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ND, SMC graduate 2,311 in last class of millennium

By LAURA ROMPF
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Four years, 40 finals and 47 football games; hundreds of Yo-cream cones, walks around the lakes and candles lit at the Grotto; thousands of laughs, prayers and tears.

Countless memories and lessons learned.

Through each of these events, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have left their mark on the 2,311 graduating seniors. And simultaneously, the Class of 2000 has left its mark on the University and the College.

One day, two commencement speakers and two valedictorians; hundreds of Kleenexes, photographs and hugs; thousands of relatives, diplomas and congratulations.

Countless smiles and promises to keep in touch.

And now, each of these events will mark the Class

of 2000's final milestone at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame — Commencement.

Graduation marks a transition period for the seniors and thus, they are expressing mixed emotions.

"We all came here from different paths and different directions, to this one center. Here we have lived, laughed, loved and shared our lives together for the past four years," said Notre Dame senior Michela Anne Costello. "Now God is picking us up in his hands, pushing us in different ways and blowing us all over the world. However, I know we will be connected forever through Notre Dame, through faith, and through our friendships."

Notre Dame senior Margaret Oakar added that during this time, she is grateful that she was able to attend the University.

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According to tradition, Notre Dame students do not walk down the steps of the Main Building (left) until they graduate. At Saint Mary's, members of the Class of 2000 will leave as alumnae by traveling down The Avenue (above), where they arrived as freshmen.

Yoder, Wild earn honors as 2000 valedictorians

♦ Saint Mary's names business major, mother as best in 2000 class

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Working for the grades to become Saint Mary's valedictorian can be a difficult task, even if you're not busy raising a child. But Jayme Yoder did just that.

Twenty-five-year-old Yoder, who lives in Goshen, Ind., will graduate as the valedictorian of the class of 2000 with her husband and daughter watching.

After graduating from high school, Yoder went to Indiana University at



Yoder

Bloomington for a year before she got married and took some time off from school. Her husband, Carlin, was her high school sweetheart whom she met on a blind date.

A year after their daughter Caitlin was born, Carlin started his own business and Yoder kept books for him.

"I really like doing bookwork for Carlin," Yoder said. "So I decided I wanted to go back to school."

Choosing a college can be a difficult decision, and Yoder attributes choosing Saint Mary's to God.

"I didn't want a commuter campus; I wanted the community," she said. "I am so glad I ended up at Saint Mary's and I think there was a little divine intervention present."

Divine intervention would not surprise Yoder, who, along with her husband, is a youth pastor at Siloam

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♦ ND Honors Program grad aimed to earn professors' respect

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Though she admits that she invested much of her time in study and that her prime focus at Notre Dame was academics, Class of 2000 valedictorian Elizabeth Wild never expected to merit the honor.

In fact, she says she was flattered even to be considered.

"I wanted to do well, ... but I never really expected [to be valedictorian,]" said the history and computer applications double major,

noting that she was unaware that the University bestowed such an honor until her junior year. "I never really gave it much thought."

Instead, Wild focused on earning the respect of her professors through her academic work, which she found to be more personally rewarding. For her Honors Program thesis, Wild composed a 200-page novel addressing the role of the influence of technological advance in the lives of children. The project was one of four chosen for presentations in the program's final colloquium.

Although academics were a focus, Wild found time to pursue a number of extracurricular activities as well. In addition to being a four-year member of Lewis Hall football and basketball teams, Wild served as a peer counselor for freshmen in the Honors Program and volunteered at the Early Childhood



Wild

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Last Time

About nine months ago, a good friend started getting sappy. Real sappy. It started on the road trip to Michigan — the last road trip to Michigan we'd ever take as undergrads. That day we took the last steps out of Michigan Stadium we'd ever take as Notre Dame students. And, of course, the post-game meal of ham-burgers and Labatt's Blue was the last of its kind. For the ride home, we tossed our buddy into the station wagon's trunk because in September, we didn't want to think about the last anything. We still had a quarter of our college memories to make. We shouldn't be getting depressed yet. There soon would be plenty of separation anxiety. For now, we'd just enjoy it.



Michelle Krupa

Editor in Chief Emeritus

But my good friend's insistence on remembering the last gas fill-up on 80/90 and the last keg of first semester festering in my mind. I decided I'd carry a camera to events and shows and games to record every moment — Who knows when it might be the last? Today I have a plethora of posed group shots perfect enough to be an ad for Notre Dame prospectives or for Miller Lite, depending on the publication. But looking through the photos, I wonder whether I'll remember college as a Kodak slideshow where everyone wears his favorite mustard-stained ND sweatshirt and leans his head toward the guy to his right. They were great times — formals and parties and tail-gates — but they only happened once every so often. Of so many days I have no pictures. Now, I wish I'd photographed all the small things. Will I remember the ever-wrong clock on O'Shaughnessy shining brightly on a dingy South Bend night? Or recall that if you drive exactly 35 miles per hour south on 31, you'll hit all the lights as they turn green? Will I forget that it costs 50 cents to wash and \$1 to dry, and that movies play at Cushing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights? I hope I remember all the random things like shopping for fajita ingredients at Martin's with my roommates and running through campus in a green toga with the McGlinn Shamrocks. I hope there's a photo in my mind of our house at 6 a.m. after a party, when the floor is slick with 'Backer sludge and soggy grilled cheeses rot in the sink. I even want to carry thoughts of the bad stuff, like every Spanish final I've ever taken. And the day of hangover after my 21st. And Lou Holtz's face when he told us leaving was "the right thing to do." Unrecorded memories of trite moments — hours of class in DeBartolo, frosty drives home for Christmas break, smoothie runs to Reckers — will not make it into scrap books or picture boxes, but they remain part of our experiences at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. They are late-night moments in which the smiling friends captured at SYRs and birthday dinners shared stories of high school and romance and family and became, well, friends. So I suppose my friend had it right when he demanded we respect every single moment of our senior year ... and of our lives. Because every instant is dear and every last second counts. Even the one when your friends throw you in the trunk of the station wagon.

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ND, SMC award honorary degrees

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame will award honorary degrees to distinguished figures in the fields of education, the arts, science, business, civic affairs, government, literature and the Catholic Church at their commencement ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. "[Notre Dame] looks to honor people who distinguish themselves in their personal lives and in any number of fields," said Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations and Information.

Recipients Include:
♦Kofi Annan, secretary-

general of the United Nations
♦Connie Binsfield, former lieutenant governor of Michigan
♦James Bjorken, an internationally respected physicist
♦Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, formerly the Vatican's ambassador to the U.S.
♦Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, formerly the president of Nicaragua
♦Robert Goodwin, president of the Points of Light Foundation
♦Eleanor Josaitis, executive director and cofounder of Focus: HOPE
♦William Manly, Notre Dame alumnus and an international leader in engineering
♦George Rickey, interna-

tionally acclaimed artist
♦Robert Welsh, Notre Dame alumnus and chief executive officer of Welsh, Inc.
Saint Mary's will present four honorary degrees. "All of the recipients were chosen because they are pioneer women in each of their fields," said Elizabeth Station, assistant to the president at Saint Mary's.
Recipients Include:
♦Helena Maria Viramontes, author of Latino literature and English professor at Cornell University
♦Sister Margaret Rita Brennan, noted theologian
♦Sister Brigid Driscoll, president of Marymount College
♦Bernice Johnson Reagon, internationally admired performer and academic

Highest-ranking seniors will serve as flag bearers for the 155th Commencement exercises of the University of Notre Dame. They are:

- College of Arts and Letters
Charley Gates
Andrew Bellizzi
Pedro Reyes
- Mendoza College of Business
Charles Miles
David Spinola
Joseph Zulli
- College of Engineering
Nicholas Glassmaker
Kevin O'Neil
Lauren Destino
- College of Science
Andrew Bellizzi
Gina Lusardi
Kevin Friedman
- School of Architecture
Tiffany Haile

Schedule of events

Friday

9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
GRADUATION DANCE
Joyce Center — North Dome

Saturday

2 - 3:15 p.m.
UNIVERSITY RECEPTION
McKenna Hall
5 - 6:30 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT MASS
Joyce Center — South Dome
6:45 - 8 p.m.
GRADUATION DINNER
Joyce Center — North Dining Hall

Sunday

12:30 p.m.
DISTRIBUTION OF BACHELOR AND MASTER DIPLOMAS
Joyce Center — North Dome.
1:30 p.m.
ACADEMIC PROCESSION
Joyce Center — North Dome
2 - 4 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Joyce Center — South Dome
4:30 p.m.
LAW SCHOOL DIPLOMA CEREMONY
Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool

Friday

9 a.m. through lunch
CHICANA 2000 EMERGING IDENTITIES WORKSHOP
WITH SPEAKER HELENA MARIA VIRAMONTES
(2000 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER)
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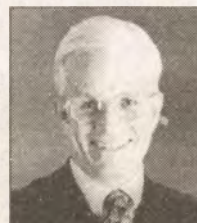
Saturday

12:00 p.m.
COMMENCEMENT 2000
LeMans Courtyard (AAF rain site)

McKenna wins Laetare Medal

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will recognize Andrew McKenna, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees since 1992, with the Laetare Medal, the highest honor the University bestows and the oldest given to American Catholics at Sunday's commencement. "[He has] not only dedicated time and resources to many charitable causes — but also, by example and leadership, [has] led others to dedicate themselves as well," said University President Father Edward Malloy. McKenna, a 1951 Notre Dame graduate in business administration and marketing, and his wife, Joan, made the largest single gift for student scholarships in University history. The Center for Continuing Education was named McKenna Hall in their honor. McKenna remains especially active in his hometown of Chicago. There he has served as director of the archdiocese's Big Shoulders Fund and the Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. He is a former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Science and Industry. He is currently a director of the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs, McDonald's Corporation and Tribune Company.



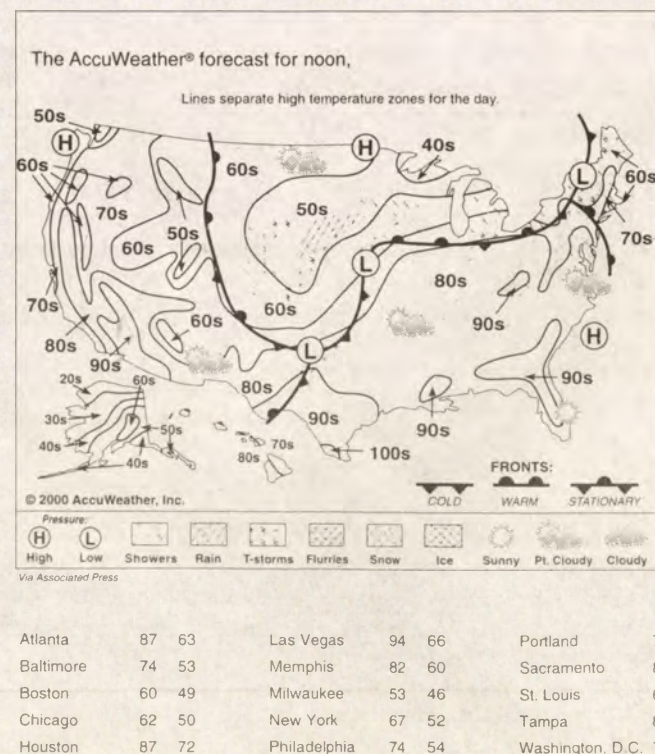
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5 Day South Bend Forecast AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures			
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Friday		61	48
Saturday		69	51
Sunday		72	54
Monday		75	57
Tuesday		78	58

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

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Trustees vote to replace Beauchamp

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

After 13 years as executive vice president, the Board of Trustees voted to remove Father William Beauchamp and replace him with former associate provost Father Timothy Scully.

The move did not come as a surprise to Beauchamp.

"We had had discussions about it," Beauchamp said. "This wasn't something completely out of the blue."

The last year has been a series of scandals and successes for Beauchamp's office. While the Generations campaign has raised \$944 million, far surpassing the goal of \$767 million, the athletic department fell under attack from the NCAA. As executive vice president, Beauchamp oversaw the athletic department which received its first major penalty and sanctions in December 1999. Because of improper gifts to football players from booster Kim Dunbar, the NCAA stripped the University of two scholarships and placed the team on probation for two years.

In response to the sanctions, athletic director Michael Wadsworth resigned and oversight of the athletic department was transferred from the office of the executive vice president to the direct control of Malloy in February.

The new structure of the athletic department more closely resembles that of most universities and had been planned for sometime, according to Beauchamp. He also does not believe that the scandal surrounding the football led to his replacement.

"That wasn't the message I was given by the trustees or by the president," he said. "It wasn't implied that this situation could have been avoided if we had done something different. I don't think that is the issue here at all. It was just a matter of that we had talked about it and this was a good time to do it."

Probation, however, is a source of embarrassment for the University but Beauchamp asserts that there was never a loss of institutional control over the athletic department.

"Nobody at the University was pleased that there was a major violation," he said. "I think that it was important that the NCAA made it very clear that they still considered Notre Dame to have a model program. ... So I am disappointed and I would not even begin to suggest that this would never happen again in the future."

The Generations campaign, started five years ago, has been a source of pride for the University. The fundraising campaign has paid for such improvements as the renovation of the Main Building, the construction of the new bookstore, the new campus ministry building and the golf quad dorms. Although Generations is still a few months away from completion, Beauchamp is not concerned with the future of the project.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Father Bill Beauchamp discusses his future now that he is no longer a University vice president. The Board of Trustees voted to remove Beauchamp from the office May 5. Father Timothy Scully will replace him on July 1.

"Anytime you leave, there would always be something that I would be in the middle of," he said. "I am not completely stepping away from the University. I am going to continue to be very involved in the Generations campaign and a number of other responsibilities at the University."

Those new responsibilities will include remaining as a member of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Fellows as well as working closely with Malloy to plan the future of the University.

"It would be more in planning and development and the future of the University," Beauchamp said. "The University is so complex that we can get so busy as officers in specific lines of responsibility that sometimes we don't have the capability to step back and say 'OK, what are the real issues and long term things that we should be looking at?'"

Scully, 46, moves from the academic side of the administration into the financial side.

"I am grateful to assume new responsibilities in an office where so much has been accomplished with such great success in recent years," Scully said in a prepared statement.

As executive vice president he will be responsible for overseeing operations of the University ranging from construction of new buildings to overseeing the endowment. Under Beauchamp the

endowment grew from \$400,000 to \$3.3 billion. While Scully's primary expertise lies in politics and academic research, Malloy feels that he will do well as the executive vice president.

"[Scully] is a very bright and energetic and creative person," Malloy said. "He will bring his own set of gifts to the job and I look forward to working with him. [The executive vice president] needs to have the skills to oversee the operations that report to the office."

"He doesn't have to be a master of investment strategy in order to ask good questions and implement plans for investments and finances and the physical part of campus and all the other things that are part of the job."

Scully and vice president of student affairs Father Mark Poorman are both in line to possibly be the next president of Notre Dame. The promotion of Scully to executive vice president was designed to increase the number of young Holy Cross priests with administrative experience at Notre Dame.

"Father Beauchamp and I have talked numerous times throughout the years how to give the next generation of Holy Cross leadership the chance to have experience and display their own gifts and talents," Malloy said. "When the time comes for my successor and for other individuals in major jobs, there will be a pool of experienced people to draw from."

Board gives Malloy 5 more years

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

The Board of Trustees voted May 5 to renew Father Edward Malloy's contract for five more years as University president.

The Board also elected Patrick McCartan as the new chair of the board and made outgoing chair Andrew McKenna a life trustee.



Malloy

"It's nice to have a vote of confidence from the trustees," Malloy said. "I said thank you very much and now I will just get back to doing what I was doing."

The Board conducted an evaluation of Malloy's 13 years as president before the vote. An important factor considered by the Board in evaluation of Malloy was his expansion of the international program at Notre Dame. In the past few years, the University has opened new facilities in Dublin and London. The London program will also expand to include a summer program in 2001.

While the face of campus has changed greatly because of the construction of new dorms, a new bookstore and the Campus Ministry building that will open in the fall, Malloy lists the expansion of scholarship opportunities as his greatest accomplishment. In his next term, Malloy hopes to expand the scholarship endowment and create more chaired professorships.

"I think scholarship has dominated the last few years," he said. "One of the things that we have been successful in our campaign is emphasizing people and programs and not buildings. Even though the things that people notice are the buildings and there have been significant building projects, for me that is just a small part of what we have accomplished."

Malloy will also oversee the next University-wide review and the creation of a new 10-year plan next year.

"I will be articulating things as time goes on but that will be the big University-wide effort to identify what are goals should be for the next few years of our history," he said.

McCartan earned an honorary doctorate of laws from the University last year and has served on the board since 1989. He is the managing partner of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue law firm and is a University Fellow.

McKenna, who will receive the Laetare medal Sunday at Commencement, retires as chair after serving on the Board for the last 20 years. The Board under McKenna oversaw the opening of the new London program building, rejected the amendment of the non-discrimination clause to protect homosexuals and turned down membership in the Big Ten Conference.



The life and times of Father Beauchamp

May 17, 1942 - Born in Detroit

April 17, 1982 - Ordained

1964 - graduates from the University of Detroit

1980 to 1987 - serves as executive assistant to Father Edmund Joyce

1972 to 1975 - attends Notre Dame law school

1987 - becomes executive vice president

January 1977 - enters Moreau Seminary

December 1999 - Notre Dame football team placed on probation

1981 - earns Masters of Divinity

February 7, 2000 - Malloy transfers control of athletic department to the Office of the President

May 5, 2000 - Board of Trustees replaces Beauchamp with Father Timothy Scully as executive vice president

July 1, 2000 - Beauchamp to officially turn executive vice presidency over to Scully

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Mennonite Fellowship. She also volunteers at the Interface Hospitality Network, a local homeless shelter.

She showed the same dedication to her schoolwork as she does to volunteering.

"I treated school like a job," said Yoder, who is graduating with a 4.0 in business and administration with a concentration in accounting.

But Yoder will take away more than just the grades she earned at Saint Mary's.

"Teamwork is what I'll remember most about Saint Mary's, pulling all-nighters with the other women in the department. There's something about working with other people that makes you click," she said.

"I would like to take the sense of community with me and reestablish it wherever I go," she said. "I feel like I'm losing

that part of the school."

Following graduation Yoder will begin her job at McGladrey & Pullen, an international accounting firm in Goshen, where she will be auditing.

However, her long-term goals involve service.

"In a public accounting job the hours can run up to 70 a week during the busy season," she said. "I really enjoy working at Interface and in the long run I would like to own or run something like that myself."

In addition to her work at the Siloam Mennonite Fellowship, Yoder was a part of Toast Master's International this semester.

"Because I live off campus, I didn't have much of an opportunity to be involved in extra-curriculars," she said. "But I still took away that sense of community."

Yoder hopes to continue to succeed, with a little divine intervention. She will remain in Goshen with her husband and their daughter, near her parents and Carlin's.

Farewell

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"If it wasn't for my parents, I would not have been able to make all these friendships, advance academically and basically experience everything over the past four years. I am so thankful for my time here at Notre Dame," Oakar said.

One University seminar, two philosophies and two theologies; hundreds of hours studying, minutes in front of the computer and facts learned; thousands of facts forgotten, breadsticks ordered and walks to DeBartolo and Madeleva.

Countless tests passed and tests failed.

Through these common academic trials and tribulations, the seniors say they have formed bonds and lasting friendships they will treasure forever.

"I think that other than forming a really special bond with girls and making some great friendships, [Saint Mary's] has helped me become a stronger woman, leader and independent," Saint Mary's senior Jaclyn Fischer said.

Notre Dame senior Dennis Haraszko agreed, saying being in college is definitely a unique time in one's life.

"I believe this is the only time in my life where I will be surrounded by this many people of my own peer group, who are from the same background that I am, who can share a lot of the same experiences and who understand where I am coming from. I think that is a cool thing," Haraszko said.

"I got a great education and through these years, I got to meet a lot of people and make a lot of life-long friends," said Saint Mary's senior Elise Hall.

Two bars raided, eight Rallies in the Alley and 25 football-tailgating Saturdays; hundreds of formals and SYRs, quiet movie nights and freshman dorm parties; thousands of crushes, favorite party songs and dollars wasted.

Countless nights of counseling and being counseled.

Through these social events, seniors learned how to balance academics and realized that life is more than grades and their future salary. Seniors say that many lessons reach beyond the classroom.

"I used to think it was a bunch of garbage when people told me 'college will be the time of your life,'" said Notre Dame senior Micah Murphy. "Although I was skeptical then, I believe it now and will realize it more fully when I'm gone and miss seeing the people and campus."

"I can still remember the first day, moving into the dorms. That day and the days following have produced some of my best friendships I've had for the past four years," said Notre Dame senior Meghan Farrell. "Because of everything we've done together — all the good times — I know these friendships will last forever."

One new Rolfs Sports and Recreational Center, four new dorms and six new Saint Mary's tennis courts; hundreds of construction sites, changes to the Main Building and computers in labs; thousands of new football stadium seats, ResNet connections and flowers planted.

Countless renovations made and future changes planned.

As the Class of 2000 changed and grew, so did the campuses around them. In their four years, the seniors say they experienced and witnessed tremendous growth.

"Over the past three years, I have met tons of people that have challenged me academically, spiritually and socially," said Notre Dame senior Michael Palumbo. "I know I have personally grown, but also the University has also changed around me. The students have taken the education Notre Dame provides, but have also contributed their own gifts and made Notre Dame more well-rounded for its future students."

"I feel like I've changed so much over the last four years. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made in my life," Hall said. "I'm going to take Saint Mary's College with me — I will always have Saint Mary's with me."

One lifetime ahead, possibly seven jobs and 15 college reunions. Hundreds of future work days, nights at home and alumni football weekends. Thousands of diapers to change, dollars to lose to taxes and tears to shed because the bills keep coming.

Countless moments of gratitude for the higher education you received from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. And endless wishes that they could — if only for a brief moment — return to college.

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Development Center. In reflecting on her Notre Dame experience, Wild noted that she has found it difficult to fulfill the image of the "typical" Notre Dame student because no one person can do everything while doing it well.

"It was a lot more work than I thought it would be," she said.

But the work was not without its rewards. Wild was pleasantly surprised to discover that the legendary "Notre Dame family" was in fact a reality and counts meeting Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president emeritus, for lunch among her greatest Notre Dame memories. Spending a semester at Notre Dame's Washington, D.C., program presented her with the opportunity to meet Rosa Parks and President Bill Clinton, as well as to see the opening procedures in last summer's impeachment trial.

Wild attributes much of her success to the example set by

her parents and grandparents, whom she describes as hard-working and inspirational.

"I come from a very supportive family environment, and so many of my family members have dropped everything to be out here with me this weekend," she said.

After graduation, Wild will return to her home state of Pennsylvania to work in Pittsburgh at the McKinsey & Co., managerial consulting group, where she will be part of a team performing research, analyzing data and generating reports for two years. She plans to use that time to gain perspective on what she will do next.

Wild feels certain she will pursue an advanced academic degree at some point; attending law school, pursuing a masters in business administration or working for a Ph.D. in history are among the options she is considering. Wild, who hopes to continue her creative writing and will try to publish her novel, also emphasized that family life is extremely important to her and hopes to be married with children in 10 years.

Congratulations Paola,
Sandy and Marisa!



Love, Anne Marie



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FOUR YEARS IN REVIEW

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10 BIGGEST STORIES

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February 8, 1999

Trustees reject Big Ten membership

After a heated debate focusing on Notre Dame's identity and athletic programs, the Board of Trustees rejected an offer to join the Big Ten athletic conference and its academic affiliate, the Committee for Institutional Cooperation. Malloy cited the Trustees' fear that the University would lose its unique institutional identity as the ultimate rationale behind the decision. Students had opposed membership in the conference because they were concerned that undergraduate education would suffer under the influence of the CIC, which focuses on graduate education and research.

of the 1996-2000 academic years

2 SMC appoints Eldred president



After an exhaustive one year search, the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's College appointed Marilou Eldred as the new College president.

The first female layperson to hold the job, Eldred came from a job as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

April 14, 1997

3 Morris killed in car accident



Saint Mary's senior Kristi Morris was killed on her way to Myrtle Beach for spring break when she fell asleep at the wheel. Fellow student Sarah Williams was injured as well.

Saint Mary's presented Morris' parents with an honorary degree, and the senior class board established the Kristi Morris Memorial Fund.

March 21, 2000

4 Bridget's closes after police raid



More than 165 patrons received citations for underage drinking at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station when local and state excise police raided the bar.

Police cited Bridget's for violations of state liquor laws and management voluntarily closed the establishment.

Feb. 2, 1998

5 NCAA sanctions ND for violations

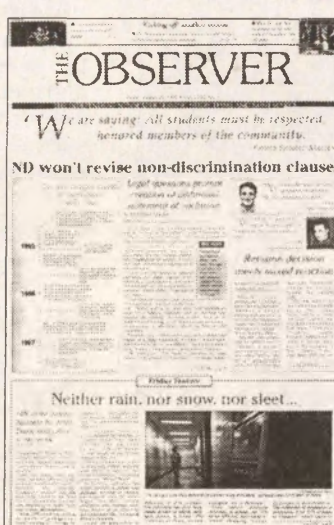


The NCAA handed Notre Dame its first ever major violation in connection with Kimberley Dunbar's gifts to a number of Irish football players. Dunbar's membership in the Quarterback Club made her official University representative, said the NCAA.

As punishment, the University lost two scholarships and received a two year probation.

Jan. 19, 2000

6 University adopts 'Spirit of Inclusion'



President Edward Malloy announced that the University would not revise its non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation, arguing that the courts define homosexual orientation differently than the Church does.

Instead, officials adopted the "Spirit of Inclusion," which accepts all people into the community.

Aug. 29, 1997

7 Eldred denies The Alliance



President Marilou Eldred denied official club status to The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College after six months of deliberation.

Eldred claimed that other campus organizations were already meeting the proposed goals of The Alliance.

Feb. 27, 1998

8 Garrick resigns to protest gay policy



Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theatre, resigned in protest of the University's approach to gay and lesbian students and faculty.

Garrick said that, after coming out as a celibate homosexual in an April 1996 letter to The Observer, he was suspended from Basilica ministry.

March 19, 1998

9 Students, faculty rally for change



In the first protest of its kind, almost 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's faculty, staff and students gathered to express their support for the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause.

Many students felt the change was necessary following the University's January 1995 refusal to recognize GLDND/SMC.

April 25, 1997

10 Master Plan building begins



Saint Mary's officials broke ground on the new Dalloway's Coffeehouse and Welcome Center, marking the beginning of a 10-year plan to develop and renovate the Saint Mary's campus.

Construction on the two projects should be completed by the fall of 2000.

March 30, 2000

Bishops approve *Ex Corde*. NCAA punishes ND. Elections cause controversy. Wadsworth resigns.

1999 ♦ The Year



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Students anxious to join the National Marrow Donor Program Registry crowd into the LaFortune ballroom on March 30. Zahm Hall organized the drive at the request of Conor Murphy, a sophomore diagnosed with leukemia this spring. Many of the more than 600 donors waited in line in excess of two hours.

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Associate News Editor

This was supposed to be the year for Notre Dame football. The 1999 team, like in 1988, 1977 and 1966 seemed destined for a national championship.

Instead the much-anticipated season ended with a 5-7 record and the NCAA handing Notre Dame its first major violation. Because of Kimberly Dunbar's improper gifts to Irish football players, Notre Dame lost two scholarships and received a two-year probation.

"A jury of our peers said that it was major and they gave us a penalty," said Father Edward Malloy, University president, after the decision. "We will accept this and move on."

"Moving on" has included a restructuring of the athletic department. Athletic Director Michael Wadsworth — whose five-year contract had expired — resigned in February and was replaced with Kevin White, former athletic director at Arizona State. Father William Beauchamp, who was the executive vice president, was removed from all athletic duties.

The athletic director now reports directly to the president's office instead of to the executive vice president. This month the Board of Trustees decided to remove Beauchamp and named Father Timothy Scully the new executive vice president.

Although completely unrelated to Notre Dame's restructuring, Saint Mary's also has a new face at the helm of the athletic department. Lynn

Kachmarik became athletic director at the beginning of the spring semester.

Catholic identity

Controversial decisions were not limited to athletics. The nation's bishops voted in November to implement *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, a papal document on Catholic higher education. The document will have a direct impact on the way the 235 American Catholic colleges and universities are governed, raising questions about Catholic schools' institutional and academic freedom.

Malloy repeatedly criticized the document as being too legalistic and worked to keep it from passing. Saint Mary's shared Malloy's opposition to the decision.

"I'm disappointed," Karen Ristau, vice president and

dean of faculty at Saint Mary's said of the decision.

The document's implications remain indefinite, so there is still uncertainty regarding exactly what *Ex Corde* will mean for the two schools.

Many officials, however, agree at least with the spirit of the document — to further the distinctive mission of Catholic higher education — even if the specific details of the document are questionable.

Tragedy

Students returned from spring break to learn that Saint Mary's senior Kristi Morris was killed in a car accident while traveling during the break. Morris, driving through the night to reach Myrtle Beach, S.C., apparently fell asleep at the wheel. Another student, Sarah Williams, was injured in the crash.

"Kristi intended on being here and touching hundreds of lives, and people who never knew her will miss her and not even know," said Margie Wasoski, Morris' mother.

The news came not two months after the unexpected death of men's soccer coach Mike Berticelli. Berticelli, 48, suffered a heart attack Jan. 25. Head coach at Notre Dame since 1990, Berticelli was highly respected by colleagues and players for his work ethic and dedication to his players.

"He taught me everything I know about soccer," said Chris Petrucelli, who was an assistant coach under Berticelli.

The family reaches out

Zahm sophomore Conor Murphy was diagnosed with leukemia this spring and required a bone marrow transplant. Murphy, fortunate



Nov. 17 - The nation's bishops vote to implement *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, a papal document with a direct impact on the governance of Catholic colleges and universities.

Feb. 6 - The Saint Mary's Election Committee overturns the results of the second run-off election, won by Emily Koelsh, naming Chrissie Renner student body president.

Feb. 7 - Michael Wadsworth resigns as athletic director.

Dec. 17 - The NCAA gives Notre Dame its first major violation.

Dec. 5 - The Irish women's soccer team falls to North Carolina 2-0 in the national championship game.

Feb. 25 - Mike Berticelli, men's soccer head coach, dies from a heart attack.

Feb. 17 - The Judicial Council names Brian O'Donoghue Notre Dame student body president when Hunt Hanover is disqualified for e-mail campaign violations.

Belles mourn Morris. SMC joins WRC. Students support Murphy. Master Plan breaks ground.

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to find a match in the National Marrow Donor Registry, requested a bone marrow drive in hopes of expanding the registry. Students flooded LaFortune in response to his call, and more than 600 people from both campuses joined the registry, many waiting in lines for more than two hours.

The test is also expensive, at \$96 a person. Due to the large turnout, costs for the drive skyrocketed. Dorms and groups across campus launched fundraising drives ranging from concerts, to T-shirt sales, to going door-to-door asking for donations to cover the expense.

"I think it's going to be one of those things I look back on after my four years at Notre Dame and remember as one of the great examples of the Notre Dame community supporting one of their own," said Murphy's roommate Steve Napleton.

Fighting sweatshops: ND and SMC diverge

At schools across the nation, sweatshops gained the limelight as many students protested in favor of their institutions joining the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), an organization focused on investigating labor conditions in factories that manufacture apparel for colleges and universities.

The Progressive Student Alliance asked University officials to join the WRC beginning in November. In March, Notre Dame decided to retain its membership in the Fair Labor Association (FLA) while waiting for more information about the recently-formed WRC.

The main difference between the FLA and the WRC is how the organization handles manufacturers that utilize sweatshop labor. The FLA promotes a collaborative effort between the organization and the corporation to correct violations, while the WRC supports full public disclosure of any corporation's manufacturing conditions.

Saint Mary's chose to join the WRC.

"It seemed to us, as we learned more about the WRC, that the WRC fits the size of the College," said Marilou Eldred, College president.

"Because the WRC has a grassroots structure, this is important for a college like Saint Mary's."

Notre Dame also adopted its own stringent sweatshop policy in January. It prohibits the manufacture of Notre Dame merchandise in countries that do not recognize workers' rights to unionize and requests full public disclosure of manufacturing sites from its licensees.

Acceptance denied

OUTreachND, an unofficial gay and lesbian student group that applied for official recognition was denied in April. It was the fourth time that a gay and lesbian student group had been denied official recognition.

"It is through programs and services offered through committed professionals and ministers that we wish to work with gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame," said Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, in a letter explaining his decision.

In the last few years, the University has established a Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, and created programs through Campus Ministry and the University Counseling Center. But last year, the Board of Trustees decided not to include sexual orientation in the University's non-discrimination clause.

"By not recognizing us they color us as somehow 'other' still, and by coloring us as 'other' they say we're not normal," said OUTreach co-president Dave Wyncott.

Election nightmare

It should be a simple process: the democratic election of student leaders by a popular vote. But for both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the student body elections were fraught with drama, difficulties and protests.

After Saint Mary's initial election, two tickets, Emily Koelsch/Rachele Rodarte and Chrissie Renner/Michelle Nagle, advanced to a run-off election. The run-off, however, resulted in a tie, with both tickets earning 49 percent of the vote. Students voted again,

two days later, declaring Koelsch/Rodarte winners with 51 percent of the vote.

But Renner/Nagle filed a protest, alleging improper voting procedures to handle the unprecedented tie. The elections committee decided to combine votes from the primary and the first run-off, which nullified the revote, instead declaring Renner/Nagle the winner. Another appeal from Koelsch/Rodarte was denied.

The Notre Dame elections proved almost as confusing.

During the early stages of the campaign, the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton ticket received a one-day suspension prior to official campaigning. After the primary, O'Donoghue/Norton and Hunt Hanover/John Micek advanced to a run-off. The Judicial Council named

O'Donoghue/Norton the winners due to the disqualification of Hanover/Micek due to e-mail campaign violations.

Hanover/Micek decided not to appeal, but John Osborn/Mark Donahey, the ticket that finished third in the primary election, appealed, saying that Hanover/Micek's disqualification should have placed them in a run-off with O'Donoghue/Norton. The appeal was denied, with O'Donoghue/Norton remaining the winners.

Planning for the future

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are involved in extensive fundraising to ensure the future success of the schools.

This year marks the beginning of a 10-year Master Plan at Saint Mary's. This is the final year for the historic Dalloway's Coffeehouse, a gift from the

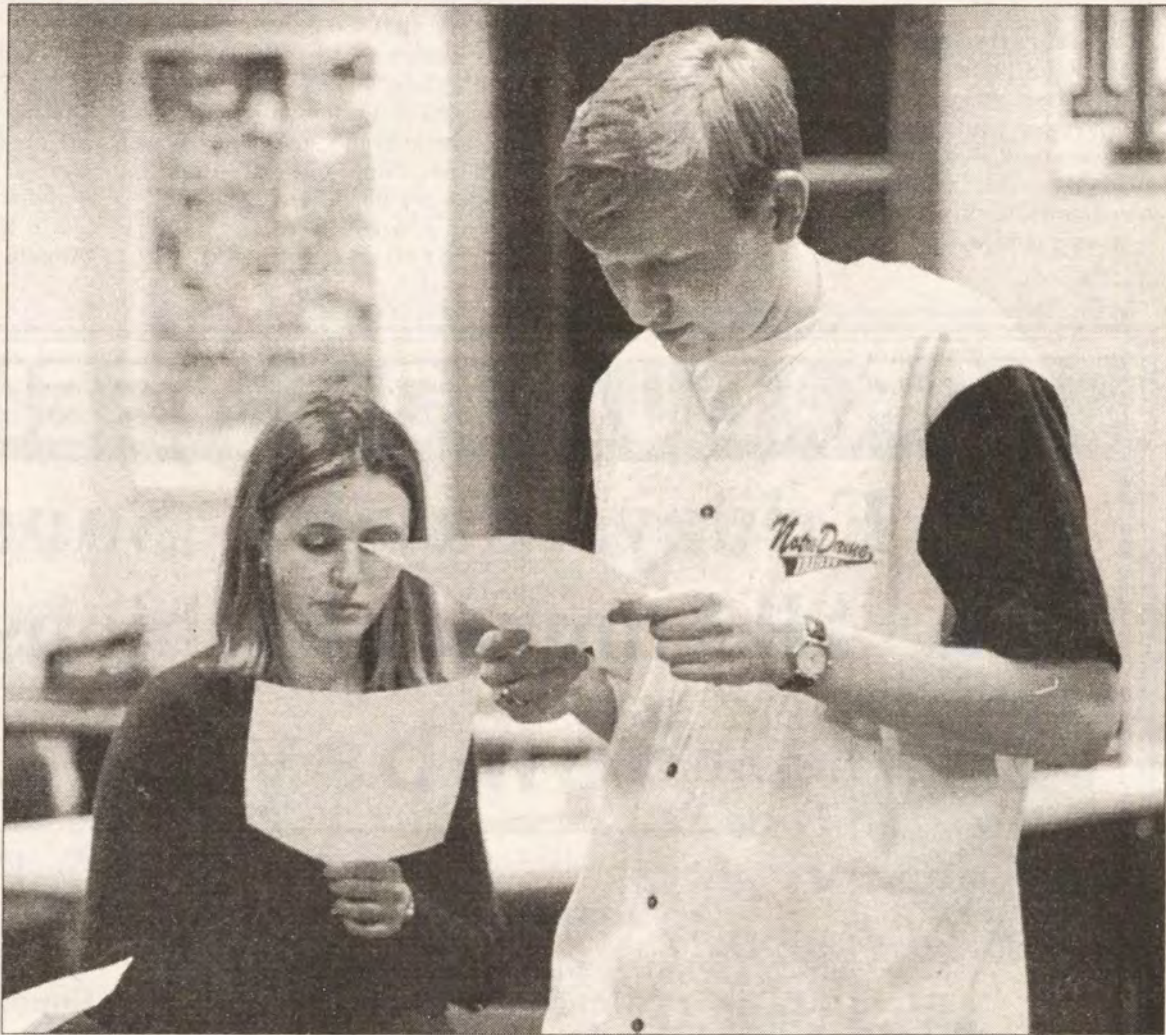
Class of 1922. Groundbreaking on a new Dalloway's Coffeehouse and Welcome Center began March 30 with construction expected to be complete in the fall.

Fundraising is in progress for the \$100 million Master Plan, which will also include improvements to athletic facilities, residence halls and social space.

Notre Dame's Generations fundraising campaign has been a huge success. It surpassed its initial goal of \$767 million last summer, 18 months ahead of schedule.

On March 21, Tom and Kathy Mendoza donated \$35 million to the College of Business, which is the largest single monetary gift in University history.

The Mendozas' gift brings the Generations campaign's total to more than \$900 million. Next year, the campaign will continue.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton study a list of campaign violations on Feb. 17 while waiting for the Judicial Council to announce the results of the student body presidential elections. Protests followed both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campus presidential elections.

Feb. 27 - Four Notre Dame students are arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest at a local Denny's restaurant.

March 12 - Saint Mary's senior Kristi Morris is killed in a car accident.

March 29 - More than 600 people join the National Bone Marrow Registry in support of Zahm sophomore Conor Murphy, who has leukemia.

March 30 - The Master Plan begins with ground breaking on a new Dalloway's Coffeehouse and Welcome Center.



March 29 - Saint Mary's announces that it will join the WRC.

March 30 - New head coach Matt Doherty's Irish men's basketball team's season ends with a loss to Wake Forest in the NIT championship.



March 21 - University president Edward Malloy announces that Notre Dame will not join the Worker's Rights Consortium.

May 5 - Notre Dame announces that Father William Beauchamp, executive vice president, will be replaced by Father Timothy Scully, effective July 1.

SECURITY

Unidentified man attacks student in D6 parking lot

By CHRISTINE KRALY
News Writer

Dillon Hall resident Peter Garrison was assaulted and robbed in the D6 north parking lot on May 8, according to Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) reports.

Garrison could not be reached for comment.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:20 p.m. when Garrison was walking through the parking lot and was struck on the head, according to Chuck Hurley, director of NDSP. Garrison was knocked unconscious and told Hurley he could not recall if he was struck with an object.

Garrison awoke to find that the man had stolen his shoes and \$10 and a driver's license from his pocket.

Garrison sustained head injuries and scrapes and bruises to his arms, Hurley said.

The suspect is a black male, approximately six feet, 30-40 years old with a full beard and was wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Collaboration between NDSP and the South Bend Police Department led to a suspect line-up which Garrison witnessed May 12. Garrison could not identify the attacker.

Hurley said this was an isolated mugging incident but that students should report any suspicious-looking people to security as soon as possible.

SMC construction moves forward

♦ Welcome Center, new Dalloway's Coffeehouse may be complete in fall

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

When the Saint Mary's seniors return to campus as alumnae, they may not recognize the campus they once called home.

The first steps in the ten-year Master Plan have begun and will continue after graduation. By the beginning of the fall semester, several major changes are expected to be in place.

Groundbreaking for the new Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffeehouse occurred on March 30 and the buildings are expected to be up and running by the fall. Regina renovations are underway and the building will be completely redone by the fall when students move into their new rooms.

"I'm actually excited that the changes are coming," senior Mary Culley said. "I'm sad that things aren't going to be as I remember them, but I do think the changes are good."

These changes are part of a 10 year, \$100 million plan that

includes changes to residence halls, athletic facilities and social spaces.

New apartment-style housing will be built on the northeast corner of campus and will be open for students, at the earliest, by the 2002-03 academic year. This addition seems to be the most popular among the student body, and the seniors in particular.

"I think the apartment-style housing is going to be a good thing," senior Jackie Ader said.

"I think it's great that they're finally doing things because I think that Saint Mary's is behind other universities, and I think that they need to catch up. ... I think the changes are a good idea. I think president Eldred is doing a good job with the Master Plan."

Jackie Ader
senior

"Living off campus this year has been a great learning experience, and I think those [apartments] will be a big improvement."

Aside from the new buildings being constructed on campus, major renovations are a part of the plan. Noble Family Dining Hall will be renovated to become a student center and Angela Athletic Facility will under-

go major changes.

Although the face of campus may be changing as a result of the plan, most seniors seem pleased with the overall goal of the changes.

"I think it's great that they're finally doing things because I think that Saint Mary's is behind other universities, and I think they need to catch up," Ader said.

"In some ways, however, I think it might make

Saint Mary's seem a little bigger. Saint Mary's is known for being a small school, so that upsets me a little, but overall, I think the changes are a good idea. I think president Eldred is doing a good job with the Master Plan," she continued.

Many seniors were part of the committees involved in planning the construction and raising money for the Master Plan. Although the changes may not directly affect them, they look forward to seeing effects of the work they did.

"A lot of us have helped in the planning stages," former student body president Nancy Midden said. "It's so exciting to be able to see these changes in a concrete form."

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Saint Mary's community mourns death of Kristi Morris

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

A single yellow ribbon will be on the wrist of each senior as they receive their diploma from Saint Mary's in remembrance of Kristi Morris, their classmate who died over spring break of this year.

Although Morris will not be walking with her classmates to receive her diploma, she was awarded an honorary degree at the social work hooding ceremony and her seat will remain empty at graduation. A single rose will sit in her place.

"[Kristi's death] is definitely heart-breaking and saddening," former student body president Nancy Midden said. "On a positive side, it has brought our class closer together. It has forced us to appreciate what we have in each other."

Although Morris's death leaves many of the seniors saddened, the senior class still feels the excitement and

pride that come with every graduation.

"We are mourning her loss at graduation, but we are also celebrating our accomplishments," said senior class president Anne Pangilinan.

In addition to the honorary degree, the senior class board has instituted the Kristi Morris Memorial Fund. The board sent letters to all current students requesting donations for the fund.

A run/walk was also scheduled for Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. All of the proceeds from the two-mile run/walk will be donated to the Kristi Morris Memorial Fund. Results of the event were

unavailable at press time.

A memorial for Morris was included as a part of the video commemorating the four years the seniors spent at Saint Mary's.

Midden feels that, along with bringing the senior class together, Morris's death has taught the Class of 2000 not to take what they have for granted.

"We have to see everything



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTI MORRIS FAMILY

Kristi Morris, top left, was killed in a car accident traveling to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for spring break. After traveling through the night, Morris fell asleep at the wheel. Junior Sara Williams, bottom center, was also injured in the accident.

we have in each of our classmates," she said. "We have to appreciate every moment we have, because each one is fleeting."

Morris was killed in a car accident while traveling to

Myrtle Beach for spring break. After driving all night to reach South Carolina, Morris fell asleep at the wheel. Junior Sarah Williams was injured in the accident, but has recovered.

The senior class held a candlelight prayer service in Morris's honor when the students returned from spring break. Morris was a resident of South Bend and a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School.

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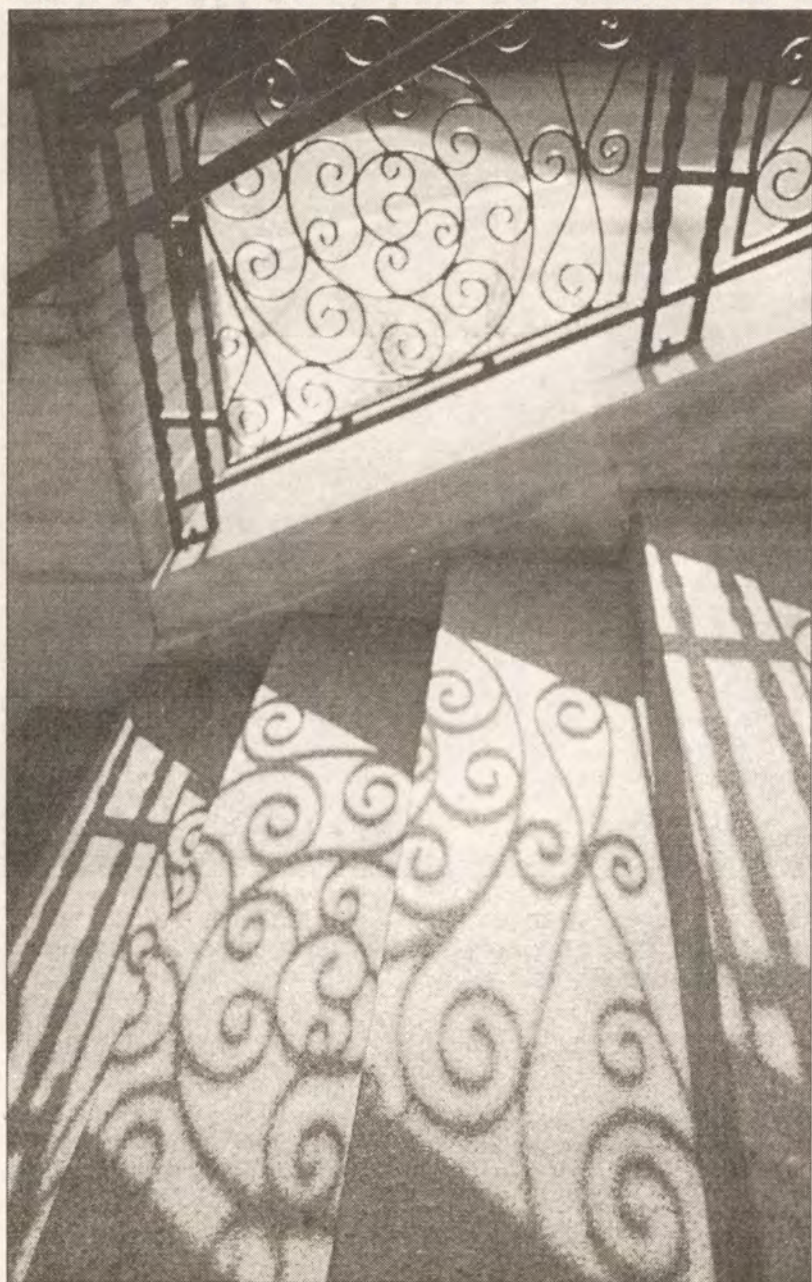
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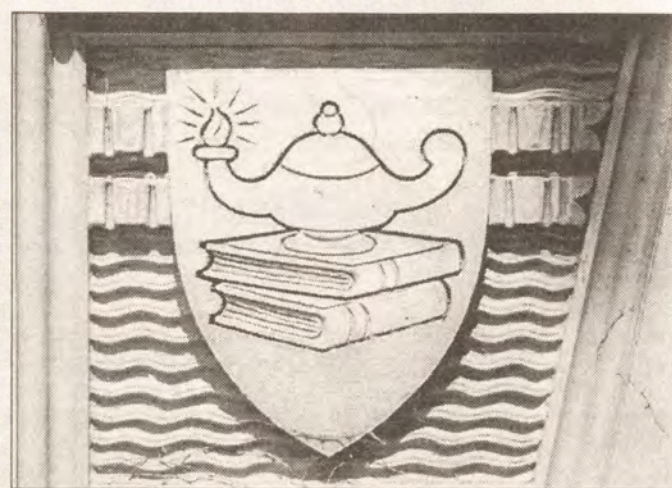
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A Senior's Last Look



As Notre Dame and Saint Mary's seniors leave the campuses that have been their homes for the past four years, one senior looks back through the eye of the camera.

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~The 2000-2001 Staff

Annan, Viramontes to deliver Commencement speeches

♦ U.N. chief may criticize U.S. foreign policy

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

Despite dealing with numerous crises, United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan will take time to deliver Notre Dame's Commencement address Sunday.

Annan has recently criticized the United States for not doing enough to help Africa with its several wars, including one in Sierra Leone. The AIDS epidemic is also severe throughout the continent.

In his speech, Annan might choose to address problems in Africa, said government professor Daniel Lindley. Another possibility is that Annan will mention the ways in which the U.N. can improve its performance, a topic related to a possible critique of United States foreign policy, Lindley said.



Annan

"The U.S. is in big danger of crawling into its shell," Lindley said, adding that he hopes Annan's speech "ties us closer to the world" and offers suggestions as to how the U.S. can avoid isolationism.

It is also possible that Annan will speak about issues relating to the peace process in Ireland and Kosovo, said Ojong Odidi, a peace studies graduate student from Nigeria. Another possible topic is the question of when and how the U.N. gets involved in conflicts, according to Odidi.

Before his election as secretary-general in 1997, Annan became involved with peacekeeping work within the U.N. Well-respected for his efforts to prevent war, Annan is an appropriate figure to address graduating Notre Dame students, according to Lindley.

"We're supposed to care [at Notre Dame]," he said. "I think [Annan's] work fits in ideally."

Annan relates well to Notre Dame because both the U.N. and the Catholic Church promote peace, Odidi said.

"[Annan] will be able to blend conflict with religion and how it relates to peace," said Odidi.

Originally from Kumasi, Ghana, Annan was educated in his native country as well as the United States and

Switzerland. Annan's work with the U.N. began in 1962 with the World Health Organization. During the Persian Gulf War in 1990, Annan led negotiations with Iraq regarding oil sales to pay for humanitarian aid.

Annan also served as under secretary-general from 1994 to 1995, then again in 1996. During his tenure in that position, U.N. peacekeeping operations increased significantly. Annan was involved with peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia after the Dayton Peace Agreement ended the war there in 1995.

As secretary-general, Annan has worked to reform the U.N. and bring the organization closer to people in an attempt to renew the world's confidence in the U.N. He has also tried to increase the U.N.'s traditional role in promoting peace and development. Human rights have also been an important concern for Annan.

Odidi, who is attending graduation, is looking forward to hearing Annan speak.

"I will feel really happy and proud to hear him speak about some of these [peace] issues," he said.

Notre Dame Commencement will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

♦ Latina author's previous speech impressed students

By CHRISTINE KRALY
News Writer

Acclaimed author Helena Maria Viramontes will address Saint Mary's class of 2000 at Saturday's Commencement.

The creative writing professor will address the graduating class in part because of student response to a previous speech.

According to Elizabeth Station, assistant to Saint Mary's president Marilou Eldred, last fall several Saint Mary's students and faculty heard Viramontes speak at a conference and were so impressed that they wrote a letter to Eldred requesting Viramontes for the Commencement address.

Like the women she will address, Viramontes is joining the thousands of Saint Mary's alumnae. The College is giving the popular writer an honorary degree for her praised literary work.

Viramontes, who is a professor at Cornell University, was born in East Los Angeles and earned her bachelor's degree from Immaculate Heart College.

She has written short stories and novels about Mexican-American migrant workers in the United States. Her work primarily focuses on the female perspective of Chicano family life.

"She writes very sensitively about women. I think she'll be a wonderful speaker," said Station, who believes Viramontes' Catholic education makes her the perfect candidate to address the graduating Belles.

Though, Station does not know what Viramontes speech will entail, she is confident that the speaker will make a lasting impression.

"I think she'll speak not only to our Latina students, but all our students on the value of their Saint Mary's education," said Station.

Viramontes is scheduled to arrive in South Bend today to participate in a workshop with Saint Mary's faculty and staff. The workshop will include discussion on "Chicana 2000," Saint Mary's academic theme for the upcoming year.

"We're really lucky to be able to spend the morning [with her]," Station said.

Saint Mary's commencement will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Le Mans courtyard.



Viramontes

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Catholic environment motivates seniors to serve

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

After four years of academic struggles to obtain a college degree, few students might imagine themselves traveling to all ends of the earth to serve others. Something in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, however, changes that expectation for the approximately 10 percent of each graduating class who consistently commit to post-graduate service work.

Typically drawn into service work by a Summer Service Project, the Appalachian Seminar or even South Bend community service projects like Christmas in April, 77 percent of Notre Dame undergraduates are active in social service.

"I think there are a number of motivations [for doing post-graduate service work]," said Andrea Smith-Shappell, director of the Senior Transitions Programs at the University's Center for Social Concerns (CSC). "But I think for many there is such a great atmosphere for service and social concerns on this campus ... that throughout their four years it has been a growing interest for them."

"I think a lot of students want to do [post-graduate service] because they've been given so much and they want to give back," said Sister Linda Kors, director of the Spes Unica Resource Center (SURV)

at Saint Mary's. "Some students may be doing it to help focus what they want to do with the rest of their lives."

Although the seniors will be involved in more than 44 different service organizations next year, the programs with the most Notre Dame and Saint Mary's participants are those represented on the University's campus: the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Holy Cross Associates. ACE volunteers are placed throughout the southern states to complete two years of service as teachers in under-served Catholic schools. Holy Cross Associates sends volunteers throughout the United States and into Chile to participate in a variety of programs including teaching, casework, elderly outreach, HIV/AIDS support and children's and women's issues.

"I decided to do ACE because

"I think a lot of students want to do [post-graduate service] because they've been given so much and they want to give back."

Sister Linda Kors
SURV director

Martha Gibney, a Spanish major who has committed her next two years to teaching a primarily Hispanic fourth grade class in Kansas City.

The commitment ACE makes to the profession of education — by "teaching its teachers" with eight weeks of education classes during the summer before entering the first year of teaching, and another eight weeks of

classes during the summer between the first and second year — is incredible, said Gibney.

However, Rachel Lustig felt her calling a little further away than most students.

"I always wanted to do service," she said. "After being abroad in Australia, I decided to go abroad for service work as well."

As a volunteer for the Holy Cross Associates in Chile, Lustig will work closely with the diocese in Santiago for 2 1/2 years, specifically dedicated to work in an orphanage.

"I have a feeling this experience will open me up to some opportunities," Lustig, a finance major, said. "I don't expect to go back into business, but I expect to use my degree."

In addition to these programs there are a number of volunteer services growing in popularity, including Boys Hope Girls Hope, an Americorps program and Life Treatment Centers-Wilson Foundation, whose executive director, Father Steve Newton, is also the rector of Sorin Hall. Boys Hope Girls Hope provides value-centered, family-like homes for children who must overcome unpromising back-



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Two Notre Dame seniors help to build a house with the Jimmy Carter Work Project in Houston. Inspired by service experiences in college, many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students continue to serve after graduation.

grounds or compromising environments throughout the United States. Life Treatment Centers is working to establish addiction treatment centers in Africa.

Boys Hope appealed to Kevin Chu because of its "real life applications." As a volunteer in Jacksonville, Fla., Chu will be living with six boys and two other volunteers. The volunteers each commit for a year to take on the responsibilities of a parent to the children.

"I chose this because I like working with children and it just seemed like Boys Hope has very good intentions ... it was a program I'd like to support," he said.

When Newton made the decision to leave his position as rector of Sorin Hall to work for the Wilson Foundation in Africa, Peter Camilli and Ruth Lucas could not resist joining him.

"I am always trying to get students involved in volunteering," said Newton.

After much discussion throughout the year it was decided that Camilli and Lucas would work closely with Newton in an addiction treatment center, one of four just forming in East Africa.

"I hope to develop it into

something that could be pretty regular," said Newton. "Even if the students don't have any life-long commitment to it, it will always be part of how they approach things in this first world."

While many post-graduate service programs provide students with a chance to do very concentrated and selfless work for a year or two, Rocio Rodriguez, a business major at Saint Mary's chose to dedicate herself to a non-profit organization.

Rodriguez will join the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, a community development organization in Chicago aimed at Mexican immigrants. Rodriguez will join the staff as the small business development center director — helping people to start their own small businesses, develop financial planning, request grants from the state and even stay in business long-term.

"I just really wanted to get into helping people within the community," she said. "A lot of people ask me why I didn't want to do the corporate route right away, but this is something that I really want to do. I've done the corporate stuff before through internships, but I have a passion for this."

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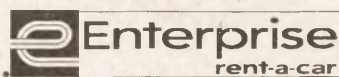
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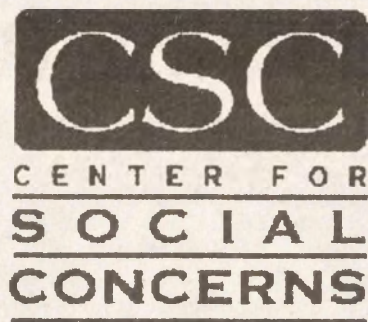
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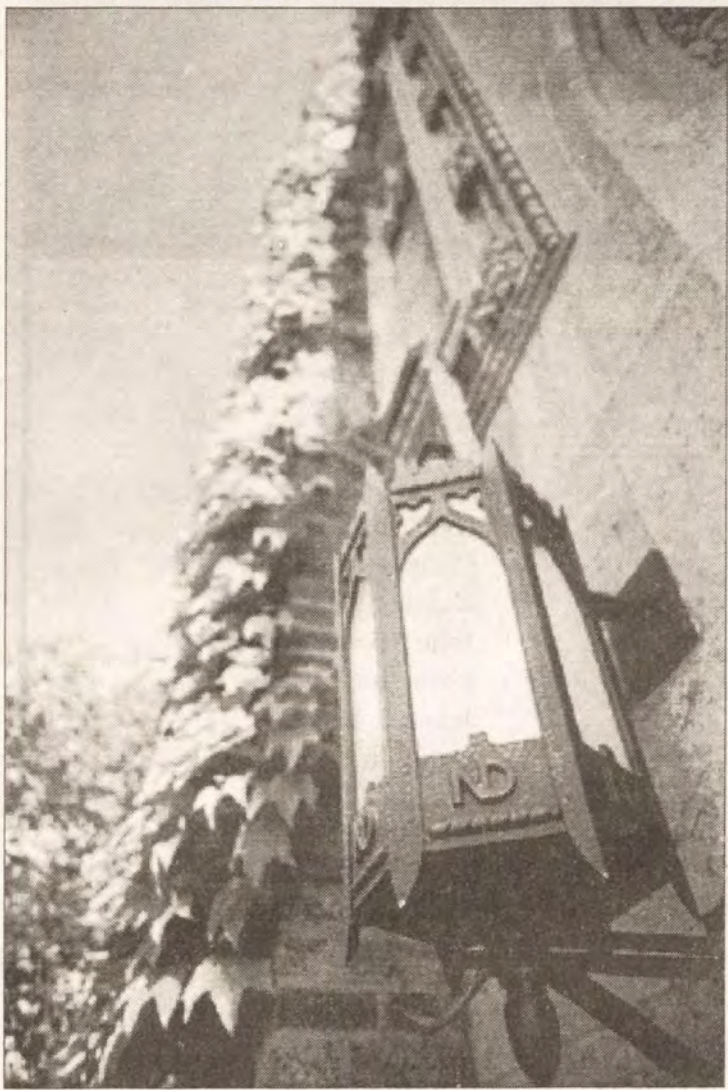
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A lantern on the Law School is one of the tiny details passers-by often overlook on Notre Dame's picturesque campus. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses will host thousands of graduates' family and friends this Commencement weekend.

Campus Ministry will miss Lies

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

The Campus Ministry office will not be the same next year without Father Jim Lies, the director of spirituality and retreats who will be going to the University of Minnesota for a doctorate in moral psychology.

"There will be a big void with his leaving. ... He just brings a lot of life to the office," said Father John Herman, who has worked with Lies in Campus Ministry. "He's so energetic and enthusiastic."

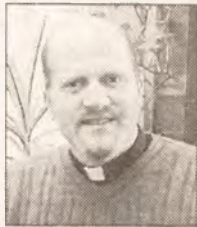
During his time at Notre Dame, Lies has influenced Campus Ministry, said the people who have worked alongside him.

"He's helped us develop some new retreats," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry. Lies also participated as a team member at four or five retreats every year.

Beyond his role as retreat director, Lies has also frequently conducted Mass at the Basilica and has been the author and editor of Campus Ministry's weekly "Considerations" column in The Observer.

The fact that Lies spends time with students has also been important to Campus Ministry.

"He knows so many students,



Lies

probably from socializing with them," said Sister Susan Bruno, who worked with Lies as co-director of the Notre Dame Encounter with Christ Retreat. Bruno added that she will have to follow Lies' example of interacting with students.

Herman will assume additional responsibilities in directing retreats, while Bruno will assume Lies' role as well as her own in running the Notre Dame Encounter.

In addition, two new priests will be joining the Campus Ministry staff as part of their responsibilities at Notre Dame. Father Jay Steele, currently working in South Bend, will lead retreats. Father Thomas Bednar, who has spent 10 years in Chile, will work with Hispanic students in his role as director of cross-cultural ministry, a position Lies did not hold.

Nevertheless, members of the current Campus Ministry staff said they will miss Lies. "I think he did a wonderful job," Warner said. "We'll miss him for sure."

"It's a tremendous loss to Campus Ministry, his hall and his friends," Bruno said. "He's been

one of my best friends on campus."

However, she said that everyone at Campus Ministry is excited that Lies is pursuing something he has wanted to do for a long time. She also hopes he will come back when not attending classes, something Lies said is probable.

"I hope to return to Notre Dame often, perhaps on the occasional fall weekend," Lies said. "Even as I take my leave of this place, Notre Dame will always be home to me."

Herman said he is confident that Campus Ministry will continue to flourish even after Lies leaves. Lies explained that the strength of the program is the fact that the staff works together in order to minister to students, faculty and staff. "None of us could do what we do without each other, and none of us would be compelled to do it at all but for our students," Lies said. "Our lay staff is as committed to the mission of this University as anyone associated with this place. Our salaries are evidence enough of that."

In January, the office will move to the new Coleman Center, currently under construction at the site of the old bookstore.

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Father Jim Lies
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FACULTY SENATE

Group encourages Malloy to withdraw attempted ad ban

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

All year long, the University's ban on advertisements from gay and lesbian alumni and student groups has been a major concern for the Faculty Senate.

Last week, they spoke out on it.

Members voted 27-1 at its meeting May 9 to ask University president Father Edward Malloy to withdraw the policy and to declare that The Observer should not be placed under the oversight of the Office of Student Affairs.

The request took the form of a letter to Malloy and is not binding in any way, but it represents



Preacher

faculty sentiment on the policy. Many professors claim the attempted ban violates academic and press freedom, and more than 215 faculty and staff members signed a petition last semester calling for its withdrawal.

"This has been a concern of the faculty throughout the year," said senate chair Jean Porter.

Chandra Johnson, The Observer's liaison to the Office of the President, did not return repeated phone calls, but she and Malloy have said that the University acts as The Observer's publisher. As publisher, the administration would have the right to determine editorial and advertising content. University officials have never tried to influence articles run in the paper, but on a few occasions, they have called for bans on certain kinds of advertising. The University also collects the \$6 per semester fee which students voted in 1967 to give the

paper. However, it provides no other funding.

The Observer, for its part, has maintained that it sets its own policies, and the paper has run several ads from GALA-ND/SMC and OutReachND. Editor-in-chief Mike Connolly said he appreciated the senate's vote.

"The Observer is grateful for the Faculty Senate's support and hopes the administration will understand our need for complete editorial freedom," he said.

The resolution and an accompanying report on the issue were researched and presented by the senate's Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Ava Preacher, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Letters. She said there was a lot of concern among the faculty that The Observer would be placed under Student Affairs, as Scholastic Magazine is, and assigned a faculty advisor. The Observer has been entirely student-run since its founding in 1966.

"If [administrators] really want to run it like a professional journalistic endeavor, they need to allow it to run as it does, without fear of a lockout, or having their equipment taken or their editor fired," Preacher said.

In January, Malloy created an ad hoc committee to review The Observer's relationship with the administration and the newspaper's advertising policy. The committee will also study the way The Observer prepares students for journalism careers. This function of the student newspaper, Preacher said, is also important to senators.

"Clearly [Malloy] sees The Observer as an educational tool," she said. "If it is an educational tool, it does not belong under Student Affairs."

The ad hoc committee was originally charged with making a recommendation at the end of this semester, but it will likely continue to study the matter through the summer, according to committee member Dennis Moore. The group will consider the Faculty Senate's recommendation in their discussion, Moore said.

In other Senate News

♦ Members voted 19-4 in favor of a proposal designed to curb the results of grade inflation at Notre Dame.

The resolution called for two changes. One would restrict Dean's List recognition and graduation honors to no more than the top 25 percent of students in each College. Currently, 39.8 percent of undergraduates graduate cum laude or above.

The proposal also called for transcripts to include the average grade in classes alongside the student's individual letter grade.

The Academic Council will consider the resolution when it meets again next semester.

Aug. 23, 1999: Office of the President sends a letter to The Observer banning ads from unrecognized student groups.

Oct. 8, 1999: 217 faculty and staff sign a petition protesting Father Malloy's policy.

Nov. 9, 1999: Malloy tells the Faculty Senate that the ad policy has been in place for many years and reiterates his position that the University acts as The Observer's publisher.

Nov. 10, 1999: The Student Senate says The Observer should be "editorially independent in all respects from the University administration."

Nov. 19, 1999: The Observer prints an advertisement from OutReach ND.

Jan. 18, 2000: Father Malloy appoints an Ad Hoc Internal Review Committee for The Observer to study the issue and make a recommendation to him.

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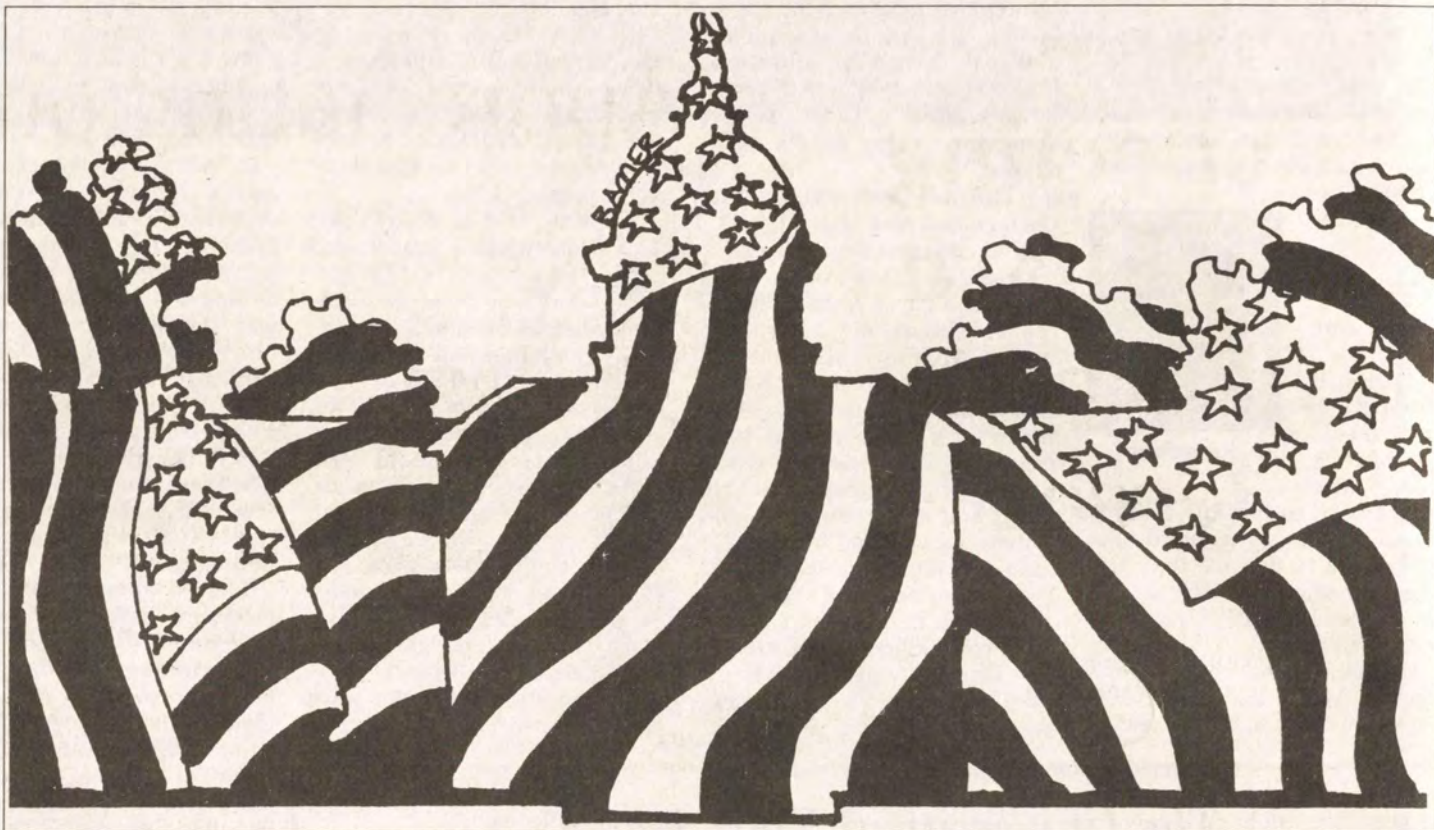
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Owing the future to our ancestors

They came in ships, at first, across the wide and treacherous oceans, making a leap of faith into the terrible unknown. From Europe and Africa at first, and then later from all corners of the world they came to this vast land. Some came in fear, in desperation, in poverty, in prison, in chains, or in debt — but they came, to this land of immigrants, this land of opportunity, this land of hope, this land of dreams. Here they built the American Dream: To give a better life to one's children. So these immigrants came and worked and strove and sweat, to build a better life for their children, and maybe — just maybe — to send those children to college, the American symbol of success.

In a very powerful and unique way, Notre Dame is the living embodiment of the American Dream. Back in the days when Harvard still had quotas to keep Catholic enrollment low, when Catholics had a hard time breaking into the Eastern establishment, when Catholic boys couldn't afford to go to college, a little school in Indiana learned to play football.

From Pennsylvania to Kansas, all across the Midwest and Great Plains where so many Catholic immigrants settled, Catholics tuned in on the radio and heard college boys playing football. In the cities, in Boston and Philadelphia and Chicago and New York, Catholics read in the newspapers about these

boys at Notre Dame who played the rough new sport.

But these weren't just any boys.

They were boys with last names like Flanagan, Schwartz, Melinkovich, Stuhldreher, O'Boyle, Savoldi, O'Neill — names like the immigrants' own. And these boys were beating teams like Army, Michigan and Stanford. Right there in the middle of Indiana was a little school where Catholic boys could go to college, where sons of immigrants could receive a college education and with that education, a springboard toward the American Dream.

My own grandfather, Frank Petelle, was born in Chicago in 1920 and grew up listening to Notre Dame games on the radio. He came of age during the Depression, and couldn't afford to go to college. He joined the Navy in World War II, fought for his country, came home and married my grandmother Lois and moved to Bangor, Mich. But his heart belonged to Notre Dame.

My grandfather held a lot of jobs. He worked at a factory, sold insurance for State Farm, bought some farmland and grew apples. It was never easy, and there was never enough money to go around. But he dreamed that one day his sons would go to college and filled their heads with stories of Notre Dame.

In 1968, my father, Jim Petelle, enrolled at Notre Dame. He worked far harder than I've had to, in order to pay the bills that his scholarship money didn't cover. The acceptance letter, report cards and student ID that my grandparents so carefully preserved in an album reveal their pride. My father was the first in his family to graduate from college and was followed three years later by my Uncle Pic, who also attended Notre Dame.

My father followed in his father's foot-

steps, working hard to build a better life for his children, filling our heads with stories of the Golden Dome. In 1996, I enrolled at Notre Dame. Because of my parents' hard work, I haven't had money worries while I've been at Notre Dame. I've had far more freedom to pursue my interests and explore my world and live the American Dream.

And this is the American Dream, and every member of the Class of 2000 is the embodiment of that. Our ancestors braved the oceans to come to a new land and build a better life. Our parents and grandparents worked and sacrificed to make our lives even better than theirs were.

So when I receive my diploma on Sunday, it may have my name on it, but it won't be my diploma. It will belong to my family and friends, teachers and supporters, who worked so hard to make sure I could be here. It will belong to my ancestors who made a terrifying leap into the unknown to build a bright future for their children and grandchildren.

But most of all it will belong to my grandfather, who dreamed of a place in the prairie where Catholic kids could go to college, a place where Mary stood high on a Golden Dome, this wonderful place called Notre Dame.

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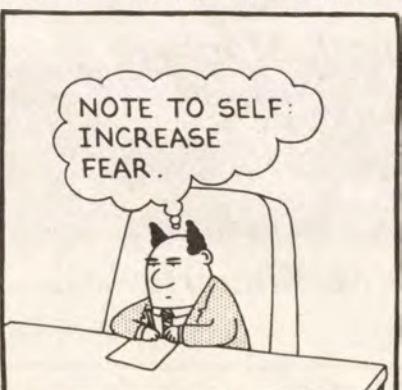
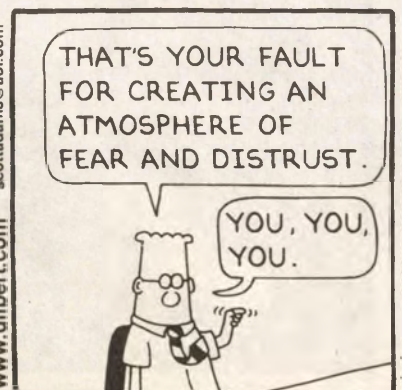
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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Man is not the sum of what he has but the totality of what he does not yet have, of what he might have."

Jean-Paul Sartre
French philosopher

Noman Sattar
Government Graduate Student
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Riding the winds of change

Well, this is it.

The moment we've been either anxiously awaiting or pretending wouldn't happen. We are so happy to be done at last, yet we are strangely sad that it's really over. Where did all the time go? We blinked, and all of a sudden our senior year is over and we are actually graduating.

It was raining when I packed up my room last week. The wind was blowing like crazy during that hot summer storm, and all my paperwork scattered across my floor in the wind. I was going through old pictures and letters and notebooks and lame SYR gifts, and it hit me when I realized that I wasn't sorting my crap into separate piles. Everything was going home. For good. There was no "hall storage," or "local storage" pile, no "stash this at a friend's apartment" pile, and I wasn't wondering whether or not I could sell this or that when I got back.

I wasn't coming back.

I don't live here anymore, and it's not just my room. It's this whole place. We really don't live here anymore. We are not coming back next fall, and neither will the people we care about most here. We can't rely on running into them next semester to maintain our friendships anymore. We will have to actually pick up the phone and make an effort. When we graduated from high school, we knew that when we came home during the Christmas and summer holidays, everyone else would be home, too. We knew that we could always catch up then. We had a solid home base, safe, stable and dependable. But here, we won't all come back for Christmas or summer; there is no guarantee that we will see everyone again. (Football games don't count.)

As hard as we will try to keep in touch, we may never see some of our closest friends here ever again. The winds of change are blowing. Opportunities are taking us to different careers, different states, and even different countries. We have all learned so much from one another, but it's time to say goodbye. And it's okay to say goodbye.

The beautiful people who have

drifted in and out of our lives here undoubtedly will be missed, but they will also be remembered. Some have burst in on wild winds of change, and some have floated in on breezes so gentle we take for granted their quiet constancy. We came to college. They moved in next door. We had the same class together. They asked us out. We worked the same shifts. They taught a cool course. There's just something about the way they seemed to understand.

Then just as suddenly, or just as softly, they are gone. Vanished from our daily lives, leaving only footprints in our memories. We move off-campus. They change. We have opposite schedules. They get sick. We change. They go abroad. We break up. They switch jobs. We get in a fight. They become RAs or varsity athletes.

We graduate. Yet I wonder if it's more than mere circumstance that first draws people together and then drives them apart. Perhaps there's a higher design guiding the flow of people in and out of our lives. Perhaps others are given to us to fulfill a need, share a moment, or teach us a lesson we didn't even know we needed to learn. And once we've learned it, they are carried away by the winds of change to help someone else. Or perhaps we are the ones being swept along to help another, heal a hurt or unknowingly teach a lesson.

Or maybe it's all one big game of

chance. We just happen to be in the same place at the same time. There's no higher design, no deeper destiny, no grandiose plan. Life is pure coincidence and there is no particular force pushing or pulling any of us in a particular direction. We just are.

Whatever we believe about destiny, divine intervention or the utter absence of either, when you stop and look around, it cannot be denied that special people float in and out of our lives in beautiful and mysterious ways. Sometimes we can do something about it, but other times we just can't. Like rainy weather patterns, the winds of change come and go. Sometimes they carry us on and sometimes they take us back, but always, always, they move us to where we might otherwise never have dared to go.

Change is hard. But we can't fear it. We need to embrace it, love it, live it. And we won't be alone. You know how certain people here can remind us of people from back home? The people we will meet in our new jobs and uncertain graduate schools and exciting service projects will remind us of those we knew here at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's in the same way.

The spirit that binds us to this place and to each other will never die; it will simply carry us on and send a gentle breeze when we need a reminder. It's never easy letting go, but we will always live within the memories of these past amazing four years.

May the bells of the Basilica ever ring in your ears, may the scent of burning leaves take you back to Notre Dame in autumn, and may the cry of victory be yours in whatever you do. But most of all, may you always be open to riding the wild winds of change to the incredible adventures that are waiting for you.

This is it.
Go be spectacular.

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Relax and enjoy life for awhile

"Ladies of the Class of 2000. You are now all going out into what is commonly termed the 'real world.' We know, that after four years of hard work and of scholarly endeavor, you will be ready to take your places in the life ahead of you. We are confident that the education you have received at Saint Mary's College has prepared you to make your way in the world successfully. We are now graduating the future leaders of America."

A Saint Mary's education has developed skills of leadership in you so that you will be the future teachers, the future politicians, the future lawyers, the future doctors perhaps even the future presidents. In all of these fields, Saint Mary's women will lead others. Thus, we congratulate you, Class of 2000, leaders all."

This is the kind of stuff that you'll be hearing now that you — yes, YOU — are graduating from college. Apparently, the walk across the stage in our basic black ensembles changes us from the good-for-nothing slacker college students that we are to the saving grace of a world rapidly descending into chaos. We are now expected to become the leaders of the new world in which we will grandly — yes, grandly — take our place (while at the same time giving sufficient credit to the institution which helped us on the path to greatness).

We will accomplish grand things, write great novels, complete masterpiece works of art, rise rapidly and speedily up the ladder to our own corner office in the sky. And after we have done all that, we can take our place in the recruitment brochures as "Jane Schmane, Class of 2000, ruler of the universe." Then we would be really excellent advertisements for the education that we have used wisely and well.

Hmm. You know, right now I don't want to be leader of anything but the Couch Potato Brigade. I have worked, and worked and not slept for four years. Hey, I'm even having trouble writing this column. The only problem is, I have exactly 11 minutes before I send it in to my extremely patient editor. So I apologize for the quality. But I just want to sit back on my couch, turn on the tube, and veg like I haven't vegged since I was 10 years-old.

True, I'd probably be bored within a week, but do I really have to make the leap from struggling and clueless college student to best-selling novelist and syndicated columnist two months after graduation? I can foresee it taking me a good 50 to 60 years, maybe eternity to properly use my education. Maybe we should rethink this success thing.

So, Class of 2000, I challenge you to do absolutely nothing. Lead nobody. Don't use your education. Enjoy it. Sit around the house and read. No, not to improve yourself, read for fun. And don't worry if you won't be on your pathway to success by June 1. No problem. Sit back and enjoy it. After all, success will probably catch up to you sooner or later.

Maybe.

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Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields

And, until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legacies live on at Notre Dame

In 1900, my great-grandfather graduated from Notre Dame. Now, 100 years later, I am about to graduate from Notre Dame joining in a family tradition.

This year, I have been very blessed in being able to share one year of my Notre Dame experience with my sister and brother. Phoenix is a long way from South Bend and it's nice to have some of my family on campus.

When I made the decision to come to Notre Dame, I had no idea that I would also be joined by my sister and brother. Likewise, I don't think my parents realized that one day their three children would all be at Notre Dame and they would be responsible for three college tuitions. My sister, brother and I are very lucky to have such wonderful and giving parents who have made every sacrifice in the world so that we could all attend Notre Dame. I am very glad that I have the opportunity to share this weekend with my parents and tell them how much I appreciate everything they've done for me throughout my entire life.

Although it was hard for my parents

to send their oldest child off to college, they were comforted by the fact that I would be a part of the Notre Dame family. Over the past four years I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people in my dorm, in the classroom and in the different organizations I have been involved in. All of these people have contributed to my amazing Notre Dame experience, and like Notre Dame, they will remain in my heart forever.

As I take a walk around the lakes for the last time and visit the Grotto once more before I leave, I will be thinking about my four years here, the people I've met and the amazing experiences I've had and shared with my peers. I wish my fellow Class of 2000 members all the best in the world and look forward to the day when we may all meet again. Take care, God Bless and Go Irish!

Julie Reising
Senior
Pasquerilla East Hall
May 5, 2000

Graduating with four SMC guardian angels

As I prepare for graduation, I remember that I might not have been here; I might not have gotten to wear my cap and gown and I might not have been able to receive my diploma. Without my four guardian angels, I may not have been able to experience any of these things. You may be wondering about my guardian angels — Who are they? What happened? Do I know them? In order to answer these questions, I must take you back to a day here at Saint Mary's that I will never forget.

It was a quiet Sunday morning here at Saint Mary's College or, at least, that is what my roommates and I thought. My roommates, Kathy Kasmer and Lindsay Richardson and I were preparing to go to brunch in the dining hall. This day was supposed to be a day preparing for finals. I was sitting on the couch in our room when the right side of my body went numb. I could not move and I could not talk. My two roommates watched me go from slightly coherent to totally oblivious but they kept their cool and phoned for help. When security arrived in our room, they tried to get me to stand up. I stood there, no feeling, grasping my roommate for dear life. Lindsay and Kathy saw their care-free and fun roommate turn into a basket case before their eyes.

I was rushed to the emergency room. My roommates stayed while countless tests were conducted. Shortly, our friend Colleen Kross came to my bedside as well. They tried to entertain me even though they knew I was in pain. My sister, Tracy, and her fiancé even drove into town after getting engaged the night before. Being from Florida, my parents were unable to come to the hospital. We were in the hospital a long time that day.

When I was released, my friends

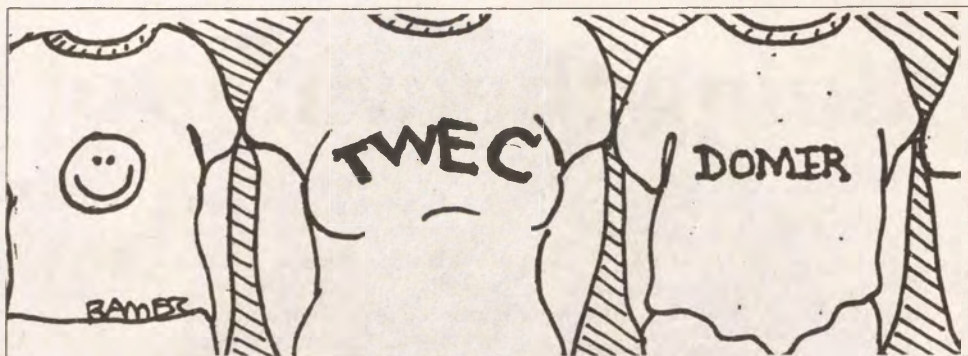
made sure I was under constant supervision. One of the tests I had at the hospital was a spinal tap, a very painful procedure where spinal fluid was taken from my back to determine if I had a stroke. Because of the test, I was told to lay flat and was bedridden for a week. I had to return to the hospital a few days later because of the extreme headaches I was experiencing and had to have a blood patch done on my back. During this procedure, it was Colleen Kross that stood by my side. She held my trembling hand as the doctor placed a catheter in my back and took blood from my arm and injected it into my back.

After the procedure, I returned to my bed in Le Mans Hall. Lindsay, Kathy, Colleen, along with our friend Brooke Brumbaugh made the "Shelley Shifts"; this schedule made sure that I was never alone. These four exceptional women unselfishly took time out of their study time in order to be with me. They rearranged their work schedules to get food for me in the dining hall and come and eat with me. Lindsay even delayed going home after her last exam in order to be with me.

Only a few people at Saint Mary's College are even aware of this incident. I can confidently say that without these caring, brave, unselfish and loving women, I would not be here today. During this year's graduation, look around you — my four guardian angels may be right next to you!

Thanks Lindsay Richardson, Kathy Kasmer, Colleen Kross and Brooke Brumbaugh. I love you.

Shelley Raley
Senior
Le Mans Hall
April 28, 2000



God, country and Notre Dame T-shirts

Of all the things that Notre Dame has changed about me, my wardrobe has probably benefited the most from my time here. On the other hand, perhaps benefited isn't the right word. Suffered is maybe more like it. In just four short years I have gone from owning a collection of T-shirts that represented a wide variety of retailers, like J.C. Penney's and Goodwill, to owning a collection of tee shirts that represents Notre Dame.

During a very touching and emotional "Last Time Doing Laundry in the Dorm," I was folding my quasi-dry clothing and I noticed that I haven't paid for a single one of these shirts. I would wager that two-thirds of your student activities bill goes to T-shirts, because SUB knows that free T-shirts are the hallmark of any good (read: well-attended) event. Where tee shirts are being handed out, there flock the students. Credit card companies know this, too.

People will wear any kind of nonsense on a shirt if you give them it free. I have seen people wearing shirts that say in big dopey lettering: "Do you YAHOO?" My mother, an avowed ice-cream disliker, wears a shirt that extols Edy's in graphic form. I personally own a shirt I got in the mail from someplace called TWEC. I didn't order it or pay for it, as far as I can tell, and don't have any idea what TWEC is. The shirt, in fact, says on the front: "what the heck is TWEC?" It just showed up in the mailroom one day. Of course I wear it. It is a shirt, after all, and one more shirt means one more day I can go without doing laundry.

Or how about those Late Night with Coach D shirts? Those are really, really ugly shirts. Even Coach D's attractive face cannot detract from the fact that these shirts have a full-sized black-and-white disembodied head on them. But people wear them. People whose wardrobes consist entirely of Abercrombie and Fitch or J. Crew will wear truly funny-looking NDToday shirts (that light blue color is so flattering) if you are handing them out. The same people who would never dream of wearing white shoes before Easter or Memorial Day or whenever will, of course, wear CBLD shirts at any time of year.

I hit a T-shirt crisis at Christmas time as I was preparing to pack for a visit with my grandparents in Tecumseh, Mich. I would be visiting for four days, so I only needed to bring a couple of changes of clothes. But as I looked at the pile of T-shirts I'd brought back from Notre Dame with me, I couldn't decide what to bring.

I wanted to wear my Domer Run T-shirt to show off my stunning (not-quite-last-place) finish there. I wanted to bring the neat Dillon Hall shirt I'd gotten from my date to their Christmas dance. I certainly wanted to show off my St. Joseph County Disaster Drill T-shirt and to tell them about the plane crash. The AnTostal shirts and the "Eat an Orange" Scurvy Boy T-shirt I won from the dining hall would make them laugh, too. I couldn't make up my mind, though. I had this stack of shirts that represented things I was intensely proud of or about which I had really fond memories, and I couldn't decide which I should leave behind.

Six months later I'm in the same bind. What should I take with me when I go? I know that some of them, like the filthy, torn and ratty Lyons Hall Volleyball Tournament shirt I have worn to every sporting event I have played in since I got it, for free, freshman year, need to go. Their time has come and gone. But I'm not ready to send them off to Goodwill yet; I'm not even ready to cut them up and make a T-shirt quilt out of them. I'm still too proud of the events they advertise and of my participation in them.

It will be hard to start wearing these shirts in places where I have to explain what "The Shirt" is, or where Lyons Hall is, or what an SYR is. Sure, I've had my practice with explaining what the heck TWEC is ("I'm telling you: I don't KNOW"). But I want to show off the accomplishments these shirts represent. Not only my personal feats, such as losing the Mara Fox Fun Run, but the accomplishments of all the people who put time and energy into planning the Breast Cancer Awareness Baseball Game, Late Night Olympics or the Irish Iron Classic.

That's the kind of place this is: nearly every shirt I have that I've gotten for free has come as the result of a lot of work on someone else's part, and nearly all of them are events planned for the sake of a good cause. The people who bought the shirts are concerned about whether or not the people who made the shirts are paid a livable wage. It's a good feeling. It's the kind of feeling, and people, that Notre Dame has produced.

So, to close, an open note to Monk: Give back to the students who have done so much for this school. Fling Graduation 2000 shirts into the crowd at halftime of Commencement.

Kate Rowland wants to say hi to her mom, Eileen and her dad, Frank and her grandparents in Tecumseh, because she has never done so in a column before. She wants to point out that she dredged 800 words of meaning out of a T-shirt, and encourages you to try before you start making fun of her.

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The Senior Lecture Room at Saint Mary's frequented by members of the class of 1900 makes the high-tech, 21st-century classrooms used now seem lacking in character.

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This Saturday and Sunday, seniors will don caps and gowns to form the gradu

Then and now: T

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

Long lost are the days when students were referred to as "inmates," when one could not leave campus without permission granted by the president and when writing home was mandatory. Though some may suggest that both Saint Mary's and Notre

Dame are caught in the archaic with their reluctance to allow co-ed dorms or forsake parietals, a visit to the reign of the class of 1900 provides a sobering perspective on just how strict things could have been for this year's graduating classes. Let us take a stroll down memory lane to see how the Class of 2000 fares when compared to the Class of 1900.

Retro back to 1900 when Notre Dame consisted of a mere seven dorms and nine other buildings. The grounds of what was then called Saint

Mary's Academy were home to a total of seven buildings. That year,

779 students enrolled at Notre Dame, but, unlike today, these kids ranged in age from five to 39 years old. Back then, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's had a program called Minim in which youngsters could enroll. Though both schools had few attendees compared to present day, they still boasted a wide range of representation, hosting students from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Switzerland and parts of Canada, ranging from Nova Scotia to the Yukon.

The catalogues for students for the academic year 1899-1900 provide a brief glimpse of college life at the turn of the last century. It is suggested here that those attending Notre Dame bring with them no more than "six shirts, four pairs of drawers, three night shirts, 12 handkerchiefs, six stockings, six towels, two hats, two pairs of shoes, two suits for winter, two suits for summer, one overcoat and toilet articles." It is doubtful that the average student on campus today can so briefly list all he or she has brought to the dorms.

The booklets also list some of the basic rules and guidelines to which students must adhere. The Belles of 1900 could not leave campus

unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Just imagine calling home to Nova Scotia — "Mom, could you please come out here? I need to go to Meijer!"

Notre Dame administration was apparently so scared by the power of South Bend to corrupt the devout that it forbid students to roam. The students needed permission from the president to leave campus and according to the catalogue, "Students are required to report at the University immediately after arriving at South Bend. Unnecessary delay in South Bend is looked upon as a serious violation of rule." And if Domers think that OIT's suspected surveillance of e-mail is an imposition, perhaps they would find it more inconvenient to know that back in the day, all student mail was likely to cross the president's desk before being sent out or delivered. According to the University catalogue for the 1899-1900 year, these procedures prevented "clandestine and improper correspondence."

For those of you who may find the du Lac's prohibition of smoking in campus buildings an inconvenience, consider this: In 1900, only those students living in Sorin or Corby Hall who had written permission from their parents were allowed to smoke. All other tobacco use was prohibited.

Most of today's seniors learned early (read: freshmen disorientation) how easy it is to disregard the drinking guidelines on campus. Back in 1900 though, any use of "intoxicating liquors" was grounds for expulsion.

Perhaps the Sisters at Saint Mary's assumed all women there were of high virtue, for the catalogue for students for 1900 has no mention of drinking, smoking or other immoral acts. Instead, it has provisions for the procurement of proper ladies — students were required to write home at least once a week, there were regular hours kept every week for sewing so women could keep their wardrobes in order, all pocket money was turned over to the treasurer and detailed records of expenditures were sent home to parents monthly. Saint Mary's women were not allowed to bring "frivolous" jewelry with them. Visitors were only allowed from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, as the Sisters felt all other time should be devoted to studies. And you thought parietals were tough!

But it isn't true that this year's graduating classes had it all better than their '00 counter-

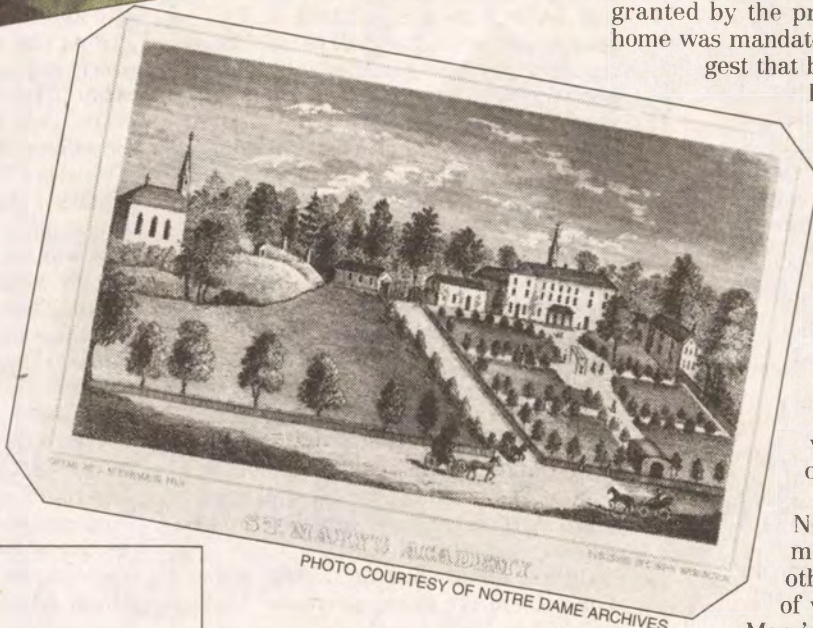
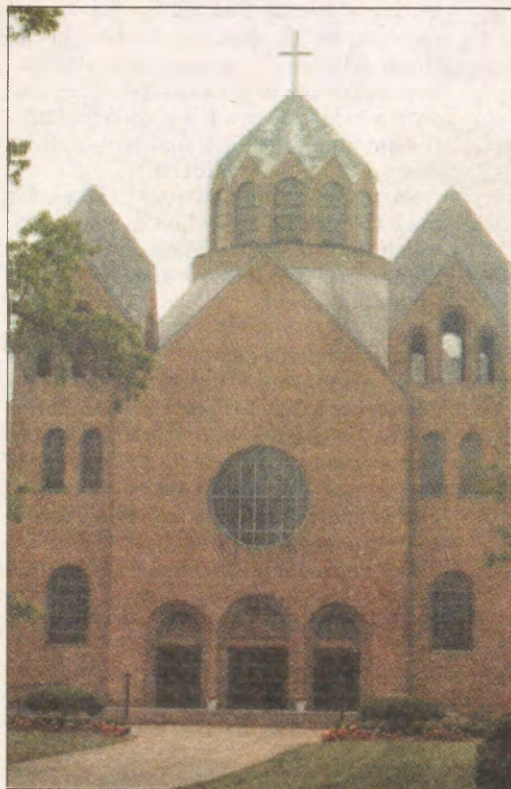


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ating class of '00, as this graduating class did one century ago.

The classes of '00

part. Consider, for instance, the tuition rates in 1900. True, we must account for inflation, but can you imagine how nice it must have been to pay a mere \$300 for tuition and board at Notre Dame and only \$140 for Saint Mary's? For the men of Notre Dame, board included all washing and mending of clothes. Junior and senior classmen received rooms for free, while others paid between \$50 to \$80 for rooms. Books cost, on average, \$30.

Though students paid considerably less, they spent considerably more time at either school. Imagine a sojourn spent confined to campus property with no fall, winter or spring break, no Easter holiday and only two months for summer. With examinations every other month and as many as nine classes in a session, it is hard to imagine the students of the illustrious centennial class having any time to socialize.

Never fear though — school spirit for Notre Dame athletics was just as strong then, though the University made it clear then as they do now that "undue attention to athletics at the expense of study will not be permitted." In the 1899-1900 issues of Scholastic, fervent rally cries are made for the students to fill the quads and support their teams. The football team had a great year in 1900, finishing with a 7-2-1 record (maybe Bob Davie should visit the Notre Dame archives to see if he can't find some coaching tips from days of yore). Baseball also finished strong, ending their season with an impressive 15 wins and only five losses.

Though in those days Saint Mary's students didn't make the trek across Route 31 to see these games, they had such wonderful activities as stenography and bookkeeping classes to keep them entertained. Fun was also derived from such gatherings as the Notre Dame "Night Owl" club. In this organization, men would gather in the Sorin Hall smoking room to perform and enjoy comic operas, vitascopic exhibitions and "everything in the theatrical line from variety shows to Shakespearian productions." Also in 1900, a great joy arose on campus when the Glee Club was formed. As Scholastic reported, "It sounds very much like a fairy tale, but this time it is true — we are to have a rollicking glee club; there is a good time ahead."

Today, we have such wonders as movie theaters and the Internet for our amusement. For the class of 1900, as reported by Scholastic, one student's sudden decision to get a haircut caused a controversy. Modern students have so many

opportunities for fast-paced entertainment that they hardly notice if someone fails to change his or her clothes for a semester. We take for granted the freedoms we have now, in a time when we can travel our wonderful town or communicate with people across the globe in an instant. Students in 1900 were confined and isolated, not only by the physical constraints of the campus they were forbidden to leave, but by the lack of such modern-day comforts as telephones, computers, cars, e-mail and instant messenger services. They were in awe with the inventions of automobiles and telegraphs. Even the living arrangements furthered their isolation. When Corby Hall opened in 1899 offering single rooms, Scholastic sang the praises of such quarters. "The modern American student must have his private room. He is no friend of communism and he shrinks from the thought of community life," the magazine reported.

Though many things have changed and the schools have expanded, some things stay the same. Saint Mary's students have borne the hassle of awakening to the sounds of hammers throughout this year. Many improvements were made on that campus, exactly one century ago. Those students in attendance then were said to have witnessed the definition of "the brick and mortar period of a country's growth." After completion of the construction in 1900, one Belle was reported as saying, "My, how Saint Mary's is improved — so much new wall paper and so many new posts." In one issue of Saint Mary's publication, The Chimes, a writer reports the following scenario. Imagine the Junior Study Hall, with a tasteful arrangement of pictures, statues and plants — when what should invade this serenity? None other than one of our favorite resident rodents, the squirrel. It seems that even a century ago these pesky little buggers dominated campus.

Oh, but what a difference a day can make. Or a century. Our beloved campuses are shrouded in longstanding traditions and stotically stand steeped in history, but with each new class, we create more legends. The legacies at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will forever attest to the time you seniors have spent here in God's country. Let the proud motto for the graduating class of 1900 ring out once more.

"Semper '00."

Jose Cuellar contributed to this report.



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Where girls of the class of 1900 practiced archery, women nowadays participate in more active sports like tennis.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Keyplay edges NDToday in talent-laden tournament

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Trailing by one at 17-16, top-ranked Keyplay.com decided this was the year it would not go home disappointed. It then scored the final five points of the championship game to make No. 2 NDToday.com wait until next year this time.

"We've been to this place two years before, and ended up on the losing end both times," Keyplay's Cas Schneller, a second-team All Tournament selection, said. "We really wanted to make sure we were the ones on fire at the end. We were determined to go out as winners."

Both teams went out as winners for making the tournament a treat to watch, but only Keyplay managed to take home the trophy.

Keyplay's Jimmy Dillon and Tom Dietrich unleashed a torrent of baskets to secure the victory.

Dillon, the Notre Dame varsity record-holder for steals and assists, turned up the heat on the Bookstore court. And then he tied things up with a slam-dunk on a pass from Dietrich, the Bookstore Basketball MVP.

Dietrich followed suit the next trip down the court, dropping in one of his team-high eight baskets with a pull-up jumper. Dillon drilled a shot from near half-court to put Keyplay up 19-17.

"Jimmy had that 3-point shot. That was a bomb," Dietrich said. "That made them tighten up on defense and let us get to the basket."

Football crossover John Teasdale knocked down a free throw to put Keyplay just one point away from the

win. Dietrich then sealed his selection as MVP by ending the game with a nothing-but-net 3-pointer over NDToday's Tim Muething.

The talent-filled Keyplay.com and NDToday.com were laden with former Division I and II basketball prospects, giving onlookers an eyeful.

Dillon started at point guard for the Irish this season, leading them to the NIT title game. Dietrich turned down Division I basketball offers from Vanderbilt, Ohio, Bowling Green, Yale and Miami (Ohio) in favor of a brief track career at Notre Dame. NDToday's B.J. Kloska walked on the Notre Dame basketball team a year ago.

Teammate Dave Mikolyzk turned down Division II options after an All-State career in Wisconsin to receive a Notre Dame degree.

"You get all the fans out there and it's great,"

Mikolyzk said. "It's your time to shine a little bit."

Keyplay beat Versatility 21-15 in the semifinals, while NDToday defeated Majestics 21-10 to reach the title game.

It was the third trip to the finals for Dietrich, Schneller and teammate Paul Moore, and their second with Teasdale.

In the women's tournament, Erin Brandenburg led her top-ranked JAAKE squad to a 21-9 win in a grueling battle against No. 2 Muffet's Second String. Brandenburg scored eight points in winning her third consecutive women's Bookstore championship.

Earning men's First Team All-Tournament honors were Mikolyzk, Kloska, Versatility's Ross Hansen, Pete Ryan of The Majestics and the F-Bombs' Sean McCarthy. Dietrich, a senior, was named Most Valuable Player of the tourney. Steve Craig of Franchise was named Mr. Bookstore.

"We really wanted to make sure we were the ones on fire at the end."

Cas Schneller
Keyplay.com

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish capture yet another Big East Championship

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

The top spot on the winner's podium at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center in Uniondale, N.Y., is getting to be a familiar one for the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team, especially after its fourth consecutive Big East Swimming and Diving Championships victory.

But it never gets old.

In fact, the women always seem to find a way to put a new spin on an old feeling, racking up more impressive tallies with each consecutive victory. Winning the championship by more than 400 points over its closest competitor, notching five Big East and Notre Dame records, and adding an 18th place finish in the the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championship, the 1999-2000 team put together what was most likely one of the most impressive campaigns by any swimming squad in recent history.

It was also the best showing of any Notre Dame swim team during head coach Bailey Weathers tenure, he said after winning his fourth title.

"This has probably been the best team in terms of focus that I've seen," Weathers said. "When you work hard, you get rewards, and that's something really special to see."

The senior class, comprised of Shannon Suddarth, Elizabeth Barger, Alison Newell, Rhiana Saunders, Gina Kettlehorn and Laura Shepard, were formidable contributors to that showing, with the six graduating as the highest-scoring class in Notre Dame swimming



Suddarth

history.

"The key ingredient was the senior class," Weathers said, who formed the group as his first recruiting class. "They wanted to win the first year, and they've been set on winning ever since."

Success was not limited to the seniors. Junior sprinter Carrie Nixon continued to add impressive marks to her Notre Dame career, capturing three individual wins, four relay wins, five Big East and Notre Dame records and 2000 Big East Swimmer of the Year honors at the Big East Championships, and All-America honors in the 50-meter freestyle at the NCAA Championships.

Nixon was one of six swimmers who led the squad to an 18th place finish at NAAs, the highest of any Notre Dame swimming squad.

"Our finish at NAAs was the most critical thing this team has accomplished," Weathers said. "We entered the meet wanting to be in the top 20 and have all the girls score in the meet, and we did that. It's a big step for this team."

Suddarth closed her career capturing her eighth All-America honorable mention in four years. The 400 medley relay of Barger, Suddarth, Nixon and sophomore Kelly Hecking also earned All-America status, winning ninth place at the NCAA Championships. Sophomore diver Heather Mattingly notched All-America honors, placing 15th in the three-meter and one-meter diving competitions.

With such a solid base, looking to the future is encouraging. But at the conclusion of such a noteworthy season, it can be hard to do anything else but celebrate.

"This is definitely overwhelming," said Barger. "It's hard to sit down at all when you're just thinking about celebrating."

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M'Shan, I'll drive you home in the dark any time, as long as you don't try to make me run the red lights! I've had a great time — good luck in Philadelphia! :O) AMM

P-tel, Long live ER! I'll work for you any time, so long as you tape it. Good luck at Duke — I'm sure you'll win all your arguments. Cheers, :O) AMM

K I... I'm going to miss you so much, but I'll always be here following your footsteps. Congratulations. I love you.

... S S

Marc, Whoever knew that a blind date could turn out so well? I could not ask for more. I love you. Noreen

M'Shan I wasn't kidding when I said you taught me everything I know. Go rock Philly like it's Saturday at the 'Backer. (But don't get kicked out!!!) Noreen

Boss, Thanks for everything you gave The Observer. The Big O has never partied harder or looked better than when you were EIC. I have some big shoes to fill. Connolly

M'Shan, You have given me not only journalistic tips, but 'Backer tips as well. I don't know which one I'm more grateful for! I will miss you and cheer for the Tribe with pride. Molly

Sharis and Anne — thanks for being awesome people and chem majors!! Good luck in everything you do. —Molly

Michelle What do I say? You've taught me how to be professional and have fun at the same time!! You will succeed in whatever you do in life. The dumb things I did at your parties will remain some of my favorite memories! Molly

Colleen, every time I have a glass of wine, I will think of you and smile. Good luck and God bless. Molly

Laura — Thank you for being another one of the people who got

me more involved in The Observer than I ever hoped to be — it was one of the best things I've done here. — Molly

Brian and Kerry—Thanks for a great year in the sports department. The paper looked great and it was a ton of fun. I'm glad I ran into you at TC at the beginning of the year, BK, and decided to stick around this semester. —Kathleen

Laura—We don't know what they teach them in Northbrook, Ill., but wow! You left us some big shoes to fill. Thanks for all decrees from the back desk and your copious knowledge of AP style. You've been a wonderful mentor and we'll miss you a lot. Tim (your copy editor forever) and Christine (thanks for that job freshman year!)

Michelle—You've been a great inspiration, in class and in the office, and an amazing influence. Good luck at The Beacon and in all that you do. You deserve all the best. Thanks for everything. — Christine

Senior O people, We will miss you so much next year. Thanks for everything!

Shannon, All I have to say is "Who'd you rather?" Thank you so much for all the fun nights and laughs. It's been the greatest working with you. Good luck, I'll be looking you up babe! — Christine

Krupa—Thanks for pushing me, teaching me and being a great boss and a great friend for the last two years. Good luck at The Beacon and everywhere you go from there. Later, dude. —Tim



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Dear Graduates:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my prayers and best wishes to the members of the Class of 2000. I also want to express my gratitude for the rich contributions you have made to the University during your time here.

For those of you who are graduating Seniors, I hope that we have achieved our goal of providing you with an education that integrates the life of the mind with the life of the heart. May your commitment to your faith in God and to the service of God's people match your dedication to your chosen vocation and profession. We have high expectations of our graduates. The tremendous contribution that our alumni make to society and to the Church is a testament to the importance of these high expectations.

For those of you leaving with graduate and professional degrees, I hope that you will carry with you the best of our traditions as they relate to your discipline. If you bring to your chosen field a strong set of ethical convictions and a commitment to justice, you will represent the very best of Notre Dame.

May Our Lady, Notre Dame, continue to watch over you in the years ahead. We are blessed to have you as members of the Notre Dame family.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark Poorman, C.S.C." in a cursive style.

(Rev.) Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.
Vice President for Student Affairs

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Barger carries Belles, earns honors

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Led by senior tri-captains Katy Barger, Rachel Egger, and Erin McCabe, along with classmate Liz Coley, the Saint Mary's Belles soccer team finished fifth again in the MIAA in the fall of 1999, with a 3-4-1 record in conference play.

Despite their so-so conference record, the Belles improved from their overall 1998 total of 6-10-2 to a 9-6-2 season record. They also held sole possession of fifth place this year, after finishing in a tie with Albion in 1998. The 1999 season ended with a loss to Olivet College during the MIAA season tournament.

"I think that it says a lot about our team that even though we finished fifth in the conference we still got recognition," Barger said. "We really had a successful year."

The three co-captains credited their new coach for this improvement. Jason Milligan was the assistant coach during the 1998 season before taking the helm as head coach.

"I think Jason's coaching style helped the girls to grow as a team," McCabe said. "This year we had both the excellent individual talent and the synergy to make this a winning season."

Barger seconded McCabe's opinion but also credited first-year assistant coach Jared Hochstetler.

"Jason and Jared have great insight into the game and they

applied that well during their first season as collegiate coaches," Barger said.

Barger was elected to the All-MIAA First Team, the first Belle in Saint Mary's history to make either the First or Second Team in soccer.

"Katy Barger is one of the best players to ever pass through the doors of [Saint Mary's College]," Milligan said. "She possesses talent that would place her among the best players in the nation."

Jason Milligan
head coach

Barger scored eight goals and assisted on nine more for the 1999 season. She finished with 25 points and made the MIAA League Leaders' List for her assists. In addition to Barger's award, Egger was named to the All-MIAA Coaches' Honorable Mention list, along with Mary Campe and Heather Muth.

"[The fact that] some of us did receive conference honors is a tribute to the whole team," Barger said. "[Soccer] is a team effort."

With goalie Brie Gershick, Egger and her defensive teammates allowed only 26 goals on the season.

"Rachel really did a great job as far as holding the defense together," Milligan said. "Her leadership on the team this year has been wonderful. She always brings a smile and a good work ethic to practice."

Barger, Egger, Coley and McCabe all made the Coaches' Honorable Mention in 1998, along with current sophomores Katy Robinson and Jessica Klink, and junior Laura Paulen.

VOLLEYBALL

Seniors take Belles to tourney

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's volleyball team had a breakthrough season under the leadership of first year head coach Randa Shields.

Led by seniors Agnes Bill, Jayne Ozbolt and Mary Rodovich, the Belles advanced to the semi-finals of MIAA play and finished fourth in the conference. The team will miss the seniors as they head off to bigger and better things.

"In terms of leadership and enthusiasm, this is a group that will be missed," head coach Randa Shields said.

Before the season began,

Shields was looking to build team spirit and a cohesive playing force. She did just that.

Early in the season the team faced communications problems that disrupted play, but by late in the season, the women were on track, communicating well and executing plays extremely well.

Shields, as a first year head coach, wanted to get the team into the MIAA tournament at the end of the season.

With the help of her senior team members, she did so. Bill led the offense in points scored on aces and digs, and joined teammate Ozbolt to lead the scrappy Saint Mary's defense.

Saint Mary's started off the season with a loss to Elmhurst

College, but came back to win three out of its next four games.

Saint Mary's defeated four conference rivals during regular season league play.

In MIAA tournament play, they defeated Kalamazoo before falling to top-ranked Hope College in the semi-finals. The Belles finished the season with a 13-10 record, an improvement over last year.

Saint Mary's will welcome back one senior, four juniors and three freshmen, including Bill's younger sister Ann, next season. Agnes Bill finished off a distinguished career at Saint Mary's by receiving the Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete Award.

CROSS COUNTRY

Running pack leads to solid season

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Despite a tough conference finish, the Belles cross-country team had one of its more solid seasons in its short history.

Saint Mary's finished tied for seventh in the MIAA and followed their pack running style that had been characteristic of the team all season.

"I actually consider last season to be the most successful in our short history," said head coach Dave Barstis. "We may have not had a great conference year, but we had the most runners we've ever had and

our top seven were all under 22 minutes."

The Belles cross-country team finished its season at the Regional Championships at Ohio Northern University in November. Saint Mary's finished 28th out of 35 teams. The top Belles finisher at the tournament was, followed by seniors Melissa Miller and Krista Hildebrand.

"The neat thing that we did this year which we haven't done in the past was to have our top five runners all come in together," junior co-captain Genevieve Yavello said. "The pack was really good this year."

In addition to Miller and Hildebrand, the team will lose Bridget Heffernan to graduation.

"We'll definitely have a hole to fill as far as our performance in meets," Yavello said. "We're losing two of our top runners, but, more importantly, we're losing three very strong leaders on our team."

Hildebrand and Miller finished 61 and 69 respectively at the MIAA championship meet.

Next season, the challenge will be to fill in the gap left by the seniors.

"Next year, we lose several people, and, well, it's going to be interesting," Barstis said.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Two of a kind: Men and women advance

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame cross country teams made Irish fans see double at the NCAA Championships, as both the men's and women's squads advanced to nationals.

"It was very successful on both the men's and the women's side," head coach Joe Piane said. "By virtue of the fact that you just make it to the NCAA's, that makes it a successful season."

The men's squad returned to nationals for the seventh time in eight years, after missing out on a berth last season. Led by All-American Ryan Shay, who placed 12th, the Irish captured eighth place, after starting the season unranked.

"As a team, we turned a lot of people's heads," Shay said. "We went into the season unranked, and didn't even make nationals last year. We came back with basically the same team but a totally different attitude and ended up eighth in the nation."

Shay crossed the finish line first for the Irish all year, capturing titles at the Big East Championships and Notre Dame Invitational.

"Ryan was the first guy from Notre Dame to win the Notre Dame Invitational since 1969," Piane said. "I've had some won-

derful cross country runners in my tenure here, and they never won it."

The men rode the waves of success all season long. They earned a first-ever Big East crown. Piane earned Big East Coach of the Year. Shay, sophomores Luke Watson and Marc Striowski, and senior Ryan Maxwell all earned All-Big East honors.

The women squeaked into the national meet with an at-large berth. The Irish finished 29th in their first NCAA Championships since 1993.

Although the Irish qualified for nationals, the season did not meet expectations. After losing All-American JoAnna Deeter at mid-season due to personal and medical reasons, the Irish struggled to retain their form.

"It wasn't what we started out to accomplish," women's head coach Tim Connelly said. "We lost our best runner."

Senior Alison Klemmer picked up the pace for the Irish in Deeter's absence. Klemmer was helped out by Patty Rice, Nicole LaSelle and Jennifer Handley.

The Irish placed fifth at the Big East Championships behind a fourth-place finish by Klemmer.

"I thought we raced really well at the Big East meet," Connelly said. "Alison had probably the best cross country race that she had in her life."

MEN'S SOCCER

Coach's death overshadows season

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Marred by the unexpected death of Irish head coach Mike Berticelli in January, the men's soccer team faced a year of wins and losses on and off the field.

In 10 years at the helm of Notre Dame's soccer program, Berticelli earned a 104-80-19 record and led his team to three NCAA tournament appearances and one Big East conference championship, while passing the century mark in wins in his final campaign.

"It was awful — it was the worst thing that most of the guys on the team faced in their lives," said former assistant and newly-appointed head coach Chris Apple of Berticelli's death. "It was a very emotional time and still is — and as difficult as it is to find a positive from this, it is that this ordeal has brought us closer together."

Berticelli's death left a black mark on a year that produced many highlights on the playing field.

Compiling a 8-9-3 record on the season, the Irish relied on a handful of key seniors for a solid foundation, while getting a

spark from several underclassmen.

Seniors Gerick Short in goal, defender Matt McNew, midfielders Jason Jorski, Peter Bandera and Matt De Dominicis and forwards Andrew Aris and Ryan Cox provided the framework.

"During the seniors' freshman year, they achieved more than any other team had in the program's history with a trip to the final 16 of the NCAA tournament and a Big East championship win," Apple said. "They made an immediate impact and continued to do so throughout their careers."

Short, a fifth-year senior started in all 20 contests and earned a goals-against average of 1.20 and a .752 save percentage in his first and final year as the starting Irish goalkeeper.

McNew, the undisputed anchor of the Irish backfield combined quick play and scrappy defense to hold Notre Dame's opponents to just 93 shots in 20 games, while helping the Irish offense to deliver more than double that number of shots on opponents' goals.

But the Irish had trouble capitalizing on their opportunities.

"We struggled all season to finish and find the back of the net," Apple said. "We were in the top 10 in the country for shutouts, but we just struggled to score."

Aris and Cox, who split for four goals, struggled to score, but still exerted a commanding

presence on the field. Aris tallied five assists, finishing second on the team in that category. Both of Cox's goals were game winners.

The Irish offense was bolstered by a successful season by freshman forward Erich Braun. Braun, earned Big East Rookie of the Year honors and led the Irish with nine goals and six assists.

The Irish started the season strong with a 3-1-1 record, with wins over Northwestern, Boston College and Cleveland State. But then they dropped three straight. A 5-0-1 streak in mid-season brought their record to 8-4-2, but then the Irish finished the year in a six-game winless slide.

Despite the late-season slump and loss in the first round of the Big East tournament to cap the '99 campaign, Apple is pleased with the team's season.

"Regardless of wins or losses we achieved our No. 1 goal of making it to the Big East tournament," he said.

While losing a strong senior class could hurt the Irish next year, Apple is optimistic about his squad's chances in the coming season.

"We have a great group of freshmen coming into the program — possibly the best recruiting class ever," he said. "They might not be able to replace the maturity and leadership that our seniors provided but they will bring a whole new and exciting element to the team."



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All-American Riley leads Irish to Sweet 16 appearance

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Self-promotion is not a main character trait of Ruth Riley. The first-team All-American and two-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year would rather discuss almost anything than her individual accomplishments.

"I worked a lot on my game over the summer [of 1999] so I was anxious to see how it would all work out," said the humble Riley. "I had a pretty good year, I guess."

But when it comes to talking about her teammates and the Irish's 1999-2000 season, Riley doesn't mince words.

"We were more consistent this year," Riley said of her team, which finished 27-5. "And since our team was so talented and deep, it allowed for certain players to have an off night."

It was a winter to remember for Notre Dame basketball. Men's coach Matt Doherty and sophomore Troy Murphy brought their team to national prominence with students and fans disgusted with the state of the football program.

But the women's team grabbed its share of fans and attention as well.

Before the season even started, even before the first official practice, optimism was in abundance in the women's inner circle. One reason for the positive outlook was the emergence of Alicia Ratay, a freshman whose talents were obvious from the time she stepped on the floor in pickup games with her teammates.

"She was such a great shooter," Riley. "It was tough to hide."

Ratay's shooting skills gave the already experienced Irish more balance. They returned five players taller than six feet, including 6'3" senior Julie Henderson and juniors Riley (6'5") and Kelley Siemon (6'3"). And Niele Ivey and Danielle Green returned as guards for the Irish. Add in Ratay, and Notre Dame was a serious contender for a Final Four berth in head coach Muffet McGraw's hometown of Philadelphia.

At the beginning of the season, the eager Irish had their ups and downs. A pair of victories over

North Carolina and Liberty for the title in the Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament in Richmond, Virg., were sandwiched between defeats at the hands of Illinois and Purdue.

Following the 71-61 loss to Purdue came a stretch of games that established the Irish as contenders. From Dec. 11 until Feb. 22, the Irish won 20 straight games, a school record.

"Looking back you didn't really realize that we won so many in a row," Riley said. "We were just taking it one game at a time."

Maybe even more important than the victories, the Irish won a new loyal fan base during their torrid stretch. And for good reason.

Following each game the players would stand in line for a half-hour, sometimes an hour, signing autographs and taking pictures with the fans. They realized the importance of giving back to the community, of showing the fans they appreciate their support.

"Every year there's more fan support," Riley said. "We got a lot more attention."

The attention was deserved. Every night there seemed to be a new name in the headlines and this balanced attack proved crucial to their success. They had Ivey at the point, who could dominate a game without scoring, Green, a quick penetrator, at two-guard, a shooter at small forward in Ratay and a pair of aggressive defenders and rebounders at power forward in Siemon and Henderson.

Then there was Riley and her consistency in the middle. Each night McGraw could depend on her center scoring at least 15 points and grabbing eight rebounds while also altering opposing team's offensive game plans.

The most satisfying victory for the Irish was a 78-74 win over Rutgers on Feb. 19. Down six points with 17.3 seconds remaining, it looked like the streak would end. But no one told that to Ratay, and the freshman sank two three-pointers in the final seconds to force overtime. She finished with 26 points on seven of seven three-pointers and a perfect five for five from

the line.

Connecticut, who would go on to win the national championship, put an end to the Irish's 20 game win streak a week later. The Huskies used a balanced attack from perhaps the most talented collection of women ever on a college team to defeat the Irish 77-59.

It was the beginning of a tough month for Notre Dame.

They lost to Rutgers in the Big East semifinals after leading for most of the game. A week later, they hosted the first and second round of the NCAAs at the Joyce Center and beat San Diego and George Washington to advance to the Sweet 16.

The season ended unexpectedly against Texas Tech at the regional semifinals in Memphis, Tenn., the following weekend. The Irish raced out to a 17-0 lead and looked like they were on their way to a date with Tennessee.

But Texas Tech came back, scoring the next 17 points and playing even with the Irish for the remainder of the game. After Riley fouled out with less than two minutes remaining the Irish could not fight back. Rutgers won 69-65, denying Notre Dame a chance for the Final Four.

"Losing in the Sweet 16 was real disappointing," Riley said. "We felt we could have done a lot better."

Riley has one more shot at fulfilling her team goals. Only Henderson and Green graduate from this year's team so the 2000-2001 squad has high expectations.

"We're going to be better next year," Riley said. "For a lot of us it's our last year. I know everyone's going to have a little more sense of urgency."



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Julie Henderson (No. 32) was one of two seniors on this year's 27-5 Irish team, along with Danielle Green.

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HOCKEY

Icers advance to conference semis

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

After a slow start, the Notre Dame hockey team turned its season around in time to claim home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs, and then capitalized to earn their first trip to the conference semifinals in 18 years.

Preseason polls predicted a top four conference finish for the Irish again this year, despite the graduation of three of the team's top five scorers. But early on, it did not look like those predictions would come true.

The Irish won only three of their first 10 conference games before a critical Dec. 5 game against Michigan State, which was ranked No. 5 in the country. The Irish needed a big series against the Spartans to get back on track. Ryan Dolder's third period goal gave the Irish a 1-0 victory, their first at home against the Spartans in the last ten meetings.

The Irish stayed in the hunt for the fifth playoff spot — and home ice in the first round — throughout much of the season.

Against Western Michigan in January the Irish scored twice in the final 3:26 to force the game to overtime. Then 52 seconds into overtime Dan Carlson scored his second consecutive goal for the win.

Notre Dame's final record of 12-9-6 in the CCHA (14-15-8 overall) drew them a first round match-up with Ferris State, who



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

The Irish, with the addition of freshman Connor Dunlop (No. 9), surpassed expectations by advancing to the CCHA semifinals.

had won both of their regular season games with the Irish.

But even getting home ice in the first round represented a turnaround for the team.

"You want to be hot going into the playoffs, and we did this with everyone buying into the team concept, everyone giving out on the ice," said senior defenseman Sean Molina.

After knocking out Ferris State in a tight three-game series at the Joyce Center, the Irish lost to Michigan State in the CCHA semifinals.

The season saw new leaders emerge for the Irish, and the development of several rookies who will give Notre Dame hockey a promising future. But the seniors — head coach Dave

Poulin's first class of recruits — made some major contributions as well. Captain Ben Simon finished second on the team in scoring, despite nagging injuries.

And fourth-year players formed the core of a solid Irish defense. Senior defensemen Tyson Fraser, Nathan Borega, and Molina led a penalty killing unit that held opponents to just 41 goals.

"When we came in here nothing was really expected of us," Borega said. "Maybe keep it close or win a game here and there. Now we expect to win every game and go farther each year. The coaching staff has changed and the whole team attitude has really improved while we have been here."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Belles place second in MIAA tournament

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Led by seniors Katie Vales, Becky Kremer and Leslie Ortiz, the Saint Mary's tennis team finished a very successful season by placing second in the MIAA tournament and tying for a second place overall finish.

The Belles came in just behind the Hope College Flying Dutch in the tournament finals.

Kremer led the team in the tournament winning the No. 4 singles championship and, with teammate Natalie Cook, the No. 2 doubles championship.

Kremer, who was cut from the team as a freshman, played consistent No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles this year and won the Saint Mary's Senior Athlete Improvement Award. She finished with a record of 6-1 in No. 3 singles, a 11-0 No. 4 singles record, 2-0 in No. 1 doubles record, and 11-4 in No. 2 doubles.

Joining Kremer was Vales, the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles player who was named to the All-MIAA First Team, her third time on an all-conference squad.

Vales posted an impressive 13-5 No. 1 singles record and marked 10 No. 1 doubles wins

against seven losses. Vales received the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at the athletic banquet.

Although Ortiz was not able to compete as often as Vales and Kremer, she led the team in spirit and managed to post good numbers for the Belles. Ortiz won all seven of the doubles matches she played in and lost just one match all season in No. 1 singles.

The Belles finished the regular season with a 17-5 overall record and 5-2 in the conference. They topped off the season with a 9-0 victory over Division I foe Valparaiso.

Saint Mary's beat all of its league competition except for Hope and an upset loss to Calvin. But the Belles got their revenge in the in the conference tournament, beating the Knights to earn a second place finish.

The Belles started their season off with a 7-0 spring break trip. They then returned to Saint Mary's for a 9-1 run, with their only loss coming against top-ranked Hope. After 16 games, the Belles' record stood at 15-1, but then they dropped a match to Calvin, and four of their next five games. The Belles came back with the victory over the Valpo Crusaders to end the regular season on a high note.



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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Season continues in NCAA Tournament

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team, currently ranked No. 17 in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, is advancing to the NCAA regionals after a successful season highlighted by the Big East championship title.

The Irish, currently 46-12 overall and 15-2 in the Big East, defeated Boston College (5-2) and Connecticut (5-0 and 7-0) for 11 straight wins to earn the conference title.

In the NCAA regional tournament, the Irish will look to top the season record of 48 set by the 1996 team. Notre Dame is headed to Michigan to take on Illinois-Chicago in the first round this weekend.

Head Coach Liz Miller won her second conference coach of the year title.

Junior Jennifer Sharron finished 6-2 in the conference to earn her third straight Big East pitcher-of-the-year title. She struck out 69 batters in 50 innings to lead the Irish.

Junior Melanie Alkire was also honored as she earned her second straight conference player of the year title with a school record of 59 RBI's in the 2000 season. Alkire leads the Irish overall with a batting average of .380.

Freshman Andrea Loman joins the upperclassman with the Big East co-rookie-of-the-year title. Loman leads Notre Dame offensively in the conference with a batting average of .400.

Joining Alkire, Sharron and Loman on the all-Big East first team are Jarrah Myers, Lizzy Lemire, Danielle Klayman and Jennifer Kriech. Andria



Myers

Bledsoe was also honored as she was named to the all-Big East second team.

The Irish went the distance as they topped many records this season. With only four homeruns in 1998, Notre Dame grabbed 29 in 1999 for a team record and 35 this year to top that. Alkire hit 13 to top her previous record of 10. The Irish also racked up 23 shutouts for a new record to top the 1999 and 1996 team's record of 21.

The Irish kicked off the year with a second-place finish in University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament. Notre Dame split its six games in the Morning News Tournament.

Going into their third tournament, the Irish were finally able to earn a title as they went 4-0 at the State Line Classic in Tennessee. Notre Dame did not allow a single run as it defeated Tennessee, No. 2 Virginia Tech and Kentucky.

With two victories over San Diego State and one over Loyola Marymount, the Irish headed into the Kia Classic for spring break in Fullerton, California with four wins and two losses.

The Irish then split with Purdue in a home-season opener before heading to the Purdue Tournament where they topped Kent State, Toledo and Purdue while falling to Michigan.

A win over Eastern Michigan prepped Notre Dame for its first conference games where it fell to Connecticut in game one before beginning a nine-game winning streak including Connecticut, Providence (2), Western Michigan, Villanova (2), Butler (2) and DePaul. A loss in game two against DePaul ended the streak.

Notre Dame split with future opponent Boston College and topped Loyola-Chicago before another split against Indiana State. Notre Dame then topped St. John's 7-2 and 5-0 and Seton Hall 6-2 and 5-1 to head into the Big East tournament with a top seed.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish bounce back from slow start

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

This year was quite a ride for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team.

Before the season even began, expectations were high with the Irish returning four of their five leading scorers from the 1999 season. The team's attack gained experience on the previous year's squad and is led by the scoring and play making ability of juniors Tom Glatzel and David Ulrich.

"This year we are a little more balanced offensively," Glatzel said. "We have a number of guys who can beat you."

The Irish opened up with an impressive 10-4 home victory over Penn State, but fell the next week to Penn 10-7. The Irish split their next four games, putting them at a 3-3 mark midway through the season.

With all the preseason hype, the Irish did not expect to be five hundred at this point in the season and vowed to turn things around.

"We were extremely disappointed to be 3-3 early in the year," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "We didn't feel like that was reflective of our ability."

Making it a point to return to their winning ways, the Irish came back the next week and defeated Ohio State 13-4 in an important league matchup. After this victory the Irish racked up consecutive wins over Butler, Army, Villanova, Fairfield, and Harvard, their first six-game win streak since 1996. They finished the season



LIZ LANG/The Observer

The Irish laxers are in the midst of a surprising run through the NCAA Championships, after defeating the No. 5 Loyola Greyhounds 15-13.

ranked No. 13 in the country.

"In the beginning of the season we had a couple of tough losses and we lost a little bit of our confidence," said Glatzel, the team's leading scorer. "Since Hofstra [the team's last loss] we have really been playing well and we have been playing as a team. We feel that we can beat whoever we're paired up against."

This year's trip to the NCAA Tournament marks the eighth time have been there in the past nine years. The Irish were 1-7 in their previous eight tournament appearances, but used the momentum from their last six victories to advance into the second round.

In the first round, the Irish tallied a 15-13 win over a tough Loyola team that beat the Irish earlier in the season.

Glatzel was named National Player of the Week for his four goals and three assists against Loyola.

"We have got a young team that has developed very well over the course of the year," Corrigan said. "After being down at the beginning of the season I can't help but be pleased that we came back and won six in a row and finished up as strongly as we did."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Belles slide in Roeder's final season with 4-22 record

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Although the Saint Mary's basketball team did not say goodbye to any seniors this year, it bid farewell to head coach Dave Roeder, who resigned at the end of the season after four years of low scores and high loss totals.

The team faced another difficult season in 1999-2000, finishing eighth in the MIAA with a 4-22 record.

In the MIAA tournament, Saint Mary's managed to beat No. 9 Olivet College in the first round, but lost to top-seeded Hope College in the second.

The young Belles team faced

"For Saint Mary's basketball history to change, we need a full-time coach and a full-time program."

Lynn Kachmarik
athletic director

several disappointing losses due to miscommunication and lack of preparation.

The Belles came back at season's end to finish off with a big win over Adrian College. The season-ending victory allowed the Belles to host the first game of the MIAA tournament.

The Belles had to face off

against the Flying Dutch of Hope College in the second round, and were less successful against the better-prepared team.

They dropped the game, and the season ended.

The Belles will be looking for improvement next year, especially with a new coach.

"For Saint Mary's basketball history to change, we need a full-time coach and a full-time program," said athletic director Lynn Kachmarik. "We may not be able to find someone this year, but down the road we want a full time coach."

Saint Mary's is currently looking for a new head coach to help turn around the program after four seasons laden with losses.

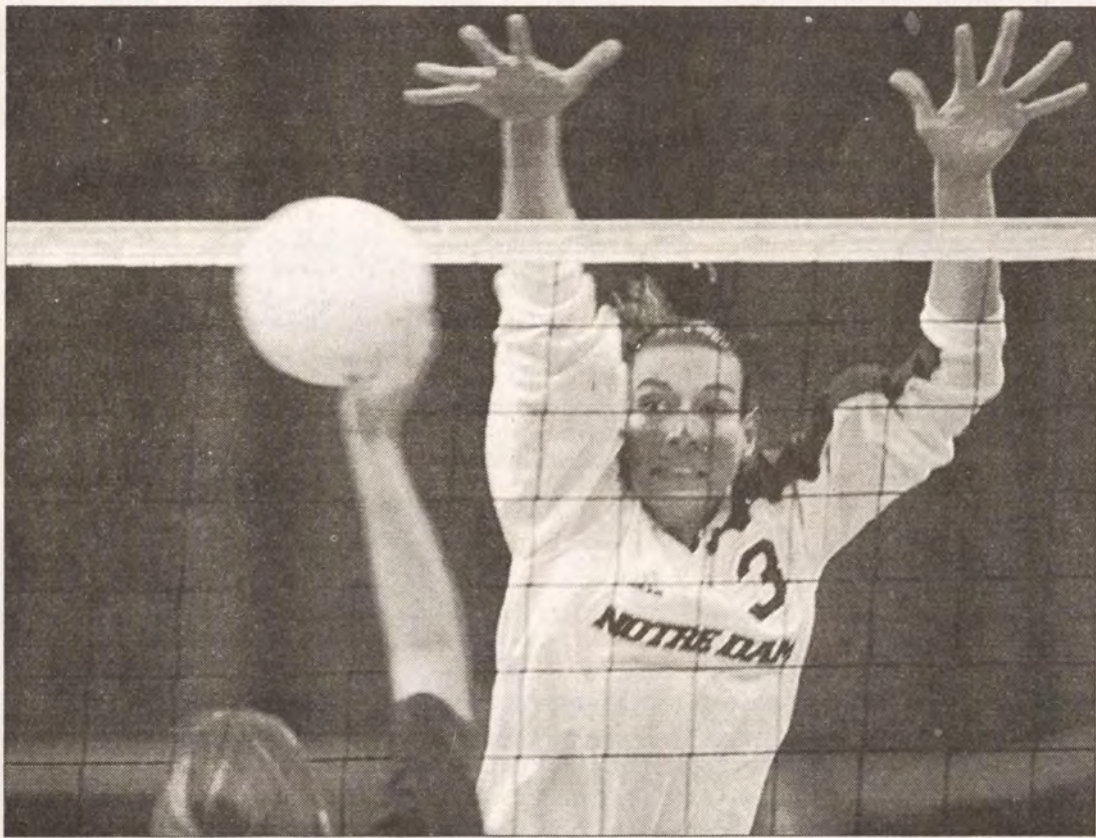


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The Belles, shown here in a pregame huddle, finished eighth in the MIAA conference with a losing record.

VOLLEYBALL

Irish netters serve up success with conference sweep



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Sophomore Malinda Goralski proves her talent as one of the squad's best blockers as she tries to stop her opponent's shot.

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

Entering the 1999 season, the Irish had five returning starters and high expectations as they prepared to repeat their long-time Big East success and advance deep into the NCAA tournament.

Instead of letting all the success and recognition go to their heads, they went out to prove that they were up to the challenge.

The Irish stormed through the competition en route to a fourth undefeated conference season, posting an impressive 11-0 mark in the conference and clinching the top seed for the Big East tournament.

The Irish achieved their success by combining great individual effort with a team effort.

Senior captain Mary Leffers and junior Christi Girtton both earned Big East Player of the Week honors during the season. Leffers

won it three times.

"Our theme was to take the season in small steps," she said. "We tried to go one game at a time. Our team was young and we did not want the overall picture to be overwhelming."

With five 1998 starters returning, the Irish had their sights set high heading into the season.

There were still some question marks, especially with the departure of Lindsey Treadwell, but they were quickly erased when the squad hit the floor.

Leffers was key for the

Irish squad. The senior middle blocker set conference records for blocking and hitting percentage.

Ranked fifth nationally in blocks per game, Leffers became the 10th player in Irish history to reach the 1,000 kill mark. She also set a school record in hitting percentage with a .303 average.

"One thing that was important was that many of our young players got to see playing time," said Leffers. "This will benefit the program. We were not successful in terms of wins and losses but many players excelled on a personal level."

The Irish had four players named to the Big East all-conference team. Junior setter Denise Boylan joined Leffers with first-team recognition, while Girtton and sophomore Kristy Kreher were both named to the second team.

After dropping the Big East final match to Georgetown, Notre Dame received an at-large bid in the West regional, where they lost to Ohio State in four grueling games, 13-15, 15-10, 16-14, and 15-7. With the elimination from the tournament, the Irish finished their season with a 20-9 record.

"When I came here we were ranked sixth in the country," Leffers said. "Obviously we did not go out as well, but I think our best years haven't even come. We have been through some ups and downs but the team is growing. The recruits coming in are supposed to be amazing which should help the program take off. Coach [Debra] Brown is trying to find the right group of players that fit the mold to do so. Maybe these next players will be the ones."

"We were not successful in terms of wins and losses but many players excelled on a personal level."

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GOLF

Irish succeed in fall, face setbacks in spring season

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Spring is the best time of the year for most golfers. After a long winter's layoff, their games begin to take shape as the world around them comes back to life. Unfortunately for the members of Notre Dame golf team, the opposite was true: The temperatures soared as their games fell apart.

"I wish I knew what happened," head coach George Thomas said. "We lost our focus and confidence. It was very disappointing. It was really a collapse, like the stock market."

In stock market terms, Notre Dame suffered a Great Depression. After a brilliant autumn, perhaps the best ever for a Notre Dame squad, the Irish fell precipitously, squandering any chance they had of making the NCAA's.

Thomas was pleasantly surprised with his troops' play as the fall season began. The Irish succeeded in blending a fine group of talented veterans with a group of younger players looking to break through, rocking the college golf world by winning the 24-team Air Force Invitational.

Led by senior captain Todd Veron, and sophomore star Steve Ratay, Notre Dame went on to claim two more titles. A late rally secured a championship at the Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate, while a dominating effort meant a win at the prestigious Louisville

Intercollegiate.

"We really played well," Thomas said. "I thought the guys were outstanding."

Success was fleeting, however. Just as quickly as the Irish had risen to 23rd in the national rankings they plummeted back to earth.

The change in play was inexplicable. A baffled Thomas was confounded by his team's poor spring play, which remains for him an enigma.

"It's a real puzzle for me," he admitted. "I dwelled on it for a while, but I still don't know where we lost it."

The Irish stumbled to a seventh place finish at the Akron Invite, a tournament they well could have won, before staggering to 13th at the Ohio State Intercollegiate.

Thomas was, however, pleased with the play of his senior captain Vernon.

"Todd played admirably; he was about the only guy who was consistent," Thomas noted.

Despite the awful spring, the Irish hoped to recover as they readied to play in the prestigious Big East Championships at home on the brand new Warren Golf Course, a facility that drew rave reviews from all participants. Those hopes were quashed as the Irish disappointed with a third place finish, ruining any chance they had of qualifying for the NCAA championships.

Instead of springing ahead, Notre Dame fell back.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers rally in Big East finale

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

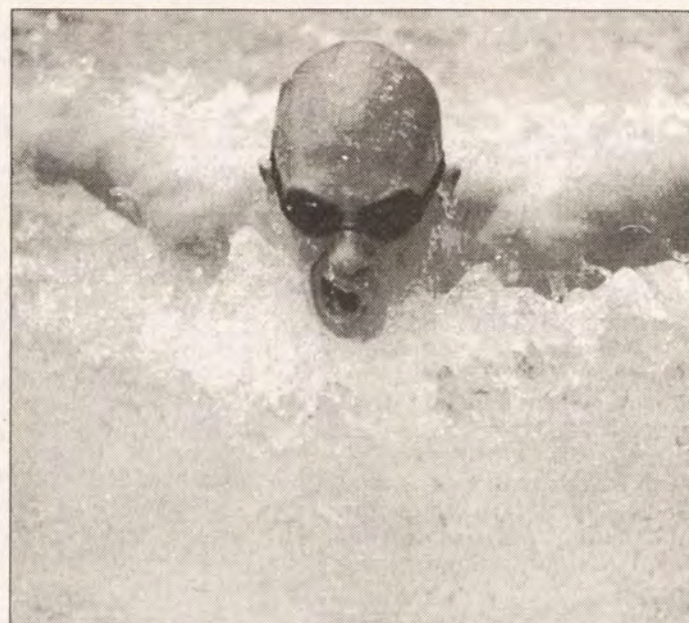
When the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team class of 2000 began their careers as freshmen, the possibility of a two-time second place finish at the Big East Swimming and Diving championships was nothing more than a dream.

But through a talented and dedicated core of men, the dream began to become a reality — one that was realized this February at the Big East championships.

"The senior class has been our catalyst here as they have been all year," head coach Tim Welsh said. "We were here as a team finishing in second place largely through their vision, dream, and commitment to swimming hard and training hard."

Senior Ray Fitzpatrick was arguably the standout of the group, capturing a Big East title in the 200 freestyle and breaking his own University record. Fitzpatrick also fueled the 200-medley relay of Brian Skorney, Michael Koss, Brendan Lechner and himself to a second place finish. The senior was also a member of the 800 freestyle relay including Jonathan Pierce, Austin Anderson and Matthew Grunewald.

Senior diver Herb Huesman also made a strong mark on the program, returning after



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Trailing Rutgers for most of the tournament, Notre Dame ended its season with a second place Big East finish.

a year-long hiatus due to surgery. Huesman, who returned to the program after the removal of a tumor from his lung, rallied to notch a fourth-place finish in the three-meter competition after a top-eight finish in the one-meter competition.

The team pulled out a second place finish in the final days of competition after chasing Rutgers on the first day of competition and holding a narrow lead for the rest of the meet.

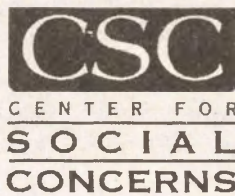
"We have a lot of pride and we worked hard," said team co-captain Sean Casey. "We

were pleased with our performance and stepped up when we needed to. When it got down to it, there was no way we were going to let anyone pass us on the last day."

Senior Tony Fonseca agreed.

"We trained too hard to let teams come back and beat us," he said. "Swimming at Notre Dame for four years has been the best experience of my life and this win only added to that."

Colleen McCarthy contributed to this article.



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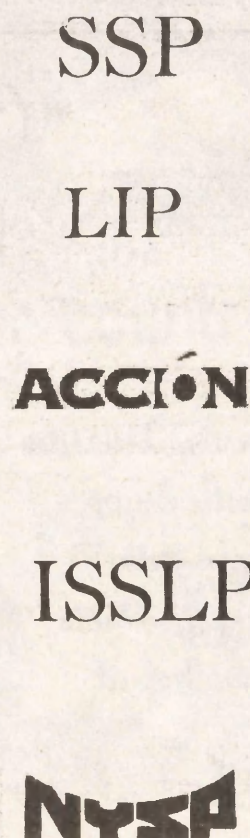
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish surprise Louderback with strong performances

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Heading into the 1999-2000 campaign, Coach Jay Louderback thought he was being realistic with his low expectations for the Notre Dame women's tennis team.

Losing many key players to graduation and facing a tough schedule, Louderback was certain that the Irish had a tough season ahead of them. Louderback will be the first to happily admit he was wrong.

"We played much better than I

thought coming in," he admitted. "We definitely overachieved."

The only problem with improved play is the heightened expectations that accompany it. Whereas Louderback initially expected little from his team, he now feels it has a great shot to advance deep into the NCAA tournament.



Dasso

Ranked in the 13th spot, the Irish came out strong in the first two rounds of the NCAAs, downing UIC and South Carolina. The Irish swept the No. 20 Gamecocks in singles and captured a No. 3 doubles win to advance to the third round of the tournament this weekend. Notre Dame's third-round berth at Pepperdine University marks the first time the Irish have made it this far since 1996.

"I think we really have a shot at making a run," said Louderback.

Louderback's confidence can be attributed to the fact that his players have performed at a high

level all season long.

Led by junior All-American Michelle Dasso, the women surged from the start of the season, trouncing highly ranked foes like William and Mary and Maryland, en route to a national ranking of 14.

Dasso overcame a fall shoulder injury to regain her All-American form, while sophomore Becky Varnum stepped up to play No. 2 singles.

"I was happy with a lot of the girls, they all stepped up," said Louderback. Senior captain Kelly Zalinski also made big contributions, becoming the school's career singles wins leader in the

process.

After playing so well throughout the season, the Irish entered Big East tournament play the favorite, only to be blown away by the Hurricanes of Miami in the final, a squad they had vanquished a week earlier.

"It was disappointing not to win there," Louderback said. "But we gave it a good run. It's a tough place to play."

As his team looks for an NCAA championship, Louderback is confident of Notre Dame's abilities.

"We've had good practices, and I think we're focused and ready to make a run," he said.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Belles rewrite history with record season

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Breaking out of history is sometimes the biggest challenge of all.

For the Saint Mary's swimming and diving team, their history was little to be proud of. No squad had topped .500 in the past decade, teams had persistent low finishes in the MIAA championships, and most of the individual records were etched into the books more than six years ago.

Add in an inconsistent coaching history, and the 1999-2000 squad had its work cut out for them.

But changes, including a squad of talented freshmen, the addition of a diving squad, and a new first-year coach changed what was once a daunting past into a suddenly sparkling future.

It was something that was difficult not to notice.

Notching victories over University of Chicago and Olivet College during the regular season, and marginal losses to Albion, Calvin and Alma College, Saint Mary's established itself as

a team no longer to be taken lightly in the MIAA.

That realization hit home for many of the teams during the conference Swimming and Diving Championships at Rof's Aquatic Center February 10-12, where the Belles found themselves in a hotly contested fight for fourth place.

"The statement that we made was that we're a talented, hard-working swim team that is really just in its beginning stages," head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt said. "With such a strong beginning, and such a strong base of talented swimmers, we can go so far with that. We have such a promising future."

Beyond simply improving in the MIAA, however, the Belles proved that this year's squad that would rewrite Saint Mary's history, etching seven new records in the school's record board.

Senior co-captain Michelle Samreta closed out her collegiate career setting her fourth new mark in the 100-yard breaststroke, while junior Colleen Sullivan, the 1999-2000 Most Valuable Swimmer, set a new school mark both in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Freshman Lauren Smith also set a new school record in the 200 breaststroke.

The 400 medley relay team of freshman Lane Herrington, sophomore Alicia Lesneskie, sophomore Danielle Clayton and senior Michelle Samreta re-set their own record from earlier in the season.

Entering next year with a strong base of returning swimmers and a solid core of freshman recruits, the future continues to look bright, even in the absence of graduating seniors.

Samreta, a co-captain for the past three years and one of the hallmarks of the team for the past four years, will be the lone graduating senior on the squad.

"Words can't really explain the hole that she'll leave," Hildebrandt said. "She has left her spirit and enthusiasm for the program behind, and a lot of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors caught on. She'll still be living through what she's made out of the team."

But no matter what, the team's biggest lesson in 1999-2000 was that sometimes, rewriting history isn't as hard as it looks.

"There really isn't any limit," Hildebrandt said. "With one year under my belt, I have such positive feelings from this year. I'm so excited about what next year is going to bring."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tarheels edge Irish again in Women's College Cup



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Junior forward Meotis Erikson (No. 10) paced the Irish offense as it blazed a trail to the finals of the NCAA Women's College Cup, where Notre Dame fell 2-0 to North Carolina.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Under first-year head coach Randy Waldrum, the Notre Dame women's soccer team returned to the NCAA Women's College Cup and advanced to the finals for the first time since 1996 before falling to North Carolina, 2-0.

The loss to North Carolina closed out the careers of some of the best women ever to don the Blue and Gold. Defender Jen Grubb became the first four-year first team All-Big East player in the history of the conference. She was also named a third team All-American by National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She is the second Irish player ever to be named an All-American four times.

Senior forward Jenny Streiffer was also named to the first team All-Big East team and a third-team All-American. Streiffer also became the second woman to score 70 goals and 70 assists in her career. Only national team star Mia Hamm has accomplished this feat before.

Joining Streiffer on the Big East first team was senior Jenny Heft who set a new Irish record with 80 goals in her career.

Senior LaKeysia Beene stood strong in the net for the Irish with a 1.00 goals against average and 7 1/2 shutouts. Beene was named to the second team All-Big East. Senior defender Kara Brown was also named to

the second team All-Big East. The seniors opened the season with a 3-2 heart-breaking double overtime loss to North Carolina.

Carolina when Meredith Florance scored for the Tar Heels in the 114th minute.

After the loss to the Tar Heels the Irish responded with a dominating 4-1 win over the Duke Blue Devils. The Irish next rolled to three-straight wins before falling to Southern Methodist, 1-0.

Regrouping from the disappointing loss to SMU, the Irish finished the year winning 11 of their last 12. Their only loss was a 4-2 defeat at the hands of No. 1 Santa Clara on the Broncos' home turf.

The Irish cruised through the Big East tournament defeating Miami and Seton 5-0 in the quarter- and semi-finals. In the finals, the Irish built a 3-1 lead on the Connecticut Huskies and held on despite blustery conditions to win 4-2. The victory gave the Irish their fifth straight Big East Conference Championship.

The Irish grounded the Dayton Flyers in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 5-1. In the second round, the Irish faced a stiff challenge from the Stanford Cardinal. After 81 scoreless minutes, sophomore Mia Sarkesian broke the tie when she fired a failed Cardinal attempt clear into the upper right corner of the net.

Just minutes later, however, Ronnie Fair, one of the best players in the country, was awarded a penalty kick

for the Cardinal. Fair's kick, however, hit both goalposts before bouncing away from the net. The Irish defense held on in the final minutes to preserve the 1-0 win.

The Irish next traveled to Lincoln, Neb., to face the Cornhuskers — a team Notre Dame had eliminated from the NCAA tournament each of the previous two years. The Irish started quickly as Streiffer scored just 90 seconds into the game to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. Nebraska answered the goal 16 minutes later to knot the game at 1.

After the opening offensive burst both defenses settled down and the game remained scoreless for the next 1 hour and 32 minutes of game time. After four overtimes without a goal, the game went to a shoot-out. Junior defender Kelly Lindsey scored the converted sixth Irish penalty kick and Beene stopped Nebraska's sixth attempt to give the Irish a 4-3 win in penalty kicks. The game was the longest in NCAA tournament history and sent the Irish back to the Women's College Cup for the first time since 1997.

The Irish got their revenge against the Broncos in the semifinals as freshman Ali Lovelace came off the bench to score the only goal of the game. The 1-0 loss marked the first time the Broncos had been shut out all season.

In the finals, the Irish managed just two shots on goal as Florance once again scored the game winner for the Tar Heels.

FENCING

Comeback falls three points short in NCAA Championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The 2000 fencing team will be remembered for its nearly incredible comeback on the last two days of competition at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships only to fall three points short and finish second for the fifth consecutive year.

After the women's competition on the first two days of the Championships, the Irish stood in fourth and trailed eventual champion Penn State by 26 points. A combination of nerves and inexperience contributed to Notre Dame's slow start. Of the six women competing in the Championships, five of them were fencing for the title for the first time. Only senior Magda Krol had previously chased a championship for the Irish.

Krol did not disappoint as she finished fifth and became the fourth Irish woman to earn All-American honors four times. None of the other women finished higher than ninth.

Freshman foilist Liza Boutsikaris was named an honorable mention All-American for her 12th-place finish. The freshman

epeeists, Anna Carnick and Meagan Call, took home a pair of honorable mention All-American honors with ninth- and 12th-place finishes respectively.

Freshman sabrewoman Natalia Mazur finished 10th to win honorable mention All-American honors as well. Junior sabre captain Carianne McCullough finished 19th in her first Championships.

When the men took the strip on Saturday, it appeared that Penn State had already wrapped up its sixth-straight championship. And while the Nittany Lions did end up taking home the crown, it was not before they received a scare and a sound beating at the hands of the Irish.

Behind the talents of three freshman, two sophomores and a junior, the Irish quickly closed the gap. Paced by freshman Ozren Debic and sophomore Gabor Szelle, who each won 20 bouts, the men roared back into second place.

While the deficit to Penn State proved to be too great to overcome, the men did defeat the Nittany Lions in nine of the 12 head-to-head bouts.

While the foil team split

its four bouts against Penn State, the epee team won three out of the four.

The sabre squad soundly defeated Penn State 4-0. The Irish sabre squad finished with 37 wins as junior Andrzej Bednarski won 17 bouts to go with Szelle's 20. The 37 wins easily made the Irish the best sabre team in the country.

Szelle also captured Notre Dame's first individual title since 1998 as he defeated Jakub Krochmalski of Wayne State to win the sabre title. Bednarski finished as a second team All-American.

Debic's bid to become the second Irish individual champion at the tournament fell just short as he lost in the foil finals to Stanford's Felix Reichling. Fellow freshman foilist Forest Walton finished 14th in the Championships with 14 wins.

In epee, freshman Jan Viviani finished third with a 15-12 win against Doran Levit in the consolation round. Viviani had previously lost to eventual champion Alex Royblat 7-6 in overtime in the semifinals.

In his second trip to the Championships, sophomore Brian Casas won just nine bouts.



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Freshman epeeist Jan Viviani placed third in the NCAA Championships. The Notre Dame fencing team staged a dramatic comeback, but wound up placing second for the fifth straight year.

TRACK AND FIELD

Shay, Klemmer pace Irish in run for NCAA championship

By BRIAN BURKE and
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Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams entered the outdoor season with considerable talent and high expectations. They filled out those expectations with a conference-leading season and national qualifying performances.

The ability of the Irish was evident in the first week when the men's and women's squads split up to compete at the Arizona State Invitational and Stanford Invitational. Between the two meets, seven Notre Dame men and one woman qualified for the NCAA Championships. Among those were Ryan Shay, who qualified automatically in the 10,000 meters and Phil Mishka in the 800 meters for the men, and Alison Klemmer in the 10,000 for the women.

The following week, in a home scoring meet the men's 4 x 100-meter relay team of Chris Cochran Travis Davey, Tom Gilbert and Marshaun West broke the school record with a time of 40.22 seconds. The women also set several school records, including Jamie Volkmer who broke school records in both the pole vault and triple jump.

After a week off due to harsh weather, the Fighting Irish traveled to Walnut, Calif. for the prestigious Mt. SAC relays.

The top performance for Notre

Dame once again had to be Shay, who broke an 11-year school record in the 10,000 and qualified for the Olympic Trials in the process. Shay also is ranked as the second best runner nationally in the 10,000, but his Olympic Trials qualifying mark has changed his training plans slightly.

"Now I have to kind of train through nationals and focus on peaking at the Olympic Trials," Shay said. "There are a handful of collegiate runners who will be running in the trials, so they'll be going through the same thing."

The men's squad stormed to its first-ever Big East Outdoors Championships after being the runners-up a year ago and at this season's indoor title meet. The women, meanwhile, took third place at the Big East Outdoors Championships for the second year in a row.

"That was probably the single achievement that I've been most proud of in my four years," middle-distance runner Mishka said. "We talk about that [as a goal] every day at practice, after warmups and at meets. We're always focused on winning the Big East."

Notre Dame coaches Joe Piane, Tim Connelly, John Millar and Scott Winsor earned Big East Outdoor Staff of the Year for their team's performances.

"That was a lot of fun," Piane said. "The seniors really were committed. They dedicated everything to that. We had been knocking on the door of the Big

East for years. By winning by 53 points, I think we kicked down the door."

Among the top performers were the men's 4 x 100-meter relay team which finished first and set a Big East meet record. Senior high jumper Jennifer Engelhardt also set a Big East meet record in claiming her third Big East title, with a mark of 5 feet 11 inches. The jump earned her a provisional qualification for the NCAA Championships.

Seniors Mishka and Tim Kober rank among the top 10 800 runners in the nation, heading into the final weekend of NCAA qualifications. Long jumper West, distance runner Alison Klemmer, 400-meter runner Liz Grow and men's steeplechase runner Luke Watson, long jumper Tameisha King, high jumper Engelhardt, Shay and Marc Striowski in the 10,000, Antonio Arce in the 5,000-meter run, and Mishka and Kober in the 800 have all met provisional or automatic qualifying standards for the national meet.

Indoors, the Irish qualified four athletes for nationals in the distance medley relay. Cochran, Kober, Mishka and Watson placed sixth in the championships for All-American status. During the indoor season, they also set a school record of 9:38.15.

At the Big East Indoors Championships, the men took second to Georgetown while the women placed sixth.



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Kristen Flood (center) and the women's team placed third in the Big East championship.



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FOOTBALL

Trouble on, off field leads to disappointing finish

◆ Notre Dame ends season winless on road

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

After claiming National Championships in 1977 and 1988 under third-year head coaches, expectations were high for the '99 Notre Dame football team.

The Irish looked to close out the 1990s on a high note, reaffirming their claim as the team of the century. However, a banged-up squad playing the third-toughest schedule in the country led to an up-and-down season that resulted in an 0-5 road record and a 5-7 overall mark — the school's first seven loss season since 1963.

Also, off the field problems that led to player suspensions and the NCAA's decision to put Notre Dame on probation combined to make '99 a season to forget.

"I wish I could tell you what went wrong this season," senior cornerback Deveron Harper said following the Boston College game. "This isn't the way I wanted to go out."

However, the Irish started off on the right foot with a 48-13 victory over the Kansas Jayhawks in the Eddie Robinson Classic. Sophomore Tony Fisher rushed for 111 yards in his first career start at tailback and Notre Dame reeled off 28 unanswered points to pull away.

The upcoming weeks didn't bode as well for the Irish. Heartbreaking road losses to Michigan and Purdue sent Notre Dame into a downward spiral.

The Irish traveled to the Big House and took a 22-19 lead over the No. 7 Wolverines with just over four minutes remaining. Quarterback Jarious Jackson hit tight-end Jabari Holloway for a 20-yard touchdown pass on fourth down and then connected with Bobby Brown for the two-point conversion. But 15-yard excessive celebration and late-hit penalties allowed Michigan to drive down the field for the go-ahead touchdown. The Irish tried to answer and reached the Wolverine 11-yard line, only to see time run out.

"It was a battle," head coach Bob Davie said following the game. "Two teams battled hard. One team

didn't play extremely smart and that team didn't win."

A similar scenario played itself out a week later in West Lafayette, Ind. The Irish jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but Drew Brees and the Boilermakers battled back to take a 22-16 lead in the third quarter. They led 28-23 in the fourth, but a solid punt return by freshman Julius Jones had Notre Dame knocking on the door. The Irish quickly moved the ball down to the 9-yard line with just over a minute remaining, but clock management once again led to their downfall. A busted play on third down resulted in a nine-yard loss and the Irish weren't able to set up for another play before

"It's disappointing because once again we beat ourselves. We're right there ready to put the ball in and we didn't capitalize."

Tony Fisher
Irish running back



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Tony Fisher dodges a tackle in Notre Dame's win over Oklahoma in October. The Irish edged out the Sooners 34-30 at Notre Dame Stadium.

time expired.

"It's disappointing because once again we beat ourselves," Tony Fisher said after the game. "We're right there ready to put the ball in and we didn't capitalize."

A dejected Notre Dame returned home only to see Michigan State run away with a 23-13 victory that dropped the Irish to 1-3 on the season.

"We're a young team with a tough schedule," Davie said following the game. "We're sitting here at 1-3. It's a reality. You keep plugging along and try to see the light and the end of the tunnel and try to win some games."

The ensuing bye week and home schedule would turn out to be just what the doctor ordered. Notre Dame bounced back with thrilling come-from-behind victories against Oklahoma and rival USC and also recorded wins over Navy and Arizona State. The Irish trailed the undefeated Sooners 30-14 early in the third quarter, but racked up 566 yards of offense and scored three touchdowns in under 13 minutes to pull out the win.

"This was a huge win for us because of the way we won," Davie said after the game. "We played a good football team and we fought through a situation we have been in for three weeks and we won."

A week later, the Irish scorched the Sun Devils 48-17 to even their record at 3-3.

The Irish then hosted the Trojans and overcame a 24-3 third-quarter deficit to produce the greatest comeback in Notre Dame Stadium history.

The Midshipmen were the next team to fall victim to the soaring Irish. Freshman tailback Jones racked up 146 yards rushing and Notre Dame rushed for 324 yards as a

team en route to a 28-24 victory. The Irish once again trailed in the fourth quarter, but a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Jay Johnson sealed the win with 36 seconds left.

The upbeat Irish then traveled to Tennessee to take on the defending national champions. Notre Dame kept it close in the first half, but the speedy and talented Volunteers put together a brilliant second half and ran away with a 38-14 victory.

"That game was played at a different speed by the team in orange," Davie said following the game. "They have a lot of weapons on that team from top to bottom. That's an impressive team."

The Irish didn't fare much better the following week, suffering an embarrassing 37-27 loss to Pittsburgh in the final game at Pitt Stadium. Brown had a career-day, racking up 208 receiving yards, but the Irish couldn't come away with the victory.

"I told our team to call it what it is; we got whipped," Davie said. "I'm just embarrassed that we didn't play better."

The season couldn't come to an end soon enough for the humbled Irish, especially after an injury-plagued Notre Dame team saw its comeback effort against Boston College fall short. The Eagles avenged

1998's heartbreaking loss with a 31-29 victory on the Irish's home turf. Notre Dame's bowl hopes were dashed and the seniors were unable to taste victory in their final home game.

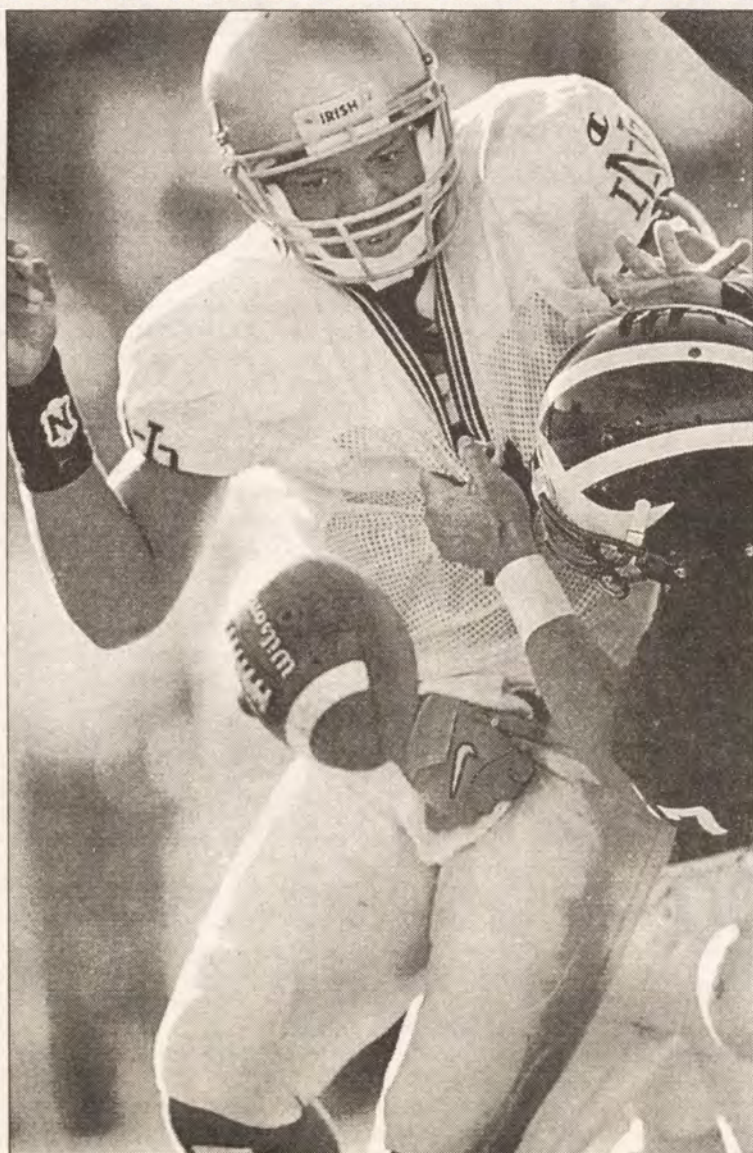
The Irish closed out the regular season with a road trip to California to take on Rose Bowl bound Stanford. Once again the Irish battled, only to see their spirits dashed with a game-winning 22-yard field goal by Stanford's Mike Biselli.

"We thought we had a real good chance to win these last few games, but unfortunately we came up on the short end of them," Fisher said following the 40-37 loss to the Cardinal.

In a season where it seemed nothing could go right for the Irish, one senior quietly put together one of the best seasons by a Notre Dame quarterback in school history.

Jackson completed a 184-of-316 passes for 2753 yards, setting school records in all three categories. The two-year starter, a seventh round pick of the Denver Broncos, was also the lone Irish player selected in the 2000 NFL Draft.

The departure of Jackson will be a big blow to the 2000 Irish squad, but the promise of players like Arnaz Battle and tailback Jones has Davie assured that the future of Notre Dame football in the new century will be just as bright as it was in the 1990s.



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The Irish struggled early in the season, failing to 1-3 on the season before finishing with a 5-7 record.

Bball

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the season, it seemed the Irish beat the teams they weren't supposed to be able to compete with and lost to the teams they were supposed to defeat. Wins over St. John's and Seton Hall and completing the season sweep of UConn boosted Notre Dame's stock for an at-large NCAA tournament berth, but devastating defeats at the hands of conference basement dwellers Pittsburgh and Providence as well as lopsided losses to Rutgers and Villanova proved to be fatal to Notre Dame's NCAA tournament hopes.

The Irish came close to knocking off the Syracuse Orangemen and Miami Hurricanes, but they fell short in their attempt to pick up the one more quality win that could earn them a berth. The Irish finished off the regular season with 77-54 win over the Georgetown Hoyas to post a school best 8-8 conference mark.

The Irish built confidence

when they avenged a regular season loss to the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in the first round of the Big East tournament. The win marked the school's first-ever conference tournament victory in five tries.

"It was a good motivator that we got Rutgers as a draw," senior point guard Dillon said. "There was a sense of payback and our team was up for it."

Miami, however, once again played the spoiler, as the Hurricanes held on to defeat the Irish for the third time this season and ousted Notre Dame from the tourney.

The Irish eagerly anticipated the school's first NCAA tournament berth since 1990, but selection Sunday didn't go as Notre Dame hoped. Doherty's squad had to settle for a NIT bid.

Notre Dame used the NCAA tourney snub as a motivator.

"We want to prove the Committee wrong by not letting us into the NCAA tournament," sophomore center Harold Swanagan said. "We're out to prove something. That's our mindset every game. We're going to go out there and play our hardest and show everybody that we could have played in the Tournament. They made

a mistake."

The Irish pulled out hard-fought victories over Michigan, Xavier and BYU to advance to the Final Four.

Notre Dame routed Penn State in the semifinals, but saw its Cinderella season come to a disappointing end with a 71-61 loss to Wake Forest in the title game.

"The thing about this team is that we never quit," Graves said after the game. "We were down 16, 18 and we came back and brought it to five. A couple shots here and there it's a different ball game but, that's the way it goes. We are happy about this year."

Murphy was the only player in the country to finish in the top 10 in both scoring and rebounding. He was honored as the Big East Player of the Year and named a first-team All-American. Following the season, the sensational sophomore announced that he will return for his junior year.

Dillon set a school record for assists and Graves broke the school's mark for 3 pointers made in a season.

Whether it was Dillon's two-handed slam over Erick Barkley, Ivan Kartelo's block of Albert Mouring or David Graves' buzzer beater against Ohio State, this year's Irish squad will be remembered for many things. But most of all, they will go down as the team that put Irish basketball back on the map.

"I told them, I said they'll have a special place in my heart," Doherty said. "You don't ever want to say one team's going to be more special than another. It's like saying one child's more special than another and that's not fair. But it's going to be tough for some team to steal my heart like this team did."

BASEBALL

Sluggers record best season in recent years

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team finished off one of its strongest regular seasons in recent memory Sunday afternoon, defeating Big East Conference champion Rutgers 10-6 at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish finished the season 42-14, only the second time ever that the Irish have posted 42 or more regular season wins. Their 18-7 mark in the Big East left the Irish one win over Rutgers away from the Big East regular season championship. Coming into the season, the Irish returned many starters, but also had many questions.

After losing leading hitters Brant Ust and Jeff Wagner, the returning Big East champions faced a lack of power in the lineup. Those concerns were answered with the emergence of freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky. Stavisky, led the Irish with 14 home runs and 126 total bases while batting anywhere from second to sixth in the lineup.

Also posing a concern for head coach Paul Mainieri was the state of the team's starting pitching. All-American junior Aaron Heilman and veteran

starter Scott Cavey were proven commodities, but the remainder of the staff was untested. Freshman J.P. Gagne posted a 7-1 mark as the third starter, while classmate Matt Laird went 5-2.

In the season's final game, junior Danny Tamayo, who had not pitched in two years following surgery, picked up a win over Rutgers.

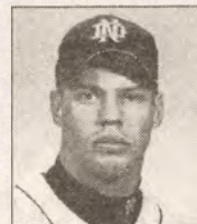
Heilman, one of the two highest-ranked college pitchers in the country, and Cavey provided the dominance that was to be expected on the mound.

After struggling in his first start, Heilman returned to post a 10-game winning streak, including a 18-strikeout game over Connecticut. Cavey posted a 5-2 record while pitching exclusively in tournaments and the competitive weekend games against Big East opponents.

Three veterans led the Irish offense. Junior shortstop Alec Porzel finished third in the Big East in hits with 73, while his 50 RBI led the Irish. Senior Matt Nussbaum, a former walk-on, drove in 34 runs while splitting time between left field and catcher.

Senior Jeff Felker, voted the best defensive first baseman in the Big East, batted .303 and added six home runs, including a thrilling game-winner over St. John's on April 30.

The Irish take on the Boston College Eagles today in the first round of Big East Tournament play. The game is at 4:30 and will be broadcast on the Internet at www.und.com.



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10 BIGGEST SPORTS STORIES

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of the 1996-2000 academic years



November 20, 1996

Holtz leaves Notre Dame

After 11 years as head football coach, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to Knute Rockne's 105 victories.

Despite consistent successes over the course of his career at Notre Dame, his only national championship came in 1988 when the Irish defeated West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl to complete a 12-0 season.

Holtz led the Irish to near misses in 1989 and 1993 but a loss to the Miami Hurricanes and a last second Boston College field goal spoiled any hopes of a second title.

Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.

2 Irish hire Doherty



After an exhaustive search by athletic director Michael Wadsworth, former Kansas assistant coach Matt Doherty was named head coach of the men's basketball team.

Doherty became the 16th men's basketball coach in school history following John McLeod's resignation.

Mar. 31, 1999

3 Women's hoops reach Final Four



Led by seniors Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, the Irish women's basketball team defeated favored George Washington in the NCAA regional finals to gain the team's first Final Four berth.

In the Final Four, Notre Dame made an early exit, losing to Tennessee.

Mar. 7, 1997

4 Wadsworth resigns as athletic director



After a five-year reign as Notre Dame athletic director, Michael Wadsworth resigned from his position.

At the same time of Wadsworth's resignation, University President Edward Malloy announced his plan to restructure the administrative responsibilities of the athletic department.

Feb. 8, 2000

5 Davie takes the helm



Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie accepted the head coaching job less than one week after Lou Holtz announced his resignation.

Davie is only the second head coach to be hired within the ranking of the Irish staff. He became the 26th head football coach in school history.

Nov. 25, 1996

6 ND upsets UConn for second time



Irish fans rallied behind the men's basketball team as they earned their second upset over defending national champion UConn at home, 68-66.

Center Ivan Kartelo made a key block in the final seconds to secure the Irish victory. The Irish earned their first win over UConn on the road in January.

Feb. 14, 2000

7 Saint Mary's joins MIAA conference



Saint Mary's officially joined the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), the oldest collegiate athletic conference in the United States.

This decision came as part of Saint Mary's effort to improve its athletic program. Saint Mary's became the eighth college to join the conference.

Aug. 25, 1999

8 Berticelli dies of heart attack at 48



Irish men's soccer head coach Mike Berticelli died suddenly of a heart attack.

Berticelli, 48, coached the Irish for 10 of his 23 years as a head coach and compiled a 104-80-19 overall record. Berticelli led his team to the 1996 Big East Championship title and three NCAA tournament appearances.

Jan. 26, 2000

9 Renovated stadium opens



After two years and \$50 million of construction, Notre Dame stadium was rededicated with 21,000 new seats, a new press box and a new facade. The House that Rockne Built increased its capacity to 80,016. Notre Dame beat Georgia Tech in the first game of the new stadium in front of a sold-out crowd.

Sept. 5, 1997

10 Kachmarik accepts position



Saint Mary's announced Lynn Kachmarik will replace Jan Travis as the new athletic director.

Kachmarik left her position as assistant athletic director at Bucknell in order to accept the position at Saint Mary's. She announced one of her first goals is to increase alumnae support of Belle athletics.

Sept. 3, 1999

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish suffer first losing season

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team ended its 2000 season with a 5-10 record, marking its first losing season in the team's four year history.

"I feel like we faced a lot of challenges," coach Tracy Coyne said. "I've never had a losing season as a head coach. It's going to give us a renewed sense of commitment to accomplish our goals."

The Irish competed this season for the first time in the squad's history without a senior class.

Relying heavily on the leadership of the junior and sophomore classes, the Irish also needed a strong freshman class to fill in the gaps. Four of the 11 first-year Irish started five games or more.

"Our team was pretty balanced. We had a lot of freshmen in the lineup," Coyne said.

Danielle Shearer led the attacking youngsters, finishing second on the team with 31 points, 21 goals, and 10 assists.

"It takes a lot of hard work to be a varsity player at this school," sophomore tri-cap-

tain Kathryn Lam said. "That's just awesome."

Junior tri-captains Lael O'Shaughnessy and Kathryn Perrella led the attack corps, stepping in for the absent senior class.

"This is the third season with recruits on the team," Coyne said. "That's where we are in terms of the program. The juniors on the team are from the first recruiting class. I think they did a great job."

O'Shaughnessy finished first on the team in points and goals for the second year in a row, totaling 27 goals and 34 points in 15 games and passed the century mark for goals in the team's 12-10 loss to Harvard. According to Coyne, O'Shaughnessy's formidable 1999 totals made her a defensive target for other teams.

"[O'Shaughnessy] excels in many aspects of the game," Coyne said. "Scoring her 100 goals is pretty awesome."

If the offense struggled this season, the defense shone. Starting in all 15 games for the Irish this season, Lam was named team's Most Valuable Player. She led the defense with 62 groundballs, causing 35 turnovers while only allowing 12 and winning 17 draw controls.

"We learned a lot about each other throughout the

season, [in] all the adverse situations," Lam said. "Everybody worked together. We're building a program here. We're trying to establish ourselves."

The level of difficulty has risen each season in the four years that the women's lacrosse program has had varsity status at Notre Dame.

"Each year the schedule was set for where we were as a team," Coyne said. "This is by far our most competitive schedule. Every game we went out there and did our best. I think the schedule for next year will be another step up."

One advantage of a team with no seniors is that all the starters return.

Not only that, the Irish also had the services of three goalies, juniors Tara Durkin and Carrie Marshall as well as

White.

Durkin saw the majority of action this year, finishing with a .548 save percentage and an 11.11 GAA, starting in all Irish contests.

Marshall, last year's starter, played in two games this season, finishing with a .875 save percentage and 2.26 GAA.

"We're definitely excited about [keeping all our players]," Lam said. "It's an added plus for our team."

"I've never had a losing season as a head coach. It's going to give us a renewed sense of commitment to accomplish our goals"

Tracy Coyne
head coach



Coyne

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finish since joining the league. She placed second in the high jump in both the Big East Indoors and Outdoors Championships.

The Battle Creek, Mich., native leads her team not only with top-notch performances but a positive attitude. The senior was selected as a team captain for her hard work ethic, on-field accomplishments and academic excellence as a biology and education double major.

"She'll do anything you ask her," field events coach Scott Winsor said midway through the season. "She's very conscientious. She works hard,

and I think she puts in as much time as she's physically capable of. She's a pleasure to work with."

Engelhardt is the only female Domer ever to clear the six-foot barrier. She did so with a 6 3/4 foot jump at the Mt. SAC Relays last fall, and repeated the accomplishment last weekend.

With only one meet left to run in a Notre Dame uniform, Engelhardt is moving on but not giving up track and field. She holds out hopes of qualifying for the Olympics in her post-Blue and Gold days.

"The Olympic Trials are right over the horizon," Engelhardt said. "That would be my ultimate goal. It's like the next step up. I think it [jumping] is something I'm not going to be able to put down."

Sachire

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player Ryan Wolters (6-2, 6-2).

In his sophomore season, Sachire continued to be a driving force behind the Irish squad, vaulting into the top-20 national rankings and earning his first of three All-American honors. With the award, Sachire became the first Notre Dame All-American since 1994.

"My improvement is due to the great coaching and great facilities that Notre Dame provided," said Sachire. "With the combination of indoor and outdoor courts and training room you'd be hard pressed to find a better place to practice. And as far as coaching goes, coach [Bob] Bayliss and [Michael] Morgan are two of the best in the country."

In his junior year Sachire again broke records, becoming Notre Dame's first two-time singles All-American since 1992. But his top-20 ranking and numerous awards were not enough. Sachire strove to be better. And Bayliss proved to be a pivotal factor in that goal.

"Coach Bayliss has defi-

nately had the biggest impact on my career," said Sachire. "When I came in ranked 20 that was good. It sounds good, but not elite. The biggest improvement in my life came from working with Coach Bayliss. All of a sudden, my game just jumped to a new level."

In his final season sporting an Irish uniform, Sachire excelled to even greater levels. Nationally ranked at the No. 9 spot, Sachire's commanding presence on the court and his guidance off the court has been key for his young team.

"We had a young team and some lack of experience, but we improved throughout the year," said Sachire. "We played our best tennis in May and even though we fell short to Miami and UCLA in the end, we lost to two very good teams."

As his collegiate tennis career will come to a close after the NCAA tournament, it's hard to determine whether Sachire will miss Notre Dame more, or if Notre Dame will miss Sachire more.

"I love Notre Dame," said the graduating senior. "I'd give anything to be a freshman again and be able to do it all over again."



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SAINT MARY'S ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Bill defines Belles' athletics through consistent play

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Consistency has been the key to the successes that Saint Mary's athletics have had and senior volleyball player Agnes Bill is the definition of quiet consistency.

Bill has started for the Belles each of her four years, typically at outside hitter, and has led the team in kills every one of those seasons.

"[Bill] is a good passer, a good defensive player, just a good all-around player," said Rhanda Shields, former head coach. "She is a player that has never really struggled in any area. She was always a go-to person."

Bill, a two-time first team All-MIAA honoree, has recorded more than 300 kills in each of her four seasons. She was awarded the Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1999 and named the Belles' Most Valuable Player for the 1998 season. She was also MIAA Player of the Week in October, 1998.

"No matter who the competition is, you have to go 110 percent," Bill said.

Bill has focused on the success of the team in her four seasons, and explained that being part of that group is what has motivated her throughout her career.

"Volleyball is one of those sports you can play for life," she said. "I really enjoy the intensity of the game and being part of a team. I always try to motivate the other people on the team."

Shields saw the emphasis Bill put on teamwork throughout the season.

"Agnes had the winning attitude to do what it took to win," she said. "She was very team oriented; that came first."

Fellow teammate Mary Rodovich sees more than a mere team player in Bill.

"Even though she wants the best for the team, she also wants to improve herself," Bill said. "She is most definitely a team player, though."

When asked what she does to motivate herself, she explained that she simply concentrates on improving her mastery of the basic skills of volleyball in every game.

"I just motivate myself by really concentrating on my form," she said.

Rodovich could not quite put her finger on what made Bill so successful, however.

"I don't know what it is about Agnes," Rodovich said. "She just has this natural fire in her that drives her to do her best and do the best for the team. It just must be something inside of her."

Bill's leadership on the court often came in her ability to step up and make the kill or the dig at a key moment in a game. She either led or finished second in digs for the team each season, always recording more than 300. Bill recorded an uncommon 20 kills and 20 digs in a November loss to Kalamazoo College.

Her leadership, however, extended well beyond her playing ability.

"She's very dedicated and brings so much energy to the court," Rodovich said. "She's very determined."

Aside from her leadership on the court, Bill was the athletic commissioner for Saint Mary's Board of Governance and a team captain for her junior and senior years.

"She played for four years and, by her senior year, she had developed good leadership skills where everyone looked up to her,"

Shields said.

Bill explained that the experiences as an athlete at Saint Mary's have

helped her leadership skills. The competition and teamwork have helped prepare her for the world she will enter after graduation.

"[Being an athlete] really helps you develop into a person," Bill said. "It helps you

with time management, working with others and being able to communicate with all different ages."

Aside from the skills, both athletic and academic, that Bill will take with her from Saint Mary's, she explained that she will take much more than memories from her college career.

"Most importantly, I'll take the friendships I've developed both through sports and in my classes," she said. "I've made so many friends from all over the

"No matter who the competition is, you have to go 110 percent."

Agnes Bill
Saint Mary's Athlete of the Year

country."

Bill attended Badin High School in Hamilton, Ohio and will graduate with a degree in communications. After graduation, she will begin a job in advertising for the Discovery Channel.



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior volleyball player Agnes Bill was a two-time first team All-MIAA honoree, and won the 1999 Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete award.

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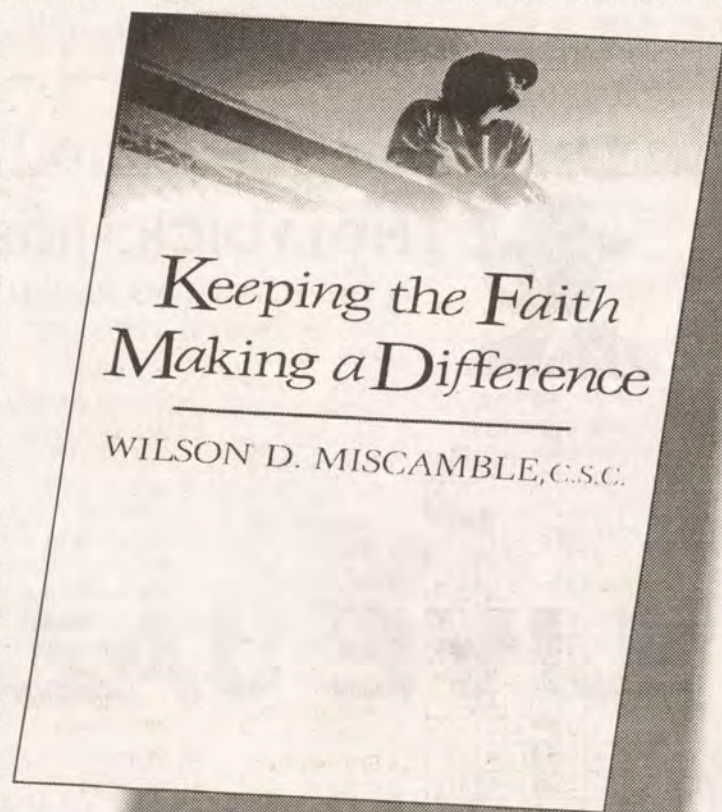
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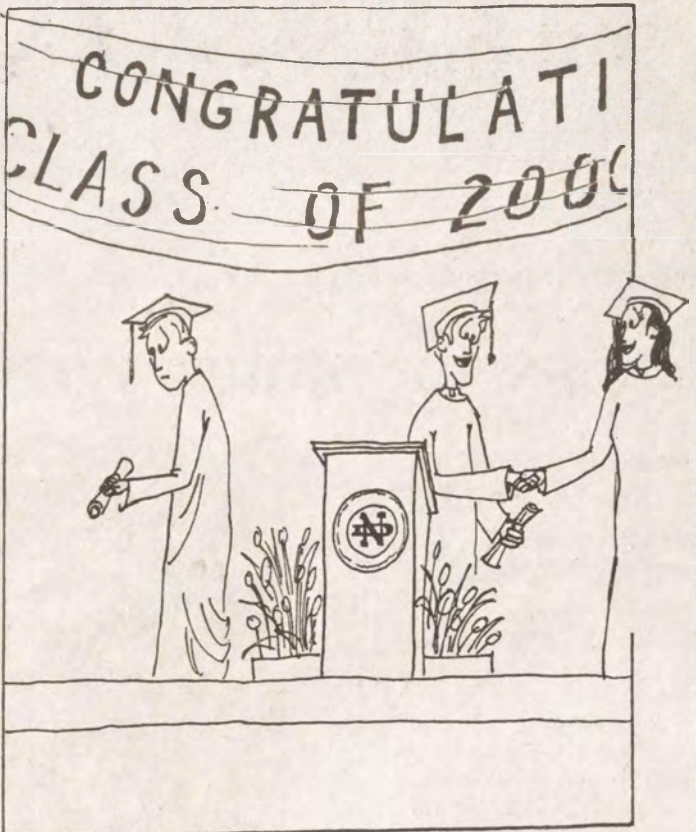
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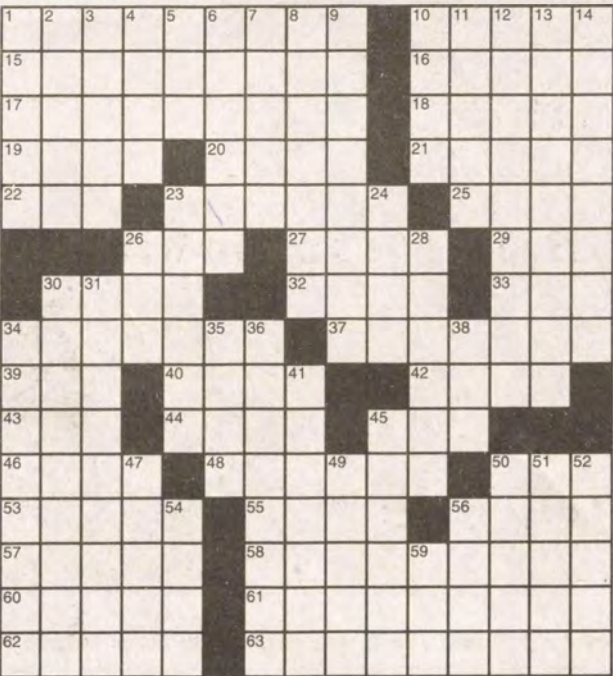
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Circumstances regarding your partner's finances will take you by surprise. You will have to handle money matters with kid gloves. This is not the time to condemn others for their actions. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Love connections can be made. Get out with peers. You will find interesting items if you go shopping. Self-improvement projects will enhance your appearance if you start them today. ☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Minor mishaps concerning close friends or relatives may lead to estrangement or disputes. You need to take better care of your health. Proper diet will be a necessity. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't live in the past; let go of lovers who are long gone. Get out with good friends and have some fun. When you start living again, romance will find you. You've been living in the dark for too long. ☹☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't bother trying to hide your feelings. It is best to be honest and clear the air about any incidents that have occurred. If you are afraid of your

mate's reaction, tell him or her in a public place. ☹☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful if you must take public transit. Delays will cause you some grief. Someone you work with may twist your words around if you aren't precise in your speech. ☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have a problem with organizations if you let them take up too much of your time or money. Concentrate on your career, not on nonprofit pursuits. You must secure your financial position. ☹☹☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Verbal abuse will lead to carelessness. Try to channel your energy into physical work. You can make changes to your living quarters that will please your whole family. ☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be industrious and constructive in your efforts at work. You should try to clear up loose ends. Complete home-improvement projects in order to avoid discord. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Promote your ideas and your skills. You can get ahead if you're willing to take on a partner. Your dynamic, determined approach will win you favors as well as a helping hand when needed. ☹☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Problems with work and home are likely. Don't push your luck when it comes to dealing with those who matter to you from an emotional or financial point of view. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can expect someone you work with to be jealous of your talents. Don't leave yourself open to verbal abuse or being blamed for things that are not your fault. ☹☹

Birthday Baby: You are an explorer. You need to follow pathways that will lead you into unusual circumstances. You are eager to experiment and will try just about anything once.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)
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Score!

Senior Agnes Bill leads the Belles in kills and is named SMC athlete of the year by The Observer.

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NOTRE DAME ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Observer names Engelhardt, Sachire top ND athletes of 2000

◆ Jen Engelhardt aims for third All-American season at championships

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

When the Notre Dame track and field team tallied its points at the end of every meet, it knew it could count on a top-two finish from high jumper Jen Engelhardt.

All season long, Engelhardt appeared at or near the top of the podium for her exceptional jumps. Now, just weeks away from the NCAA Track and Field Outdoors Championships, Engelhardt is on a quest for her third All-American performance, more than any other female track runner in Notre Dame history. She qualified for the meet with a 6-foot leap at the Billy Hayes Invitational last Saturday.

"All-American status is great," Engelhardt said earlier in the year. "And I'd love to be blessed with that again. Becoming All-American and then continuing to do it junior year [is my greatest success]. That was really rewarding and something I never expected."

Engelhardt placed ninth at the NCAA Indoors Championships a year ago, and 12th her freshman season. This season, she hopes to break into the top eight.

Engelhardt steered the Irish to third place at the Big East Outdoors Championships this season, matching their highest



All-Americans Ryan Sachire (right) and Jen Engelhardt (left) were named Notre Dame athlete's of the year by The Observer. Sachire led the tennis team, and Engelhardt was a top scorer for track and field.

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◆ Three-time All-American Ryan Sachire dominates for Irish on court

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Ryan Sachire used to want no part of Notre Dame.

"I actually never wanted to come here," said the senior captain of the men's tennis team. "I used to cheer against Notre Dame when I was young."

But when the three-time All American was in high school, something changed.

After learning that Notre Dame wanted to recruit him to play tennis, he decided to come for a visit.

"I came here and as soon as I stepped on the campus I fell in love with it," said Sachire. "There is no place with a better combination of academics, athletics and social life."

And just as Sachire fell in love with Notre Dame, Notre Dame fell in love with Sachire as he led the men's tennis program to new heights with his determination and dedication to the sport.

As a freshman, Sachire wasted no time leaving his mark on the Irish roster. Notching his first of four consecutive seasons with more than 30 wins, the Canfield, Oh. native compiled a 37-9 record at the No. 1 singles position and battled his way to the round of 32 in the 1997 NCAA tournament before falling to Stanford's prized

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Doherty brings pride back to Notre Dame basketball

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

First-year head coach Matt Doherty arrived in South Bend last year with the hope of putting Notre Dame basketball back on the map.

In only one season, Doherty and his Irish squad did just that.

Led by first-team All-American Troy Murphy and a solid group of role players, the overachieving Irish stunned ranked opponents and brought respect back to the Notre Dame basketball program.

"I have expectations of winning every game and winning the national championship, and that may sound ridiculous, but those are my expectations," Doherty said following the season. "Then you realize you're not in a perfect world. Did this team live up to my expectations? They sur-

passed them. They worked their tails off. They trusted me and believed in me and my staff from day one, and they responded whenever we challenged them and came up with some huge wins."

The Irish posted a 22-15 record and finished as the runner-up to Wake Forest in the postseason National Invitational Tournament (NIT).

"I couldn't have imagined this season in my wildest dreams," Murphy said.

Not too many people could have. Notre Dame stunned No. 4 Ohio State 59-57 in the season opener on a buzzer-beater by David Graves and built on that emotional victory.

But after that 3-0 start, the Irish lost six of seven and had fans believing it was just the same old Irish. Notre Dame advanced to the Final Four of the preseason NIT, but suffered back-to-back losses to

ranked opponents Arizona and Maryland.

"It hurts. You can't go undefeated for your coaching career, but it hurts," Doherty said following Notre Dame's 76-60 loss to Arizona. "I want our guys to hurt a little bit, because I don't want them to accept this."

The Irish dropped their third straight game to a ranked opponent when they traveled to Bloomington, Ind. Bobby Knight's Hoosiers scored the first 17 points of the game and the first 15 points of overtime to defeat the Irish, 81-64. Losses to Vanderbilt and Miami (Ohio) added salt to Notre Dame's wounds, but the Irish got into a groove in late December and rattled off seven straight victories, including a 75-70 shocker over defending national champion Connecticut in Hartford.

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Sophomore Troy Murphy helped Doherty lead the Irish to their best season in recent history. The Irish finished with a 22-15 season record.