Student Government Association.

However, our constitution is a working document. As a result of this unprecedented election, proposals to amend our constitution are underway and forthcoming. We encourage any member of the student body to personally

contact any members of the Executive Board or the Board of Governance to voice her suggestions.

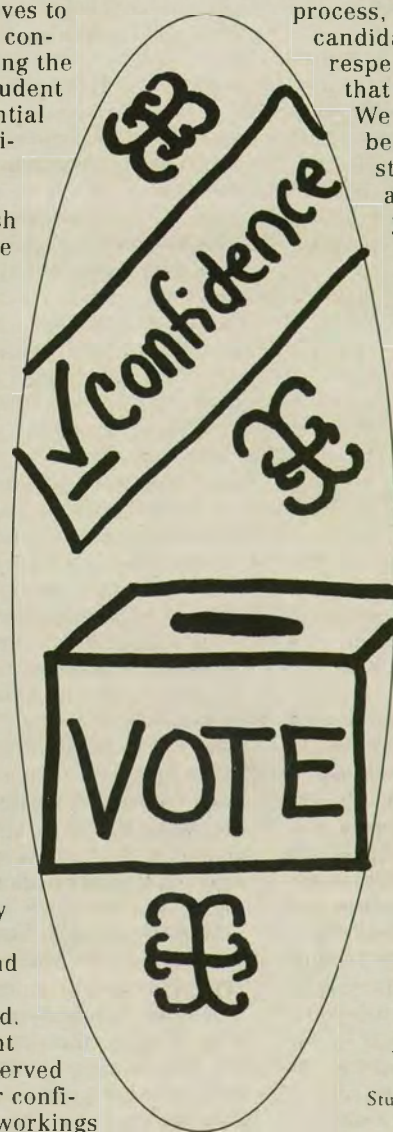
We also encourage all members of the Saint Mary's community to treat all those involved with the elections process, including the candidates, with the respect and decency that they deserve.

We are all members of the same student body, and we implore you to act with graciousness and maturity. There is no one to blame.

It was an unfortunate occurrence; however, the strong guidelines established by the Student Government Association constitution have insured fairness.

Nancy A. Midden
Student Body President
Angie Little
Student Body Vice President
Rose K. Lutzka
Residence Hall Association President
Janet Horvath
Student Activities Board Coordinator
Bridget C. Heffernan
Executive Secretary
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Saint Mary's College
February 8, 2000



THEATER PREVIEW



MARY CALASH/The Observer

The cast of "Grease" concludes a scene with the oft-used group shot where everyone sits on everyone else, throws their arms in the air and smiles. The Pasquerilla East Musical Company production debuts Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday.

'Grease' slides on to Washington main stage

By AMBER AGUIAR
Scene Writer

The close-knit cast of this year's Pasquerilla East Musical Company production will bring new energy to an American classic as it perform its riveting rendition of "Grease" this weekend in Washington Hall.

Grease

A Pasquerilla East Musical Company production

◆ Where: Washington Hall

◆ When: Thursday through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

◆ Tickets: Sold out. Cast invites guests to

Wednesday night dress rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

with issues of love and life after graduation.

With bright costumes, constant action and lively song and dance, this performance is a tremendous show of energy. Audiences of the much-anticipated and highly amusing musical will be delighted with this distinctive production.

Adam Witmer, who plays Danny, recommended: "Don't look for any of us to just do impressions of past film or stage Sandra D's or Dannys and Kenickes."

As Witmer suggested, spectators expecting an imitation of the popular movie rendition will be surprised. The cast remains true to the musical's original script — a more risqué, realistic version than the film depiction. According to Tiana Checchia (Sandy), "The play was not written as a family show at all. The original play is dirty. It's a lot raunchier. And it's a lot more fun."

"The play is about fun, realistic characters that talk like you and I do in our dorm rooms," said Seaman. "It's got tons of the adolescent humor that everyone loves."

While the musical is set in high school, it contains many elements Notre Dame

students can still identify with. According to Holly Hoffman (Rizzo), "It's not like we had to do a lot of research to put on a play about going out, getting drunk and hooking up. Everyone can relate to being a teenager and being retarded."

The musical is full of funny characters like Roger (played by Matt Baggetta), who constantly moons people and Sonny (Joe Larson), who is drunk in every scene. Each character is unique, with a distinctive personality. Betsy Kahl (Marty) said: "Every character has an original way of walking, talking and dancing."

And each actor developed those mannerisms throughout the past few months. "Brian encouraged us to shape our characters ourselves," said Witmer. "We've had to fill out background information on our characters and do improvisations to become more familiar with our stage personalities. Nobody is a member of a 'chorus' —

everybody in the show has an actual, well-developed character."

The cast is made up of students of diverse majors and theater backgrounds. "There's a wide range of experience from people who have been acting since conception to people who just tried it for fun. But we all learn from each other," said Kahl.

The group has been practicing five days a week, four hours a day, since they were cast in September. According to Seaman, "A positive byproduct of all this work we've been doing is that we've become very good friends. I hope that's what people will see onstage."

The cast practices together, works out together, spends time together on weekends and throws "Grease" cocktail parties. The group has even taken a trip to Canada together. "Twenty people in three hotel rooms. If that's not cast bonding, then I don't know what is," said Seaman.

"We spend so much time together that some might say we resemble a small cult," said Ryan Cunningham, who plays Doody in the production.

But the closeness that has developed amongst the cast helps during practice and performance. "We can read each other now, so if someone misses a line, the rest of us can help. Besides, we're playing friends onstage so it works in our favor that we actually are [friends] offstage," says Checchia.

The actors have helped with every aspect of the production, including choreography, set construction and advertisement.

"In the beginning, some of the crew dropped out, but the cast really picked up the slack," said Seaman. "There's a real sense of teamwork here. The cast is involved because they want to be."

Seaman and choreographer Quincy Starnes welcome the actors' input. According to Cunningham, "Our ideas are nearly always embraced and

added to the show in some form or another."

Even costumes were developed in part by the actors. "Over Christmas break we went home and raided our parents' closets," said Hoffman. Thus, this weekend, the entire cast and pit orchestra will dress in fun '50s attire.

The musical is packed with energy and excitement, as each student, including those in the pit orchestra, exercises influence over the show. According to saxophone player Ruth Luckas, "There's a lot of improv. There's a score there that you play from, but for almost every song there's ad lib written in. So there's a lot of freedom and opportunity to goof around."

The orchestra stands at the rear of the stage and is always visible. The unique set design allows the players of the instruments to be part of the action, making the stage even livelier.

Set designer Alan Ahles developed a

system that would allow actors to quickly switch from one scene and location to another. He constructed two large, moveable platforms that change from bleachers, to a car, to a couch, to a bed and back again, as scenes change quickly without break in rhythm or action while the audience watches.

While actors were waiting for the set to be constructed, they practiced on tables in the Pasquerilla East chapel. "By the end we'd nearly broken all of them," said Checchia. "There isn't a table left that isn't drooping in the middle." Ceiling tiles were another P.E. casualty, as boys threw girls through them while practicing stunts for big dance numbers.

Starnes developed these dance numbers with complicated footwork and fun props for the experienced dancers that make up much of the cast. "I'd never worked with people who knew what they were doing before. It's a lot harder to choreograph," said Starnes. "You have to be more creative and try to include things that will challenge them."

Yet, some of the steps proved challenging to the point of dangerous. Kahl was dropped on the ground headfirst when she and her partner tried a dance stunt in which she flips over his back. Seeing her fall, Seaman tried to show Kahl's partner how to correctly throw her. But in demonstrating the "proper" way to do the stunt, he too dropped her on her head, this time twice as hard.

Though the musical is full of fun, dynamic dance numbers that may look easy, as Seaman demonstrated, the cast's advice is not to try them at home.

This year's P.E. musical production of "Grease" is packed with a surprising amount of energy, excitement and fun. "People will think they know what to expect, but they'll definitely be blown away," said Checchia.

According to Nicole Swartzentruber (cheerleader/ensemble), "If they enjoy it half as much as we enjoy putting it on, then it's worth coming and it's worth all of the work we've put in doing it."

Besides, said Kahl, "When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison? You've got to see this."

"When was the last time you saw a lot of men dancing in unison?"

Betsy Kahl
actress

Don't fear creepy-looking Morrissey Hall

Editor's note: Scene will continue to feature the dorms and residence halls of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's throughout the spring semester. Anyone interested in writing a feature of a dorm should e-mail Scene at Scene@nd.edu.

By MOLLY McSHANE
Scene Writer

When one stops and looks at Morrissey Hall from across the South Quad, he or she cannot help but notice its very non-dormish appearance. The long walkway leading up to the front entrance, the state-ly tower on the roof and the simple sign above the door: MORRISSEY MANOR, all lead one to believe that this is more than just a college dorm. It's an estate.

Perhaps this is what the dorm's 288 occupants originally thought when they were assigned Morrissey as their future home that fateful July before freshmen year. And weren't they surprised to realize that by "Manor," what was actually meant was "very small rooms." According to the hall's Web site, Morrissey was voted the "Worst Dorm in America" by Link Magazine.

And yet, the young men there seem to be able to look at all that and love Morrissey for what it truly is. "Even though the rooms are less than spacious, the group atmosphere more than makes up for the lack of room size," said sophomore Joe Larson. "When you are in as close of quarters as we are, you pretty much have to get to know everyone."

"People think that the rooms are small, but we have so many different setups, singles all the way up through eight-mans. With all that variety and the common rooms to work with, you don't lose that

much space. And besides, the people in the Manor are so great, and Father Bill is the best rector on campus, so we don't mind losing a few square feet," said Mike Grau, who lives in one of the Manor's quads.

Morrissey is one of the oldest dorms on campus, built in 1925 and named after Father Andrew Morrissey, who was the president of the University in the beginning of the 20th century. It was designed by Francis Kervick of the Kervick and Fagan Architecture Firm, and although it has been renovated more than once, the Manor still retains much of its historic beauty. The main lobby is still decorated in a very similar fashion as it was back in the dorm's earliest years, giving Morrissey a definite sense of history and importance.

However, some find Morrissey's grandeur appearance to be imposing. "A girl I knew last year asked me how I could live here, because it 'creeped her out' from the outside," said Grau.

It may be true that, from a few angles, Morrissey somewhat resembles a "Scooby Doo" mansion; but according to the young men who live within, there is nothing creepy about the Manor.

"It's a very laid-back place to live," said Larson. "Everyone really tries to get to know one another. Right away, when you move in, you are accepted as a part of the Morrissey community."

And Morrissey is not a bad community to be a part of either. With Hall Presidents Gerry Olinger, Paul Sepe and Dan Brosmer leading the Manorites into this, their 75th anniversary year, things could not be better for the Manor. Successful intramural teams and events such as the infamous Christmas SYR have helped to give Morrissey its impressive reputation.

So the next time the Manor's appear-



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Some Morrissey Hall residents sit around and chit-chat, as guys are bound to do around the Notre Dame campus.

ance leads you to believe that the eyes on the paintings within are watching you, remember two things: Morrissey is just

like any other dorm, and the eyes only seem to be watching you because of the technique used by the artist.

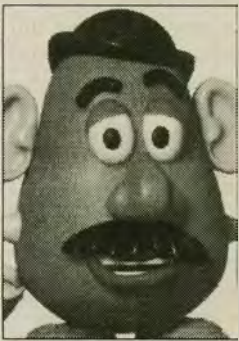
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Scene asks about love in a series of columns leading up to Valentine's Day.

~ Today: The opposite sex on campus ~

Respond to these columns at Scene@nd.edu

THE GUY



SCOTT LITTLE

Today I am supposed to write about the girls of Notre Dame and St. Mary's. I know every girl is unique and special, but that won't stop me from categorizing them like food products in a supermarket.

In my girl supermarket there are different aisles just like at a regular supermarket.

Most people say that Saint Mary's girls are easy, but wouldn't you be too if you were at a single sex school? Ha ha. I am only jesting. (No I'm not). Dances, I think, can be looked at as free sample days at the supermarket, and through these experiences I have basically found Saint Mary's girls and ND girls to be at the same market. There is a lot of uncovered ground at Saint Mary's though, and I totally recommend for guys to eat over at their dining hall once in a while even if their food isn't as good as it is at Notre Dame.

Here are the aisles/categories:

The Drinky Slut: This is a girl who seems to be normal during the week, but really all week long she just thinks about getting with guys, and when the weekend comes, and sometimes sooner than that, she will start drinking and then get with

guys.

The Full of Grace: Too Catholic to like boys.

The Fun Friend: Fun to hang out with, has similar personality as you, but for one reason or another, you will never get with her.

The Chocolate Monkey: Gave up on boys a while ago and now spends her time swinging from candy bar to candy bar. (Usually Big)

The Friend's Sister: Off limits.

The Project: She will be fun and awesome but it will take a long time because of either high morals or narrow view on what is fun.

The Mirror Junky: Too stuck on themselves to actually like a boy.

The Taken: These girls are taken by boyfriends back home that are WAY better than any ND boy is!

The Librarian: You rarely see these girls because they are always studying.

The Sportsnuts: Athlete girls who are loud in the dining hall and have sports boyfriends.

The Amazing: Something about her is larger than life. She is a demigod, an inspiration, the kind of girl that you'd die for.



The men of the Notre Dame family: What can I say, they're an enigma. Their personalities and attitudes cross a very wide spectrum, but generally, Domer men fall into these three categories: the cool guy, the friendly guy and the shy guy. We'll start with the 'cool guy.'

This man walks around with his chest puffed out and his head held high. Our cool guy believes that he is the sun and the planets do indeed revolve around him; he thinks that he is God's gift to women and he is desperate for those around him to believe it too.

Next is the 'friendly guy.'

He's the one that seems to know absolutely everyone on campus and is generally spotted giving out hugs. When it comes to the opposite sex, the friendly guy holds true to his title: He's great to go out with, fun to be around, but neither party in the friendship has much romantic interest for the other.

Finally we come to the 'shy guy.'

This is the cute, quiet guy in the corner of everyone of your classes, girls. His personality is the most peculiar here on campus. The only

THE GAL



ERICKA RAVETTINE

time the shy guy is able to approach the object of his affection is after a six-pack of beer. For the most part, this young man feels more comfortable hanging out with the guys or studying for his next test.

I know these are just a few broad and somewhat stereotypical categories. I'm sure many of you have other categories and characteristics you could add. So, I would like to leave you with a general lumping of the categories, which gives us the typical ND man.

He's from a strong family and is an intelligent person who generally excelled in high school. Due to his background, he tends to be very conservative and is undersexed, which leads to his homophobic nature. Many of these men have never been around a large number of intelligent, career-oriented women and they don't know how to deal with them. In order to compensate, they regress to a 1950s outlook of women. There don't seem to be many who are enlightened enough to be able to deal with the diversity around them.

Tomorrow's topic: Can guys and gals be friends?

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Hurricanes edge past Islanders

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

Ron Francis scored his 15th goal with 2:31 left to give the Carolina Hurricanes a 4-3 victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night.

Francis wristed the puck over goalie Roberto Luongo's glove to give the Hurricanes their first road victory in six games.

Jeff Daniels, Martin Gelinas and Andrei Kovalenko also scored for Carolina, and Arturs Irbe made 17 saves.

Daniels gave the Hurricanes a 1-0 lead at 4:10 of the first period at the end of his own four-shot flurry at Weekes, who stopped the first three chances before accidentally knocking the puck over the goal line with his arm.

Gelinas capped a 3-on-2 break by tapping in Paul Coffey's perfect cross-ice pass at 8:38 to give Carolina a 2-0 lead.

Czerkawski scored on a power-play goal at 13:00, flipping in a close-range shot while falling.

Devils 2, Rangers 2

Mike York scored the tying goal early in the third period, but New Jersey later killed off a four-minute power play as the Devils extended their unbeaten streak against the New York Rangers to 18 games with a draw.

Scott Gomez had a goal and an assist for the Devils, who have not lost to the Rangers since Jan. 12, 1997.

Devils goalie Martin Brodeur protected the tie with two great saves in the final 25 seconds of regulation.

Theo Fleury gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second period just 20 seconds after a power play.

Nearly four minutes later, the Devils tied it. Lyle Odelein's point shot bounced off defenseman Mathieu Schneider and McLean, but Gomez swept it in for his 14th goal.

New Jersey took the lead 2:02 later, on Nemchinov's fifth goal.

Sharks 8, Lightning 0

Owen Nolan had two goals and three assists, and Steve Shields stopped 23 shots as the San Jose Sharks ended a six-game winless streak with a victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Jeff Friesen had two goals and two assists for San Jose, which won for just the second time in 10 games.

The Sharks, who had scored just 11 times in the past six games, took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Nolan and Ron Sutter.

Friesen, Nolan and Todd Harvey had second-period goals, putting the Sharks up 5-0.

Friesen, Ronnie Stern — who had gone 24 games without a goal — and Patrick Marleau added third-period San Jose goals.

Blues 4, Red Wings 1

Michal Handzus scored the go-ahead goal as St. Louis beat Detroit, the Blues' first road victory over the Red Wings in almost three years.

Jamal Mayers, Marty Reasoner and Scott Pellerin also scored for the Blues, who

have lost twice at Joe Louis Arena this season.

Larry Murphy scored for the Red Wings, who lost their third straight — their longest skid of the season.

Handzus broke a 1-all tie on his 14th goal at 3:53 of the second period. Handzus skated into the left circle and snapped a shot that sailed into the upper right corner over the outstretched glove of goalie Chris Osgood.

Reasoner made it 3-1 with his fourth goal at 7:08 of the second and Pellerin scored his fifth at 2:18 of the third.

Mayers gave St. Louis a 1-0 lead with his fourth goal, beating Osgood at 4:15 of the first period.

Murphy's power-play goal tied it 1 with 1:15 left in the first, beating goalie Roman Turek.

Capitals 2, Bruins 2

Craig Billington stopped 49 shots and Ken Klee scored with 3:54 left in regulation to give the Washington Capitals a tie with the Boston Bruins.

Billington started in place of Olaf Kolzig, who got a much-deserved rest after starting the last 19 games and also playing in the All-Star game on Sunday in Toronto.

Dave Andreychuk gave Boston a 2-1 lead when he tipped Anson Carter's pass through Billington's pads with 34 seconds left in the second period. It was Andreychuk's 19th goal of the season.

But Klee scored his fourth of the season when he beat goalie Byron Dafoe with a one-timer from the slot off Richard Zednik's pass.

NBA

Carter leads Raptors past Hawks, 109-88

Associated Press

TORONTO

Vince Carter scored 36 points, one day after cutting open the middle finger of his left hand, and led the Toronto Raptors over Atlanta 109-88 Tuesday night for just their second win in 18 games against the Hawks.

Carter, the leading vote-getter for this weekend's All-Star game, hurt the finger while lifting weights Monday. He needed three stitches to close a half-inch cut and played with a Band-Aid.

He scored 20 points in the first half as Toronto took a 54-48 lead, converting a three-point play after a low blow while attempting to dunk over LaPhonso Ellis in the second quarter.

Toronto began the third quarter on a 19-4 run as Carter scored 10 points, including a 3-pointer that made it 73-52.

Carter scored 14 points as Toronto outscored Atlanta 31-14 in the quarter.

Dikembe Mutombo led Atlanta with 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Nets 131, Celtics 113

The New Jersey Nets made 17 of 24 shots from the field and scored a team-record 46 points in the first quarter en route to a win over the Boston Celtics.

Stephon Marbury and

Keith Van Horn had 30 points apiece as New Jersey opened a 23-point lead after 12 minutes and then never looked back in beating Boston for the first time in four games. The points were an NBA high for a first quarter this season.

Kendall Gill added 19 points and Kerry Kittles had 16 as New Jersey won its second straight and handed Boston its 19th loss in 23 road games. Marbury made 10 of 12 shots from the field.

Boston was led by Antoine Walker, who had 27 points before being ejected for two technicals in the fourth quarter.

The Nets' final point total and their 58 percent shooting from the field (47 of 81) were season highs; the total was the most given up by Boston this season.

Marbury had 14 in the fourth quarter and Van Horn and Gill added 11 apiece.

The Nets, who have given away the lead in each of their last nine losses, built a 29-point margin in the second quarter and then seemed to tease the crowd, letting Boston cut the gap a couple of times: 17 at the start of the third quarter and 15 midway through the fourth quarter.

However, each time the Nets got a couple of show-time dunks from Van Horn, Kittles and even a windmill by Marbury off a steal.

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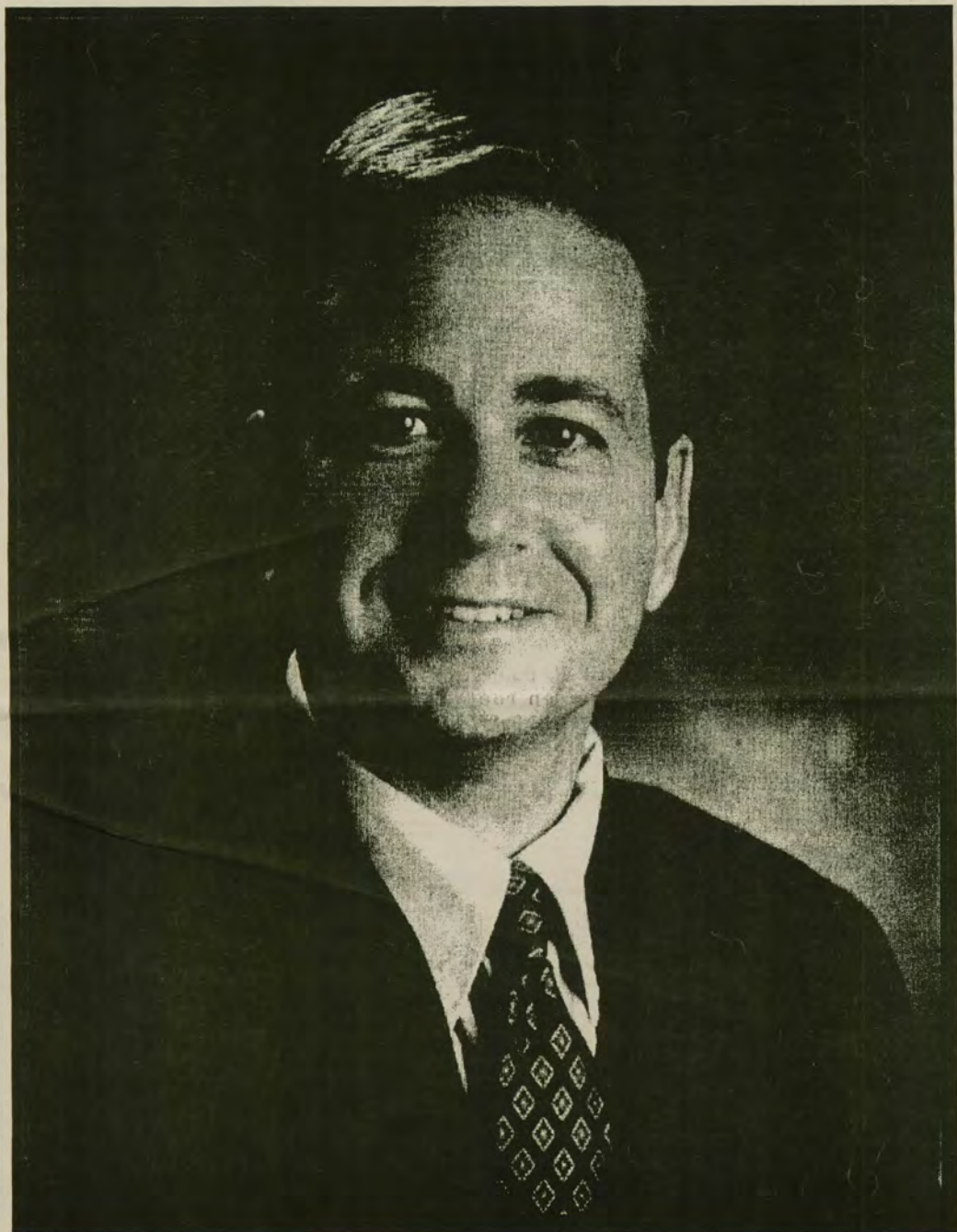
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NCAA

Goss ends rocky reign as Michigan AD

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Michigan athletic director Tom Goss ended a rocky 2 1/2-year reign by resigning today, effective at the end of March.

"It has not been easy, but the positives outweighs the negatives," Goss said at a news conference. "I believe that while it is time for me to step aside, a course has been defined to lead this department to great accomplishments."

University president Lee Bollinger accepted the resignation.

"I want to express my admiration and gratitude for the many qualities Tom has brought to this athletic department," Bollinger said. "Tom has a deep and emotional connection to the university rooted in his days here as a student athlete."

A source close to the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bollinger had asked Goss to resign. The source said Goss considered fighting the request, but did not.

"He didn't want to go to court," the source said.

Bollinger said the reasons for Goss' resignation is far too complex for any kind of simple statement.

Earlier reports had said that Goss, 53, would likely be fired if he didn't resign. Just last week, Goss rejected as rumors reports that his resignation was imminent.

Goss was the university's ninth athletic director, the fourth in 10 years, and the first African American to hold the job.

The Detroit News and The Ann Arbor News reported in today's editions that Goss' departure comes after he angered Bollinger by not telling him of an NCAA probe of the eligibility of Wolverines freshman basketball player Jamal Crawford. Bollinger refused to comment on those reports today.

The NCAA last week suspended Crawford, the team's leading scorer, for six games for his living arrangements while in high school.



Goss

The papers reported that Bollinger learned of the Crawford investigation on television while watching a basketball game between the Wolverines and in-state rival Michigan State while he was in Washington, D.C.

Within hours, the Detroit paper said, Bollinger formed a crisis team that included Provost Nancy Cantor, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Robert Kasdin and Lisa Tedesco, a university vice president whose job is to alert Bollinger and the regents to any impending negative publicity.

Their efforts quickly focused on Goss' handling of the Crawford case, according to the Detroit paper. After two days of fact-checking, they recommended Thursday that Bollinger ask Goss to resign.

Don Canham, who held Goss' job for two decades, was saddened by the news.

"I'm sick about it," Canham said. "He was an outstanding individual, a great guy. Not to have at least five years [on the job] is not the way Michigan operates."

Goss has also been criticized by some of the university's regents for a budget deficit last year. He was placed under close scrutiny by the administration after a \$2.8 million budget deficit was revealed last June, sources have said.

Last weekend The Ann Arbor News reported sources as saying Bollinger would likely not pick a permanent replacement until near the end of the school year in May and that the next athletic director would not necessarily have strong ties to the university.

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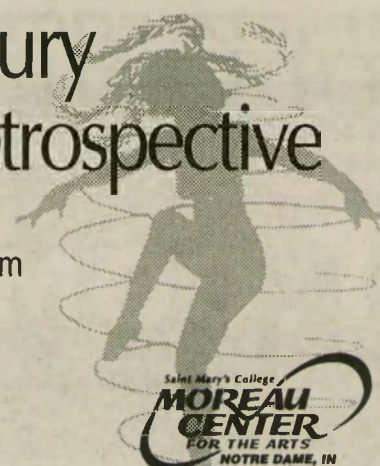
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NHL

Hall of Famer Abel dies at 81

Associated Press

DETROIT

Hockey's famed "Production Line" has lost its sparkplug.

Hall of Famer Sid Abel, who centered Detroit's high-scoring line between Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay, and later coached the Red Wings to the Stanley Cup Finals four times, died Tuesday at age 81.

The cause of death was heart failure, said his daughter-in-law, Karin Abel. Lindsay's wife, Joanne, said Abel had also battled cancer and emphysema, and underwent hip surgery.

The Production Line was the NHL's premier offensive juggernaut that made Detroit the first of the league's great post-war dynasties. With Abel centering Howe and Lindsay, the Red Wings won the first four of their league-record seven consecutive regular-season titles and three Stanley Cups.

"We instinctively knew where the opposition was," said Lindsay, 74. "We just understood each other. We knew where to go, so we consequently were efficient."

Abel was a player, general manager, coach and broadcaster in his 32 years in the Red Wings organization.

Abel began his NHL career as the team's center in 1938 in Detroit, spending nine full seasons and parts of three others with the Red Wings, with two years of military service. He was named captain of the team in the 1942-43 season at age 24, and held that position until he was sold to Chicago after the 1951-52 season.

Howe said Abel was a men-

"I learned a lot from him from just listening. When I was around Sid, that's the way it was. He was our captain and leader ... he won in every aspect of the game."

Gordie Howe

tor to all the younger players.

"I learned a lot from him from just listening," he said. "When I was around Sid, that's the way it was. He was our captain and leader ... he won in every aspect of the game."

With Abel, the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1943, 1950 and 1952.

He accumulated 472 points in 613 career games and ranks No. 11 in all-time team scoring for the Red Wings.

Nicknamed "Boot Nose," Abel had a league-high 28 goals in 1948-49, when he won the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player.

The next season, he scored a personal high 34 goals and 69 points. That year, Lindsay led the NHL in scoring with Abel and Howe finishing second and third, respectively. In the playoffs, they led Detroit to a Stanley Cup championship over the New York Rangers.

But there was more to Abel than just offense.

"People don't realize how rough he was," Howe told The Canadian Press. "I got into a fight with Rocket Richard one time and Sid stuck his nose in."

"Today, if you called some-

one what Sid called Rocket, you'd get called up before a judge. Sid was leaning towards Rocket and Rocket bopped him in the nose. When Rocket hit him, Sid said, 'You've got to be tired,' and took him on. I couldn't help but laugh. Afterwards, Sid told me, 'Hell, if you tire them out, I'll fight anybody.'"

But he was not as rough a player as linemates Howe and Lindsay, and totaled just 79 penalty minutes for his entire career.

Abel left Detroit in 1952 to become the player-coach of the Chicago Blackhawks for two seasons. He then retired as a player but returned to Detroit as coach in 1957 and remained there until 1970.

During his years as Red Wings' coach, Abel amassed a mediocre 340-339-132 record, reaching the playoffs eight times but never winning a Stanley Cup.

Abel later served as Detroit's general manager, resigning in the 1970-71 season amid a dispute with Ned Harkness, the club's rookie head coach.

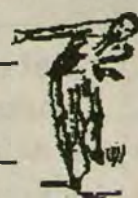
The following season, Abel was coach of the St. Louis Blues for 10 games (3-6-1). He also coached the 1975-76 Kansas City Scouts for three losses. That franchise later moved to Colorado and finally, New Jersey.

Abel returned to the Red Wings again in 1976-77 as an analyst on the team's radio and television broadcasts.

Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman remembered getting advice from Abel, who was a broadcaster when he joined the team in 1983.



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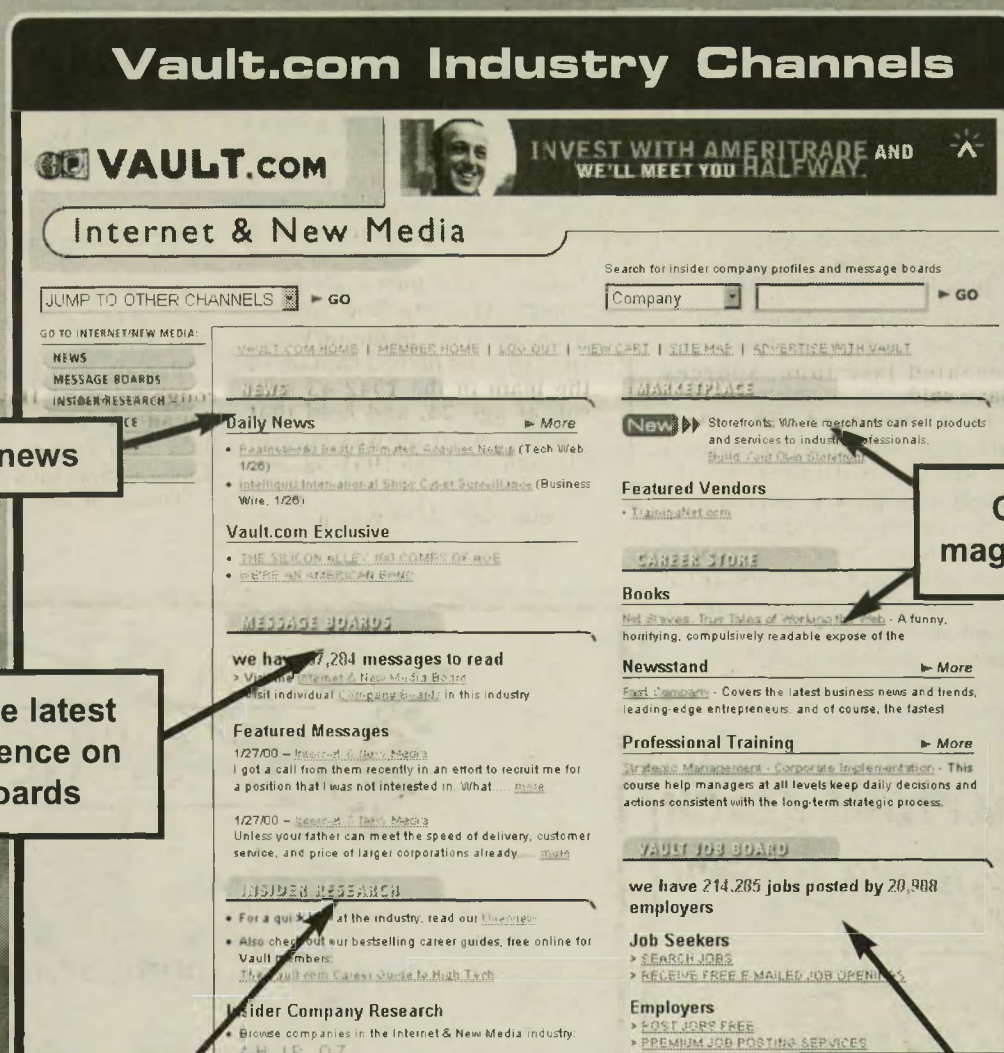
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NFL

Thomas dies of heart attack

Associated Press

MIAMI

NFL star Derrick Thomas died today in a hospital where he was being treated for injuries from a car crash that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

The Kansas City Chiefs said he died of a heart attack. Jackson Memorial Hospital called it "cardio-respiratory arrest," and doctors were expected to elaborate later in the day.

Team president Carl Peterson said he was with the 33-year-old linebacker Monday.

"He was upbeat, he was positive, he was Derrick," a tearful Peterson, wearing a button with Thomas' No. 58, said from Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

"He was in a wheelchair. ... I said 'Son, you're mobile.' He said, 'Father, I am. I've got wheels.'"

Thomas was injured Jan. 23 when the speeding car he was driving flipped on an icy road. A friend was killed in the crash.

Thomas, a nine-time Pro Bowl player and one of the game's most feared pass rushers, had been heading to the Kansas City airport with two companions to fly to St. Louis for the NFC title game.

Thomas was one of the most popular athletes in Kansas City, and Peterson called the death a "devastating tragedy."

"Derrick Thomas leaves a tremendously positive legacy that will permanently enrich everyone whose life he touched," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Flags were lowered to half staff at Arrowhead Stadium. The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence. Thomas' death was announced by Bill Kenney, a state senator and former Chiefs quarterback.

"Derrick Thomas was a true hero," said Kenney, who urged lawmakers to support a bill for spinal cord research in Missouri.

Thomas broke his spine and

neck in the crash and was flown to Miami, his hometown, for surgery and rehabilitation.

Doctors decompressed his spinal cord and stabilized the spinal column with screws, rods and hooks and implant bone grafts from Thomas' hip.

The hospital is the home of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, the world's largest spinal cord injury research center, and its surgeons have operated on race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi and other athletes.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, of Kansas City, Kan., were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car, police said. Tellis was killed instantly and a third passenger who was wearing his seat belt was treated and released.

"Our entire family has lost our loved one, so we greatly sympathize with Derrick Thomas's upon his passing," Tellis' family said today.

A clearly shaken Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas from the Pro Bowl, after seeing several players and fans honoring the linebacker by wearing his number.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The coach said that after a game, Thomas would always walk across the field "with a smile on his face — not because the Chiefs won, but because that's the way he was. And that's the way I'll always remember him."

Thomas holds the NFL one-game record of seven sacks and ranks ninth on the career list. His seven sacks against Seattle in 1990 came on Veterans Day. He dedicated his effort to his father, an Air Force pilot killed in Vietnam in Operation Linebacker II.

"He had so much love for the game, for his teammates and for our town. ... A light has gone out," Peterson said.

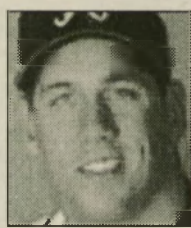
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Players' association helps Rocker

Associated Press

ATLANTA

With history on its side, the players' association on Wednesday will attempt to overturn John Rocker's suspension for offensive comments against homosexuals, minorities and foreigners.



Rocker

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig banned Rocker until May 1, saying the Atlanta Braves' top reliever "offended practically every element of society" with his comments in a December issue of Sports Illustrated.

The players' association quickly appealed the decision, setting up the hearing in New York before Shyam Das, baseball's new arbitrator.

Das will hear testimony from Selig and Braves president Stan Kasten. Gene Orza, the union's chief lawyer, will argue on Rocker's behalf, and union head Donald Fehr is expected to testify on past suspensions.

Rocker will attend the hearing, but it's unclear if he'll be asked to testify. He told Sports Illustrated in December that he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want

to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also mocked foreigners and called a black teammate a "fat monkey."

Time and time again, the players' association has convinced arbitrators to reduce or overturn suspensions imposed by baseball.

In 1981, St. Louis shortstop Garry Templeton was suspended and fined \$5,000 after making a series of obscene gestures toward heckling fans at Busch Stadium. Two days later, an arbitrator ruled the suspension should be lifted when Templeton checked into a hospital for treatment of depression.

In 1992, Yankees pitcher Steve Howe was suspended for life after pleading guilty to attempting to buy a gram of cocaine. An arbitrator ended the suspension later that year, saying Howe had attention deficit disorder.

Minus Rocker, the Braves are holding a pre-spring training pitching camp at Turner Field.

Kerry Ligtenberg, who held the closer's job in 1998 and is trying to come back from an elbow injury that kept him out all of last season, hopes the Rocker situation will be settled quickly.

"It's a big distraction for the team," Ligtenberg said Tuesday. "We need to get this resolved sooner rather than later. If we push it to the side and bring it up two months later, it's not going to be any better. We need to deal with

John as a team and go from there."

For now, the Braves are facing the possibility of heading to Florida next week without the pitcher who saved 38 games last season, one short of the franchise record.

Selig's suspension covers all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the season. He also fined Rocker \$20,000 and ordered him to undergo sensitivity training.

There's no indication how quickly the arbitrator might rule, but the union will likely ask for a decision by the start of spring training. The Braves' pitchers and catchers report to camp at Kissimmee, Fla., on Feb. 17.

Richard Moss, the association's top lawyer for 11 years, predicted last week that Rocker's punishment is likely to be reduced.

"For the commissioner's office to just do something without consulting the players' association, without consulting Rocker and without reaching agreement on what was acceptable to everybody was kind of stupid," Moss said.

According to research by the players' association and the commissioner's office, this is the first time a player was disciplined for speech since 1938. New York Yankees outfielder Jake Powell was suspended for 10 days by commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis for disparaging blacks on a radio interview.

The Rivals

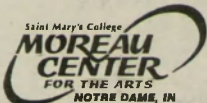


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NBA

Rodman proves he can get job done

Associated Press

DALLAS From wrestling to acting to getting arrested, Dennis Rodman has done a lot since his last NBA game 10 months ago.

Playing basketball, however, wasn't high on his things-to-do list.

Yet on Tuesday Rodman showed his new Dallas Mavericks teammates that, despite the layoff, he can still rebound and defend, which is exactly what he's been hired to do.

"He walked into our practice and just proved that he knows how to play — when to set picks, when to move the ball," coach-general manager Don Nelson said. "He was very impressive considering he hasn't played for a year."

The currently blonde-haired forward will get his first real test Wednesday night at home against Seattle. Rodman won't start, but he's likely to play about 15 minutes.

"I think it'll be a great opportunity to give the people in Dallas some excitement and it's a great opportunity to prove a lot of people wrong," said Rodman, who had to settle for signing with his hometown team



Rodman

after no contender was willing to take a chance on him.

Although Rodman grew up in Dallas and still has family and friends in the area, he's changed more than just his hair color since the last time he called the city home.

Back then, Rodman was a skinny teen-ager who didn't play high school basketball and once worked as a janitor at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Now, he's a 38-year-old multimillionaire known as much for outrageous antics such as cross-dressing and multiple body piercings as for winning seven rebounding titles and five NBA championships.

"I don't think the hometown part has any affect on my play or anything about Dennis Rodman," he said. "I just go out there to have a good time, I work hard and I give people what they want."

Rodman played 23 games for the Los Angeles Lakers last February through April, then was cut when team officials ran out of patience with his high-maintenance lifestyle.

He yearned to return to the Lakers this season because he wanted to play for their new coach, Phil Jackson, who kept Rodman on a long leash in Chicago. But the team wasn't interested. Neither was anyone else.

When the long-suffering Mavericks began wooing him a few weeks ago, it seemed like

they had nothing to lose and plenty of free publicity to gain.

But Dallas has won eight of its last 10, the team's hottest streak since Jason Kidd's rookie season five years ago. Now, adding Rodman's volatile personality could threaten whatever chemistry the Mavericks have going, and he's always one skipped practice or kicked cameraman from becoming a major distraction.

"We've just got to hope he can help us on the court and be happy with that," All-Star swingman Michael Finley said.

An unwritten part of Rodman's bargain-basement deal is that he can pedal instead of practice, something Nelson insists the other players don't mind.

But there was no stationary bicycle parked alongside the practice court Tuesday as Rodman participated in 3-on-3, 4-on-4 and 5-on-5 drills. Nelson said Rodman would continue practicing until he's comfortable playing alongside his new teammates.

The workout was closed to the media. When it opened, Rodman shot free throws at one end of the court with assistant coach Kiki Vandeweghe. He hit about 20 in a row at one point, but also had a stretch of four misses in five tries.

Because offense is so little of Rodman's game, getting the rust off should be easier for him than someone who relies on touch passes or long-range jumpers.

NCAA BASKETBALL

NCAA rules St. John's Barkely ineligible

Associated Press

NEW YORK

St. John's sophomore guard Erick Barkley was ruled ineligible for three games by the NCAA on Tuesday for a rules violation.

The school is appealing.

Barkley, who sat out last Saturday's 59-58 victory over Boston College, will miss Tuesday night's game at Providence and Saturday's home game against Villanova. The next game he will be eligible for is Feb. 15, at Boston College.

The violation was exchanging cars with a family friend, two sources familiar with the case have told The Associated Press.

Barkley traded his late model Jeep Cherokee for a bigger but older Ford Expedition that belongs to a family friend, said a source close to Barkley and another with knowledge of the matter, both speaking on condition they not be identified.

The exchange would violate NCAA rules if Barkley

received preferential treatment because he is an athlete or if it constituted possible payback for when he turns professional.

St. John's athletic director Ed Manetta Jr. said the school is appealing to the NCAA's Division I Subcommittee on Student-Athlete

Rein-statement and expects a ruling by Friday.

"We're disappointed and think the ruling is unfortunate. We appealed immediately and that's the process we're in right now and that started Saturday."

Ed Manetta Jr.
St. John's athletic director

process and are hoping for a ruling from it by late Thursday or Friday morning."

On Sunday, Manetta said he expected feedback from the NCAA the next day. The school was asked for further clarification regarding the case Monday and the ruling came down Tuesday.

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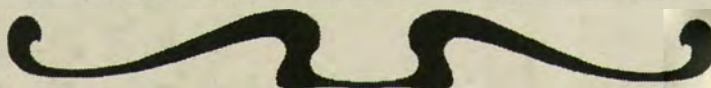
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be established that a family friend — someone like your Uncle John or your trusted next door neighbor — was helping you look out for your future after college basketball, what's wrong with that?

If you're not an athlete, companies come right on campus in (gasp!) broad daylight and try to convince you to sign with them when you get out of college. I've even heard of seniors getting job offers (oh no!) during their senior year and signing to work with that company while they're still students.

Of course, the NCAA was set up to protect the players from people banging down their doors, trying to manipulate them and trying to manipulate amateur sports with money. Indeed, this is a noble goal and one for which the NCAA does serve a useful purpose.

However, we're not talking about point-shaving or giving guys a sack filled with money.

Heck, I want to be a professional sports writer someday. What if, for some reason, Troy Murphy and I order a pizza, and when it comes, he realizes he doesn't have enough cash on him to split the \$10 tab. So I say, "Don't worry about it, you can get the next one," and pay for his pizza.

Am I a "friend of the program" now?

Am I helping to secure my sports-writing future by buying Troy Murphy pizza so he will be inclined to do an interview with me as opposed to someone else in a few years?

You may laugh, but the NCAA would probably say yes and slap Murphy with a suspension for taking an "extra benefit," just as a restaurant giving a player a complimentary meal is one of these deadly sins.

So to the NCAA: Don't punish friends for looking out for friends or people for doing what they please with their own property. Use some common sense and stop actions that threaten the integrity of the game and the players.

If you forget who you're there to serve, that's the true violation of the agreement.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles to take on conference rival Albion

By KATIE MCVOY

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team hopes that injury and illness will not prevent a win against Albion College tonight.

"The injuries and illness during the last week should not be a big problem during the game," sophomore center Kelly Roberts said. "We're hoping we can still go out and play our best."

During the past week of practice, the Belles have been hit hard with injury and illness. Starting forward Kristen Matha, is the Belles' biggest worry. She left last Saturday's game with a leg injury, but has been given the go-ahead to play.

In addition to Matha's injury, Saint Mary's has been short three players during this week's practices. Roberts has been out with an injury, and sophomore guard Anne Blair and sophomore center Kelly Jones have been ill. All three seem to have recovered and the Belles hope they can play hard in tonight's game.

"We want to go out there, suck it up

and play hard for 40 minutes," Roberts said.

Despite the problems they faced in practice this week, the Belles say they are confident that they can beat the Britons.

"We think we have a really good shot," Jones said. "All we have to do is play hard and keep up the intensity."

The Belles are looking for the victory to keep team motivation high.

"A win against Albion would be very big," Roberts said. "Another victory would boost our confidence. The more wins we have the more confident the team will be."

The win would also help the Belles in the MIAA rankings. The Britons are in sixth place in the MIAA with a league record of 5-8 and an overall record of 10-11. They are coming off of a 70-43 loss to first-ranked Hope College this past Saturday. Saint Mary's is in eighth place in the MIAA with a league record of 2-11, two places behind Albion.

"A win tomorrow would help our MIAA rankings," Roberts said. "We need to start winning against other conference teams, and winning against Albion would be a big step."

Tonight's contest should prove to be a close one. Saint Mary's and Albion are evenly matched teams. The Belles score 54 points per game on average, while Albion scores 57, and both teams average around 37 rebounds a game.

The last time Saint Mary's and Albion met the Britons were victorious, winning 65-52.

"The last time we played Albion it came down to the last five minutes of the game," Jones said. "They picked up the intensity and we lost the motivation. We have been working on keeping the intensity, however, and we want to keep it up throughout all of tonight's game."

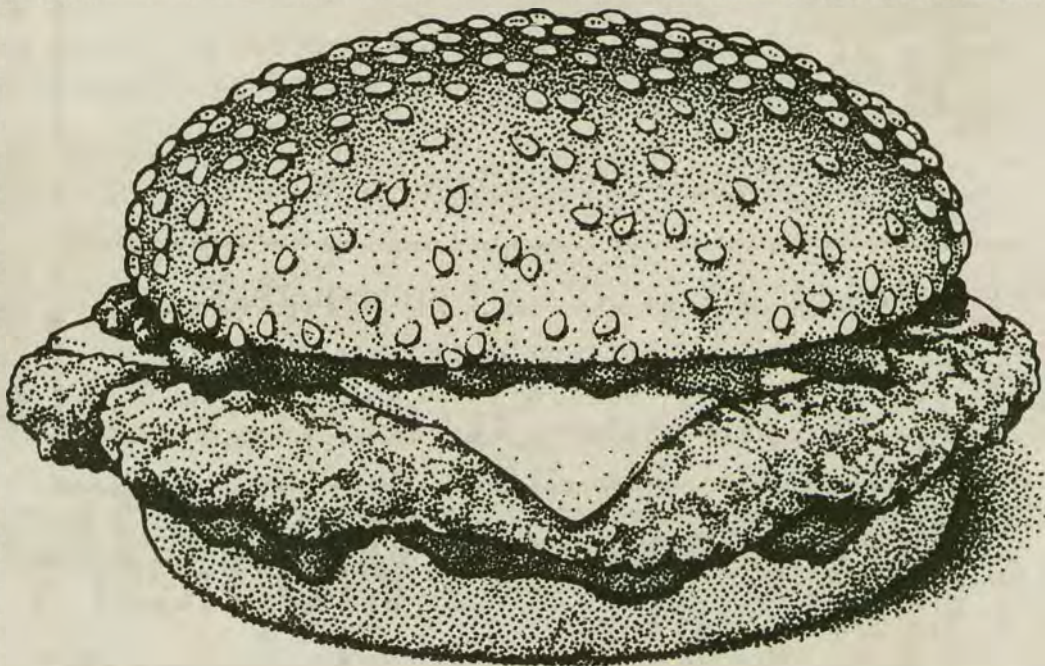
Rebounding will continue to be key to the Belles. During the two games that Saint Mary's won, the team controlled the rebound and is looking to do the same against Albion.

"We are going to have to dominate the boards and keep the turnovers down," Jones said. "We match up in size with Albion so it's going to come down to our skill."

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of its first 14 games, the second best start in school history. Since then, the Panthers have struggled to a 4-6 Big East record. Included in the recent slump was an 88-36 loss to Connecticut. Their record is deceiving though, with five of their losses coming against top 20 teams.

"They have some good players," Riley said. "They're a guard oriented team with some good shooters."

Pittsburgh is led by freshman Mandy Wittenmyer, the Big East co-Rookie of the Week along with Notre Dame's Alicia Ratay. Wittenmyer, a 6-foot-2 forward averages a team-high 11.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. Her seven double-doubles on the season lead the conference. In the Panthers' previous nine games, she has six double-doubles.

"She's a good all-around player," Riley said, referring to Wittenmyer. "She doesn't post up too much but she has a good

jumper from around the foul line."

The freshman class has sparked the Panthers, accounting for 49 percent of the team's scoring. Other first year players include reserve Brooke Stewart, the team's third leading scorer with 7.9 points per game, point guard Laine Selwyn and forward Dallas Williams.

Junior shooting guard Monique Toney is second on the team with 9.7 points per game. Her 5.4 assists per game rank her fourth in the conference.

Seven Panthers average over 15 minutes per game with Wittenmyer's 29.3 average leading the team. They are averaging 64.5 points per game, while allowing 62.3.

While their balanced scoring attack has received most of the attention, the Irish defense has held 8 straight opponents under 60 points. They held Pitt to 37 percent shooting in their last meeting.

Wednesday's game marks the eighth meeting between the teams, with the Irish owning a 7-0 advantage.



LIZ LANG/The Observer
Center Ruth Riley shoots over the B.C. defense in the Irish win Saturday. The Irish take on the Panthers tonight.

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(32 percent) from 3-point land, while Villanova converted 11-of-26 (42 percent) shots from behind the arc.

Notre Dame dropped both conference games on the road trip and now finds itself back in the middle of the pack in the Big East standings.

The Irish are now 0-7 against the Wildcats since joining the conference five years ago. Villanova is the only team Notre Dame has yet to beat in conference play.

The road will not get any easier for the Irish as the season winds down.

Notre Dame hosts defending national champion Connecticut on Saturday and then plays the top three teams in the conference over the next four games. Two of those games are on the road.

Notre Dame must break out of its slump and make a run down the stretch if it has any hope of making the NCAA Tournament.

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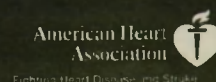


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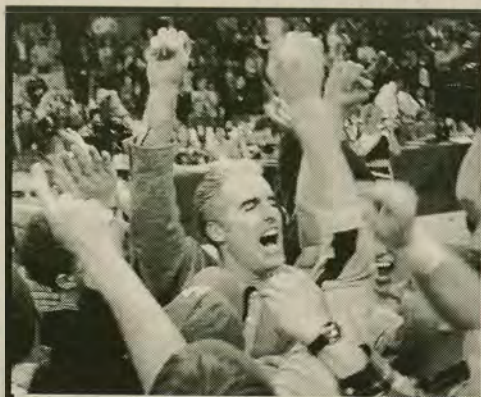
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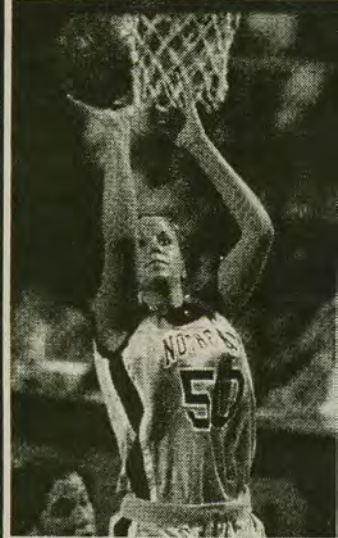
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MEN'S TENNIS

Sachire leads Irish in upset over No. 18 Wildcats

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire entered an invincible zone during yesterday's match against 18th-ranked Kentucky, and the rest of the team followed as the Irish stormed away with a 5-2 upset over one of the nation's toughest teams.

The matchup kicked into high gear for the Irish, who took the doubles point with wins in the number two and three spots. Sachire and senior Trent Miller teamed together to defeat Kentucky's doubles duo of Carlos Drada and Reven Stephens, while sophomores Casey Smith and James Malhame topped Edo Bawono and Johan Grunditz. With the doubles point already awarded, the Irish pair of sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico did not complete their match against Kentucky's Johan Hesoun and Gustav Pousette. Talarico gave the Irish a quick win at number four singles, blowing away Bawono of Kentucky 6-1, 6-0. Fourteenth-ranked Sachire followed Talarico's lead by knocking off 9th-ranked Drada 6-1, 6-3, improving his singles record to 16-6.

"Aaron Talarico was really on his game today," Irish coach Bob Bayliss said. "And Ryan had an unbelievable match. Drada is in the top 10 in the country."

The top match, pitting Sachire against Drada, was expected to be a close battle, but Sachire showed no weaknesses throughout the entire match and did not allow Drada to steal away his momentum. He sprang out to an early lead, going up 5-0 in the first set with an impressive serve-and-volley style of play

that consistently forced Drada to abandon his offensive attack.

Sachire never looked back, suffocating the Kentucky southpaw with an aggression that has locked up several key wins for the senior this season.

After Talarico and Sachire added two more points for Notre Dame, the match was still not secure under the Notre Dame's belt. The remaining four singles matches in progress looked to be close, but Notre Dame freshman Brian Farrell snuck away with a crucial victory against Kentucky's Reven Stephens that lead to an Irish win, improving their dual-match record to 3-2.

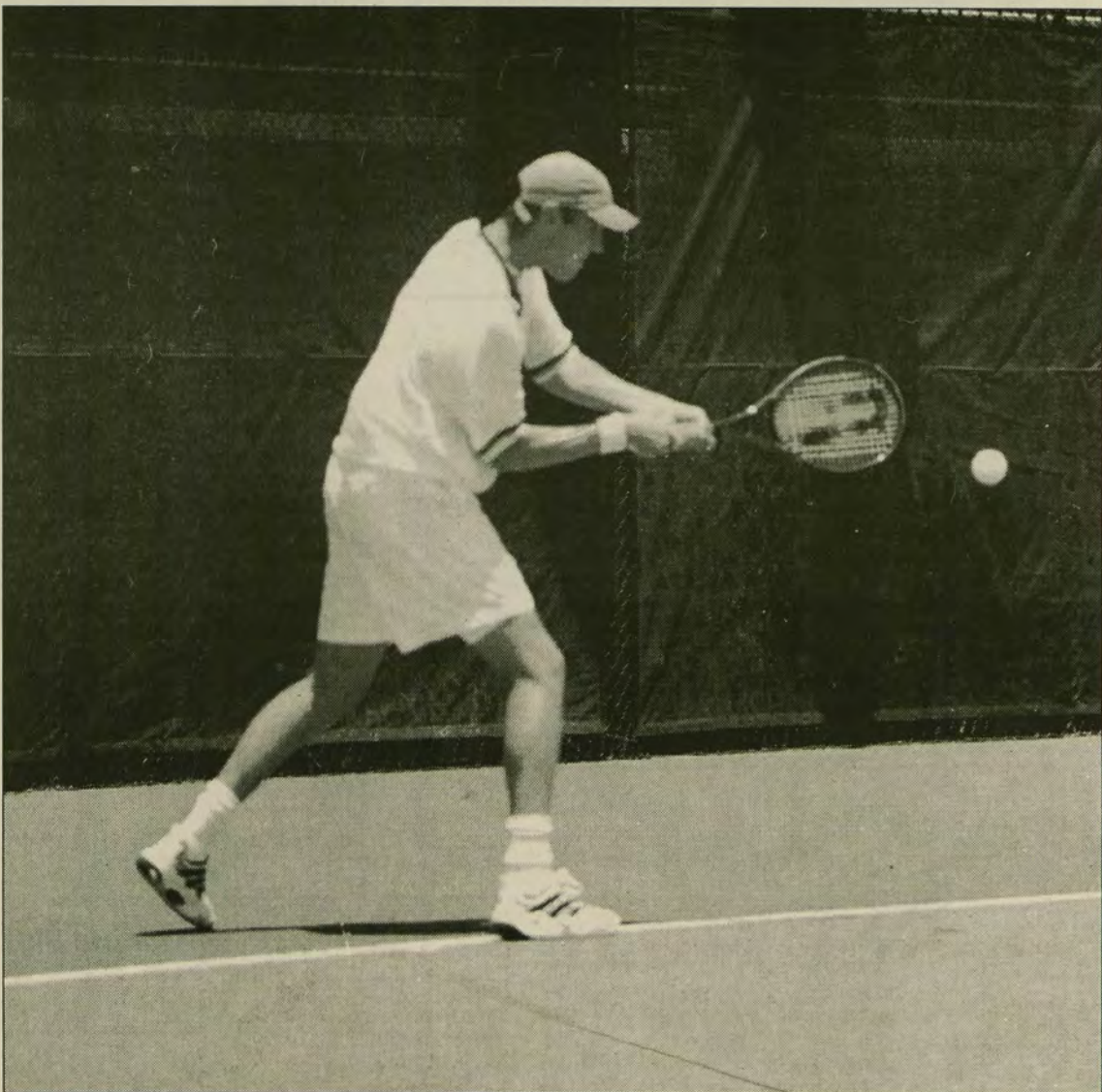
Farrell became aware of the importance of his match as the home crowd began to gather in the stands and show their support. After securing the first set 6-2, Farrell, who was filling in for the injured Irish junior Matt Daly, had a match point at 6-5, but was shut out and forced to go to a tiebreaker. His power centered baseline game did not desert him, but rather assisted him in running away with the tiebreaker by a score of 7-2.

"[Farrell] showed a lot of poise today," Bayliss said. "He stayed with what he does best — solid beat flashy today."

Showing the composure of an experienced collegiate player, Farrell did not crack under pressure, and his win proved to be the clincher for the Irish upset. After being swarmed by his team following his victory, Farrell recognized the significance of his match, and had a permanent grin on his face.

"I knew [the match] was of some importance when everyone came to watch," Farrell said. "I'm just happy I won."

Following the climax of Farrell's win, the remaining singles matches were decided by



JOE STARK/The Observer

Irish captain and All-American Ryan Sachire led the Irish to a 5-2 win over Kentucky. Sachire improved his singles record to 16-6 with a win over Carlos Drada.

tiebreakers to allow the Wildcats to get a head start on a long road trip home.

Kentucky came away with two victories in the final three matches.

Grunditz defeated Taborga 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 3 singles

for Kentucky's first point. Pousette rallied for a 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) over sophomore Andrew Laffin at No. 5 singles. Smith defeated 48th-ranked Hesoun 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8) for the 5-2 final.

With the win, the Irish proved

they are national contenders and must be taken seriously. The victory also evened out the series record between the Irish and the Wildcats, making the tally 10-10-1.

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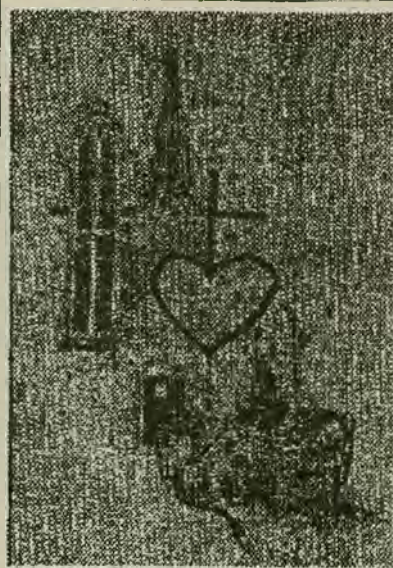
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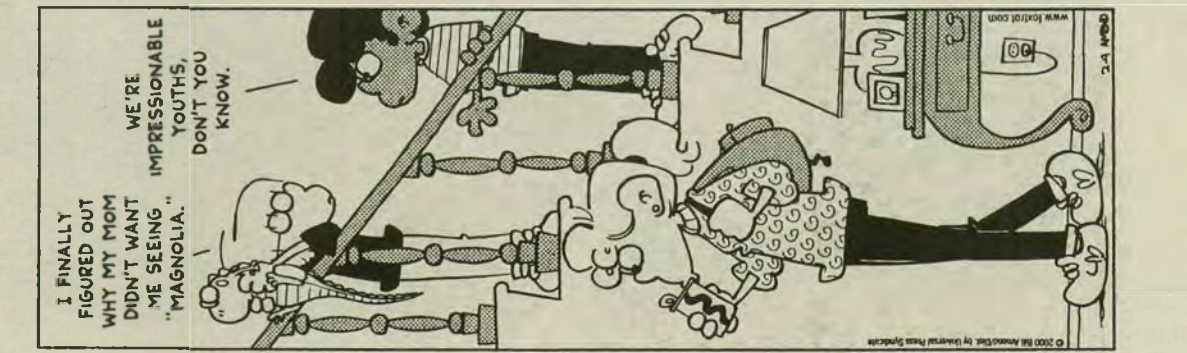
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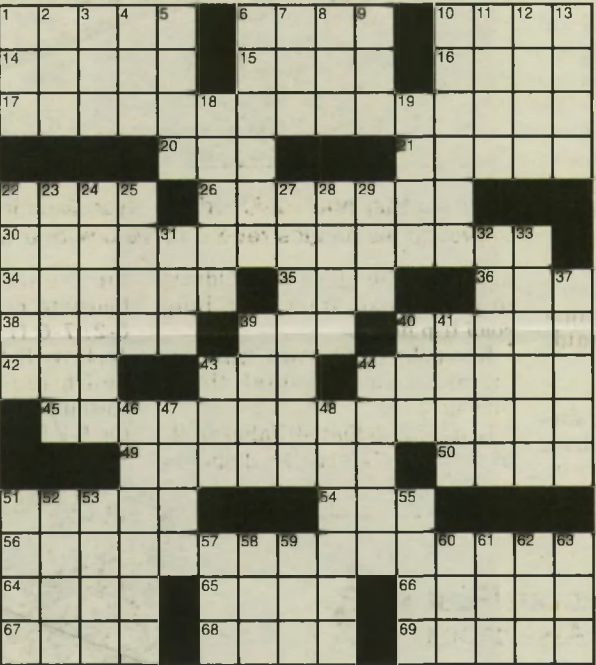
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NCAA needs a life

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St. John's men's head basketball coach Mike Jarvis Sr. went a little more in depth on Sunday:



Ted Fox

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A ludicrous suspension, that's what.

Sophomore St. John's point guard Erick Barkley, the team's leading scorer with 17.1 points per game, has to serve a three-game suspension because, in the words of espn.com writer Andy Katz, he took an "extra benefit."

This "extra benefit" amounted to him trading his Jeep Grand Cherokee to a family friend he's known since high school in return for the friend's older Ford Expedition. No money was involved.

So let's get this straight: Barkley and a friend each owned a used car.

Apparently, each liked the other's car more than he liked his own. So Barkley said something to the effect of "Hey, even though your car's older than mine, I'd be willing to trade you because I want a bigger car."

And for that Erick Barkley needs to miss three of the remaining eight games.

Sound dumb? It is.

The NCAA's contention is that the friend could be acting as an agent for Barkley or that he got some sort of special privileges because he's an athlete, both violations of NCAA rules. Neither of these suspicions has been confirmed.

Furthermore, even if it could

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats hand Irish conference loss

◆ **Wildcats force 26 Irish turnovers en route to victory**

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The road hasn't been very kind to the Notre Dame basketball team this season.

Last night's game against Villanova at the First Union Center was no exception.

The Irish (14-10, 5-5) dropped to 2-8 away from the Joyce Center after suffering a

86-69 loss

to the

**Wildcats 86
Irish 69**

Wildcats

(13-8, 4-5).

Villanova

took a 37-

27 lead at

the break and pushed its lead to as many as 22 in the second half. Backup point guard Jermaine Medley scored a career-high 17 points and Gary Buchanan added 16 points to help the Wildcats to their highest point total of the season. Brooks Sales finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Villanova's aggressive man-to-man defense forced 26 turnovers and held Notre Dame standout Troy Murphy without a field goal in the second half.

Murphy, the nation's fourth leading scorer, finished just 5-of-15 from the field and had 14 points along with 16 rebounds. Matt Carroll led the Irish with 15 points in the second half and 17 for the game. David Graves was also 5-of-15 shooting and finished with 11 points.

The Irish made just 7-of-22

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Martin Ingelsby shoots over the West Virginia defense last week. Notre Dame dropped its eighth away game this season to Villanova Tuesday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ND looks for record-breaking win over Pitt

By TIM CASEY
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Notre Dame looks to break a school record for consecutive victories when it hosts Pittsburgh in a Big East conference game tonight at the Joyce Center.

The fifth-ranked Irish (19-2, 10-0 Big East) have won 15 straight games, dating back to a 71-61 loss to Purdue on Dec. 8. That mark ties the school

record set in 1990-91.

"We don't really dwell on the win streak," center Ruth Riley said. "It's nice to be winning but we also know we've got to take it one game at a time."

The Irish are coming off a 72-59 win over Boston College on Saturday afternoon, their 18th straight victory at home. Riley had a game-high 23 points, including 11 in a row in the second half.

Junior forward Kelley

Siemon, named co-Big East Player of the Week, added 11 points and a career-high 14 rebounds against the Eagles.

"Kelley's been playing well," Riley said. "This year everyone's contributing and being more consistent."

The two teams met on Jan. 18, and the Irish left Fitzgerald Fieldhouse with a 67-53 victory. Alicia Ratay tallied a game-high 17 points, while Riley chipped in with 12 points and 14 rebounds. Gina

Montesano, who missed all of last season after recovering from knee surgery, scored 10 points for the Panthers. In that game Notre Dame dominated the boards, hauling down 42 compared to Pittsburgh's 26. They also limited the Panthers to 37 percent shooting from the field.

A year after posting an 8-19 record, Pittsburgh began the season on a tear, winning 11

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Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



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Friday-Saturday



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Friday, 7:05 p.m.