The Saint Mary's College student body made its voice heard in Monday's election for the student government president and vice president and chose the ticket of Sarah Siefert and Nancy Midden.

Their platform included increasing the role of technology, working with the admissions office to increase enrollment and creating a club for varsity athletes.

After a close vote in Thursday's election in which Siefert and Midden prevailed by only one-tenth of a percent, the run-off election held Monday produced a final result.

The Siefert/Midden ticket won with 52.9 percent of the vote while the Katie Webby/Madden ticket received 42.9 percent of the student vote. Choosing to abstain in the election were 4.2 percent of the voters. Total voter turn-out was 59.8 percent, increased significantly from the election on Thursday in which 49.1 percent of the student body came out to vote.

Janet Horvath, Saint Mary's election commissioner, was pleased with the results of the election.

"I think that all four women are a great asset to the college community and I have no doubt that Siefert and Midden will serve the college well. I also have no doubt that Katie (Webby) and Kelly (Madden) will continue to provide contributions to the school," Horvath said.

The newly elected president and vice president were excited at the prospect of beginning their new positions.

"We are really excited about it. We're going to have so much fun and we are looking forward to working on our platform, too," Siefert said.

Madden stated, "As the former vice presidential candidate, congratulated the winning ticket.

"I congratulate the other ticket and wish them the best of luck," Madden added.

When asked whether she plans to pursue a career in politics, Siefert said, "I don't want to be a candidate for office, ever."

The campaign will now focus on increasing the role of technology on campus.

Incumbent toasts work in D.C. as campaign begins

By LAURA PETELLE

Tim Roemer, Democratic representative for the Indiana Third District, announced yesterday his intention to seek a fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am excited and delighted and honored to be here this morning," Roemer told his supporters and the press at a news conference at the St. Joseph County Democratic Headquarters.

"This is the best job because it is an election to the people's house by the people of this great community," Roemer said. "We want to bring integrity and respect to the nation's capital."

Roemer summarized his work since he was first elected to the House in 1990, citing the strong economy, reduction in welfare rolls, elimination of tobacco ads in South Bend and the new tax breaks for families with children.

"But [this election] is going to be about the future; it's going to be about a new millennium," Roemer said.

His platform includes a balanced budget focused on investing in the future of America's children, using the budget surplus to preserve Social Security, and the simplification of the tax code.

Roemer's campaign will emphasize education reform; he serves on the House Education Committee and is focused on increasing the number of qualified teachers, reducing class size and ending social promotion. He also supports increased support for charter schools, helping more students attend college and improving worker training.

"We need new ways to solve old problems in America," Roemer emphasized.

Roemer — who earned master's and doctorate degrees in international affairs from Notre Dame — grew up in Mishawaka, attended Penn High School and is active in the South Bend community.

Roemer's wife, Sandy, and their three children attended the press conference to show their support.

Elections '98

Roemer will run for fifth term

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

The Campus Life Council debated the problem of underage drinking at Notre Dame, relative to Friday night's police raid on Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, at its meeting last night.

The debate began when Sister Carline Eberhidge, rector of Farley Hall, asked vice president for residence life Bill Kirk if the University in any way influenced the decision of the South Bend Police Department to raid the establishment.

"No pressure was brought to bear by the University," explained Kirk, who also had heard a rumor that his office was involved.

"The South Bend Police Department has asked for our help since then and has communicated with the Office of Residence Life concerning those students who were arrested. We will follow up on the list of arrests."

"But I, personally, was at the Keenan Reunion that night," he joked.

The debate centered around whether or not the University policy will come down too harshly on those students that were caught on the raid.

"The students have to understand standard at Notre Dame. "Alcohol is such a dominant factor in the social life here," said Matt Szabo, Morrissey Hall senator. "Students are now going to take [the drinking] to the dorm room where it is not as controlled."

"Basically, a student can break the law by drinking in a closed dorm room and it will get overlooked," he continued.

The rectors in attendance agreed that drinking often gets ignored, but only if those that are doing it are doing so in moderation.

"We want people to be mature and responsible," said Sister Mary Ann Munninghoff, rector of McClintock Hall. "But sometime it comes to a point where we don't want to be seen CIC page 4

Support for the winning ticket was buoyed by the work of the college community and friends of the candidates.

"We are really excited about it. We're going to have so much fun and we are looking forward to working on our platform, too," Siefert said.

The campaign will now focus on increasing the role of technology on campus.
I'm with stupid

There's some sort of saying along the lines of, "A person is smart, but the people are stupid." While this is true that you are smart, and I am smart, the person at Notre Dame is smart. We got into this school, after all. We are all stupid. We did discuss the wind whipping down South Quadrangle, and we foolishly think El Nino. But that is the year that this football team will win a national title. And the people who are stupid enough to make the back door for the mine's in time Friday night probably feel pretty stupid right now, too. It's probably because of El Nino. Regardless, this phenomenon has been proven over and over throughout the world.

One person will go out and toss a baseball around, and another person might join that first person, and have a catch. But when several people get together to play baseball, they become stupid and decide to stop in August claiming they need more money because the owners (stupid) are ripping the players off so they (the owners) can roll around in more money given to them by the stupid people (these are the fans). (As an individual baseball fan, I am smart. I root for the Mets.)

Each individual editor at The Observer is smart. But the people who make up the paper's Editorial Board— and the other editors— are not. This is the one thing that this paper's Editorial Board and the other editors— are not. This often becomes apparent.

Alexander Graham Bell was a smart person and could talk on the telephone. But the people who talk on car phones while driving are stupid.

An engineer is usually a smart person. But the engineers who designed the runway at the airport are pretty stupid. The runway there used to be used as the emergency landing area in the Pacific for the Space Shuttle. It's so long that commercial jets use less than half of it, but it's 80 feet too short for the shuttle.

A trip wire had to be put at the end of the Honolulu airport. The people who make up the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid. The people who make up the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid. The people who make up the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid. The people who make up the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid. The people who make up the Honolulu airport are pretty stupid.

A person can be so smart that he or she makes others look stupid. Take the person who invented a foam hat in the shape of a New York City taxi. The person who invented the foam hat is pretty smart, and other people who shaped the foam hat into a shape of yellow not found in nature upon his or her head.

A weather person may be smart enough to use satellite and radar to predict well, they try) upcoming weather, and explain the effects of El Nino. But then a bunch of stupid people will try to get a laugh by saying anything and everything is the result of El Nino. People like this are found throughout the country. Pretty stupid, if you ask me.

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Champaign, Ill.

Over the course of 90 minutes early Friday morning, 13 University students were the victims of attempted sexual assault while sleeping in their rooms, according to a Champaign police report.

The report said that 13 male residents of Bromley Hall, which is student housing certified by the university, were sexually abused by a man crowding the hallway between 2 and 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Each of the victims, who were all male between the ages of 18 and 19, were asleep in their rooms with their doors locked when the suspect entered, the report said.

The report added that the suspect went into each of the rooms attempting to fondle and engage in oral sex with the victims.

Only two of the victims were actually fondled or touched by the suspect before waking, while the other 11 victims woke up before the suspect could have taken the incident. The report said.

Champaign Police were not alerted of the incident until 14 hours after the suspect had invaded the last room. But the Division of Public Safety had immediately released a suspect to the police.

The report also alleged that the suspect had invaded the last room. But the suspect had not been released immediately because the victims themselves did not know of the suspect, unaware of the potential danger.

Marilyn Best, a victim advocate at the Office of Women's Programs, added that often a stigma is attached to sexual crimes, preventing victims from reporting the incident immediately.

"Most victims of sexual assaults don't immediately report the crime," she said.

Best said it is easier to come forward when they are around other sexual assault victims, but some residents were not even aware of the existence of the crime until the following day.

The suspect was described in the white report as a 19-year-old man, who is 5-feet-nine inches tall and weighs 190 pounds with black eyes and brown hair. The suspect was described as having a "Casino" haircut, which is popularly known as a George Clooney cut.

Because of the suspect's age, "CPD is not ruling out that he is a University student or a Bromley resident."
From blind date to running mate
By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Mark Leen and Sarah Grunow share several things — a passion for singing and mint-chocolate-chip ice cream, experience in some facet of student government, and a box on the ballot for the 1998 elections at Notre Dame.

Leen is running for president and Grunow for vice president in Monday's student government election. Though they know each other from Student Senate meetings, their first encounter came when a mutual friend set them up on a blind date for a Walsh formal dance in their freshman year.

But the similarities end there.

Grunow has lived her whole life in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., a suburb of Detroit; Leen was born in Miami, Fla., raised in a suburb of Seattle, Wash., and now lives in Georgia. A government and economics major, Leen is talkative and extremely forthright with his opinions. Grunow, a mechanical engineer, is also outgoing but communicates less verbally and more through her actions and expressions.

Leen is the second of four children, his father a private defense attorney and his mother a full-time homemaker. He said one of his most vivid memories is driving cross-country en route to Georgia, stuck in a truck with no air conditioning during the middle of a heat wave and arguing with his brother Craig the entire way.

He said that he and Craig, a Columbia University law student, love to debate and discuss various issues.

"I really respect his opinion," said Leen. "I just don't tell him that."

He added, "I get in a lot of 3 a.m. discussions. I debated in high school, and like to discuss issues and politics. I also love to just talk with people."

Leen spent last semester studying in London, but he is back in Stanford Hall and has returned to the Liturgical Choir. Last year, he was heavily involved in Student Senate, but stepped back because he chose not to go to London.

He is a big fan of science-fiction books and movies, particularly the stand-by favorites Star Wars and Star Trek.

Candid about his ambitions, Leen said, "I love the Pacific Northwest. I'd love to be the U.S. Attorney for the western Washington district. I think I'm good at setting forth a point of view and defending it."

"I won't rule out politics. That's an understatement. I might like to be president of the United States. I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say that's occurred to me, even though it makes me look like an idiot. I believe helping people become what they want to be is one of the noblest things a government can do."

"Mark is competitive and dedicated to what he believes in and willing to work for it even if it is unpopular," Grunow said.

THE RUNNING MATE
A Walsh Hall resident, Grunow is extremely active around campus. She is a member of the women's basketball team and is vice president of her student government.

"I'm extremely active in student government," she said, "but I have a full-time job, too.

"I don't have a car, and that SafeRide runs.

"I love to just talk with people."

Sarah is easy to get along with... dedicated and good at working with people."

Mark Leen

After class councils, duo sets sights higher
By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

Running mates Peter Cesaro and Andrea Selak met through their involvement in student government.

But they did not realize their shared ambitions until last summer, when Cesaro, last year's sophomore class president, helped pass the torch to the new officers for the class of 2000.

Cesaro, a junior, helped draft the leadership positions for which they are now running.

"Our ideas really gelled; a lot of our visions for the University go along so well together," Selak said. "It [winning this election] has been a goal of mine since I got here, and his, too.

"Both Cesaro and Selak identify interactions with fellow students as a priority, not only in their campaign's platform but also in their lives outside student government.

"Our slogan for the campaign is 'Putting students first.' We want to bring student government to the students," Cesaro said.

The duo plans to fulfill this slogan by focusing on attending hall council meetings, examining food quality in the dining halls, privatizing SafeRide and clarifying students' rights.

"Privatizing SafeRide entails turning the service over to a professional life company, which Cesaro believes will ensure reliability and a more fixed and frequent schedule of SafeRide runs."

"Our slogan for the campaign is 'Putting students first.'"

Peter Cesaro

"I'm very motivated to make a difference."

"When they find free time, both Selak and Cesaro like to go out on Thursday nights, as well as in the evening on the last day of classes before exams begin. SafeRide should be there for the students," Cesaro said.

"It should be accessible for underclassmen also in case they want to go out for dinner or to a movie," he added, referring to the fact that SafeRide now only runs on weekends.

"Cesaro, a junior, is Knott Hall's co-president and formerly served as Flanner Hall's freshman representative. Among other duties, his sophomore running mate Selak co-chairs the student government's Social Concerns Committee, served as commissioner for the Junior Parents' Weekend luncheon and sits on the Council for International Business Development.

"Another of my outlets is..."

"Large groups of people do..."
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Panel discusses AIDS from Catholic perspective

A group of panelists discussed the responsibilities of the Catholic Church in ministering to and dealing with AIDS patients.

By ERIN LUM

As the AIDS epidemic begins to spread to nearly every facet of society, and development of a cure in the near future seems improbable, members of the Catholic Church have taken various steps to provide care and prevention measures to those infected or affected by the disease.

In a panel discussion last night, a panel of six Catholics who work with AIDS infected persons spoke about their experiences incorporating their work with their faith.

One panelist, Sister Rose Firkus, has worked at AIDS ministries for nearly five years. Her job involves HIV testing and education, a job she finds personally rewarding.

"Before, I thought I wanted to work with children who are infected," she said. "I have come to understand that it is a greater call for me to be involved with those who are rejected by society. Children are never rejected, but many others are."

Part of Firkus' work involves educating people about how to protect themselves from contracting the HIV virus, which can effectively be done through use of condoms. According to Firkus, a Franciscan nun, recommending the use of condoms does not come into conflict with her faith.

"We have to give people information so they can make decisions about life and so they can protect their life," Firkus said.

The Catholic Church teaches us to respect life from beginning to end, and this is helping to preserve life."

Another panelist, Bob Ercoline, works as the director of Outreach Ministries at Little Flower Church. Part of his mission is to help AIDS patients.

"This bust had busy timing," he joked. "Because it came when the committee isn’t ready to present anything. But we are looking at different ways of using our resources available to help the problem."

In other CLC news:

- Facilities Operations agreed as part of the dorm renovations to begin putting laundry facilities in men’s dorms. "The bad news is that they will not be able to start until at least Christmas," said Kirk. "I expect us to have at least one dorm a year, but I am not sure about that."

Campus Ministry Events

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 pm
Campus Ministry-Badin Hall
Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30-8:00 pm
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
Contemporary Prayer
An Inter-denominational Prayer Service featuring the new Contemporary Choir.

Of special interest:

- NOW! Sign up for the February 6-7 Freshmen Retreat for residents of Badin, Dillon, Lewis, Morrissey, Pasquerilla East, St. Ed’s, Walsh and Zahm. Please see your Rector or stop by Campus Ministry,103 Hesburgh Library for application forms.
- Welcome to our gay and lesbian students
Campus Ministry welcomes any gay or lesbian undergraduates, or those discerning their sexual orientation, to come together for conversation, support and friendship. Call Kate Barnett @ 631-5242 or Alyssa at 634-1884. All conversations are completely confidential.

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Facilitators and we have to step in.

"There is a certain advantage for the rector to be able to go into any situation without having the kids in the room worry about the alcohol," Kirk agreed. "But in this situation, the Office of Residence Life has no business in any of the cases. These kids broke the law and now we expect them to be accountable for their actions."

While no action was taken,
AIDS deaths drop 44% in 1997

CHICAGO, Ill.

AIDS deaths across the United States dropped a stunning 44 percent in the first half of last year, showing the power of new treatments to control the disease. Doctors have known almost since they began widely prescribing potent three-drug combinations two years ago that fewer people with AIDS were dying, but even the experts seem surprised by the scope of their success. "We can't see the end of the epidemic, but it's the beginning of a new era," said Dr. Kevin DeCock of the national centers for Disease Control.

Evidence of this change came Monday when CDC officials presented new data at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1994 and 1995, then nosed downward in 1996. However, they are already in for New York City, and they show an even more impressive change. Experts from the city Department of Health reported that AIDS deaths fell there 48 percent in 1997. This comes on top of a 29 percent decline in New York AIDS deaths in 1996.

Australia ready to cut ties to British monarchy

CANBERRA, Australia

Australia appears ready to cut its last links to British monarchy, with most delegates backing a constitutional convention saying they favor replacing Queen Elizabeth II as the nation's head of state. Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch monarchist, opened the two-week assembly Monday with a pledge that any model for a republic to a national referendum by the end of 1999. That could allow an Australian head of state to open the next Olympics in Sydney in 2000 and lead the nation into the new millennium, and independent, Australia has been independent since 1901, but like many other Commonwealth nations, it still recognizes Britain's queen as its head of state. republican sentiment is growing on island. Whether the nation can choose its own head of state, and opinion poll shows more than half of Australians agree. What most Australians favor. More than half of Republicans want constitutional change so that Britain's queen as its head of state.

Albright fails to negotiate deal

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today said Saudi Arabia sees "eye to eye" with the U.S. position on inspecting Iraqi sites, but apparently hasn't agreed to allow American warplanes to use Saudi air bases if U.S. military action is taken. Reiterating Clinton administration demands that Iraq rid itself of chemical and biological weapons, Albright said Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region are in danger of attacks from Iraq.

But after talks with Saudi officials in a desert retreat, she sidestepped whether the Saudis had approved use of air bases here for American warplanes. "If we had gotten a yes, she would have said so," said a State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Saudi leaders will weigh the issue of U.S. use of air bases here while Albright is in Bahrain Monday night before going to Egypt then home on Tuesday.

In Moscow, a Russian news agency reported today that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is ready to receive the chief U.N. weapons inspector, but his name up to eight presidential sites for inspection. A spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin said Russian Foreign Minister Tegneev Primakov called Yeltsin to tell him that Yeltsin had offered, ITAR-Tass reported.

But hours later, Iraq denied there was any agreement. Albright said Primakov discussed a similar proposal with her in Madrid when they met last week, but she was skeptical of it, and it was far short of U.S. demand for unconditional inspections, said the U.S. official.

Twice declaring herself still "sketchy" of Hussein's intentions, Albright said today that it was up to Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. Iraq commission, to decide whether "he sees any reason" to go to Baghdad.

President Clinton, meanwhile, called Yeltsin to discuss "the serious situation concerning Iraq's non-compliance" with U.N. mandates, a White House official said. "President Clinton stressed the need for unity among Security Council members."

Clinton agreed with Yeltsin on the desirability of a diplomatic solution "but said Saddam's continued defiance and refusal to allow U.N. (U.N.) inspections were unacceptable," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A woman walks with her children in front of a sign praising Iraqi president Saddam Hussein yesterday in Baghdad.

Albright conferred with Saudi officials after a two-hour, five-course lunch in a royal tent 60 miles from the Saudi capital.

Saudi officials said in a statement that they agree with the "necessity of total and unconditional compliance by the Iraqi government" in permitting unfettered inspections. If diplomacy fails "it would lead to grave consequences whose responsibility would lie exclusively on the Iraq government," the statement said.

Texas denies Tucker's clemency plea

AUSTIN, Texas

A state board unanimously rejected Karla Faye Tucker's bid for clemency Monday, leaving only the U.S. Supreme Court and the governor with the power to halt the pickax killer's scheduled execution on Tuesday.

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running,” Selak said, “and I also like to cook.
Selak said, “I like to hang out with my friends and maybe go to CJ’s to get a hamburger with them sometimes.
Being involved in theater when she was younger, Selak also enjoys going to plays.
“I love going to Chicago and any the-
trical performances there or on cam-
pus,” Selak said.

Although her time is limited by holding leadership positions and the typical work of a student, Selak said she likes to attempt to “keep up on what’s going on in the world.”
Also, Cesar-Selak enjoys going to pep rallies, something that spawned his idea of hav-
ing pep rallies for away football games.
A self-admitted basketball fan, Cesar also admits he plays soccer and ran for Planner Hall earlier in his college career.
“I do like to go golf,” Cesar admitted, “but I haven’t been able to get out and play golf yet.”
Demming up his use of spare time, Cesar said, “I believe in working hard and playing hard.”
As a double major in government and American studies, Selak plans to focus on her common politics.
“I plan on being in politics and possibly plan on being in student government,” Cesar said.

Cesar-Selak has a double major in finance and computer applications. In addition to reading Business Week, Cesar also finds time to read Sports Illustrated every

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chior, acted in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” with Pasquerilla East last fall, and competes on the Notre Dame sailing team. Amid these activities, she serves as student government liaison, when she man-
eges to find some free time, she likes to sit back and read, especially children’s literature and mysteries.
“I love musicals, especially ‘The Sound of Music,’” said Grenow. “Adventures in Babysitting” is also a favorite.
“That’s the kind of thing that would happen to me.”
Her only sibling, younger sis-

ter Annie, is a freshman at the University of Michigan.

Grunow’s father sells radio air-
time, and her mother is the lead proofreader at the Bozelle Association.
Eventually, I want to go to la-


d law school and be a patent lawyer. I’ve also thought about being a senator, I love Washington,” said Grenow.
One of my friends said last night that I have a lot of words and Letters personality and an engi-

neering mind,” said Grenow.

Sarah] is easy to get along with, outgoing, dedicated to what she says she will do, and good at working with people,” Leen said.
The pair is experienced in student government and Student Senate – Leen was a Student Senator last year, re-
presenting one of the four dis-


ongs on campus.
While in office, he worked on student safety issues.
From the Senate, Leen served as chairwoman of the Ethics Committee, was the

Campus Life Council representa-
tive, and was involved in the Constitutional Review Committee.
He got started by working on student council in high school, as well as working on a committee that helped run the school’s curriculum.
In high school, Grunow partic-

ipated in Student Senate and the Yearbook.
She is now acting as the liaison between student government and Student Senate, often dubbed “the loop of stu-
dent government.”
“What I really had been think-
ging about was that there was a lot of apathy in student government, and I want to see stu-
dents feel more connected,” said Leen.

I want to make this a univer-
sity where students feel the administration is responsive, and have money going back to

students in a more effective way. In terms of experience, we are the best people for the job.
We realize our limitations and have a good outlook,” he said.
“As far as experience,” said Grenow, “Mark helped write the constitution, and I’m the only person on campus who has been involved in both the Student Senate and student gov-
ernment.”
If elected, the two plan to cut down the student government budget and return more money to students.
They use the offices of the president and vice president “as constitutional advisors,” he said.

A consensus so that concerns and reservations are considered before going to the University, getting light on God Quad as a safehouse, work on extending SafeRide and establishing a campus shuttle, and possibly filling in the gaps of potential student government.

I think the public in the end is more cyan meth than anyone else giving credit for.
They believe that the presi-
dent is right to focus on these big-picture issues. They need to surround the State of the Union address and have seen the strength of the economy,” he said. “They see the president articulating their concerns on schools and living standards and how they can create a bet-


FBI suspects ‘Army of God’ in clinic bombing

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The FBI said Monday it is investigating letters claiming the fatal bombing at Birmingham abortion clinic was orchestrated by the “Army of God,” the same group that said it bombed an abortion clinic and gay nightclub in Atlanta last year.

FBI spokesman Craig Dahl said the letters singling out the Army of God are handwritten with block print – similar to ones sent after the Atlanta bombings.

Dahle would not say who the letters were sent to or how the FBI obtained them. He said it is “too soon to say any-
th ing now about the authenticity of the letters.”

The Army of God is a name that has been circulating since the 1980s as a term for radical anti-abortion activists, including a staking out of a manual that contains infor-
mation on how to make bombs.
It’s not clear who makes up the organi-
cation, although various anti-abortion activists have either been linked to it or may be%

Currently, Cesaros has narrowed his plans for after graduation to three things: an MBA, law school, and playing basketball.

“I am a business student, so I have thought about getting a job — which my parents want me to do,” Cesaros said.
Community service also plays a major part in Cesaros’s life with his volunteer work as a reading tutor at the Monroe Center for Housing Projects.
This community commitment in service is not something Cesaros wants to leave behind in the future.
“I would like to focus on community service in whatever I do,” he said.

“I also want a family when I get older and would like to be able to provide for them what my family has provided for me.”

Blair voices praise for Clinton

Associated Press

LONDON – Prime Minister Tony Blair, declaring “politics shouldn’t be run at the level of a group cal-
umn,” praised President Clinton on Monday for focusing on broader issues during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.
Blair said Clinton’s official visit to Washington was win-
ing a landslide victory in May.
Blair said there is “sometimes an interest bordering on an obsession” with politicians’ personal lives that distracts lead-

ers from important global issues.
“I am proud to call Bill Clinton a friend,” the prime minister, who flies to Washington on a four-day visit, told U.S. correspondents during a pre-trip briefing.
Clinton vehemently denies any sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky while she was a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

Asked why he felt Clinton was still drawing record high ratings in public opinion polls, Blair said: “Because I think the public in the end is more cyan meth than anyone else giving credit for.

They believe that the presi-
dent is right to focus on these big-picture issues. They need to surround the State of the Union address and have seen the strength of the economy,” he said. “They see the president articulating their concerns on schools and living standards and how they can create a bet-


Attention All Undergraduates!

If you ever thought about becoming a diplomat, don’t miss the following event.

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Deputy Ambassador to East Germany, 1989-1990
Friday, February 15 – 6:15 p.m.
Hushey Center Auditorium
Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Department of Government and International Studies, and the Hushey Program in Public Service
Prof, mystery writer discusses double role

By DAVID FREDDOSO
News Writer

Many students at Notre Dame know Professor Ralph McInerny as a senior member of the philosophy department. But few are probably aware of his professorial career as a fiction and mystery writer.

"Last night, McInerny, the author of The Dowling Mysteries, lectured at Knights of Columbus Hall on his career as an author."

McInerny arrived at Notre Dame as a philosopher with a wife and six children. Money was tight, and he had bought a house that he couldn't quite afford. And so to supplement his income, he turned to fiction writing.

The key to writing, McInerny said, is "doing it, and not just thinking about doing it." And so he made a resolution in January of 1964 for the whole rest of the year to spend four hours writing each day.

McInerny, like all professors in those days, had to teach a full six days a week, and in addition to his professorial duties he made it a high priority to spend time with his family. As a result, he spent the late hours of each night laboring at his typewriter. "One of the advantages of starting the way that I did is that I'm disciplined now," he said. "I write every day: I don't have good days and bad days—they all seem the same."

In one year, he turned out 60 short stories, which he sent under pseudonyms to various magazines, such as Redbook and Good Housekeeping. Almost all of his works were rejected, but eventually he got the formula down right. His first very successful novel, "The Priest," was published in 1973. As he explained, it was inspired by Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter "Humani Vitae."

"All hell broke loose in the world after the Pope invigorated the stance of the Catholicy Church on artificial contraception and abortion, and 'The Priest' was motivated by those concerns," he said.

Later on he turned to mystery writing, which, as he explained, provided a much greater degree of creativity and freedom. "Most writers are always worrying about their reputation," he said. "But mystery writers just seem to be at that stage where they're just having fun and they love to do it."

In addition, he said, the genre allows for a greater quantity of output. "If you come out with a novel every two years, that is considered very fast," he said. "But when you write mystery, none of that matters anymore. You can publish as many as you want."

The Dowling Mysteries, his most famous series of books, even attracted a television contract. The product of that contract was the widely aired television show by the same name. At first, McInerny used pseudonyms in writing mystery in order to protect his professional reputation as a philosopher. In his early years in academia, he said, "If people thought that you were writing mysteries, they might have thought that you weren't serious or that you weren't doing your professorial work," he said.

But today he has no shame about his second career. "Most of my colleagues are amused that I write fiction," he said.

Professor McInerny recently began a new series of mysteries set on Notre Dame's campus. "I'm trying to give some sense of the lore of Notre Dame along with a mystery plot," he said.

The first book of this series, "On This Rockne," was published last year. The plot centers on an actual novel which Knute Rockne wrote entitled "The Four Winners." The solution of the murder mystery, he said, centers around the question of "how somebody who did so many things as well as Rockne could write such a bad book."

The next book in this series, "The Lack of the Irish," is due within the next few weeks.

Rescuers discover wreckage; reports of survivors conflict

Associated Press

GUERRA

Rescuers found the wreckage of a twin-engine plane Tuesday morning spread out over in a mountain in the southern Philippines, but there were conflicting reports on whether any of 104 people aboard had survived.

Airline officials said at least 15 survivors were spotted near the wreckage of the jet, but helicopter pilots flying over the area said they saw no signs of human life.

The search for the twin-engine Cebu Pacific Air DC-9 aircraft started Monday morning shortly after it failed to land as scheduled in the southern Philippine city of Cagayan de Oro.

The plane's wreckage was found on Mount Sumagaya, 28 miles northeast of the plane's destination, rescue workers said. A local religious group and an army detachment reported hearing an explosion near the 7,260-foot mountain about the time the plane disappeared.

A local mayor said villagers had been able to rescue 15 people and found 30 bodies. "Cebu Pacific has confirmed visual contact with 15 survivors," the airline said in a statement. "The whereabouts of the survivors, however, were not immediately clear."

Searchers and an Associated Press reporter in helicopters over the site saw no further signs of life, and strong winds forced the helicopters to withdraw.

Col. Jacinto Ligot, commander of the rescue effort, said he had ordered army troops and paramedics to climb the mountain to the crash site.

"We did not see any big portion of the plane and we assume that it exploded. We saw debris but we did not see any moving human beings or any people around," he said.

Parts of the plane appeared to have slipped down the mountain into thick groves of trees below.

Air transportation officials said the plane was making a visual, not instrument, landing approach when it disappeared.

The plane had made an unscheduled stop at another airport and therefore was not on its normal flight path.

The plane's wreckage stood on high mountains and deep ravines with thick clouds covering some slopes. The plane was carrying 99 passengers, including five children, and a crew when it disappeared. The passengers were said to include one Japanese, one Austrian and one Canadian; there were no immediate reports of any Americans aboard.

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See the info Booth Wednesday, February 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

A general Information Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns.

Meeting for Notre Dame Lesbian and Gay Students Group

Today, Tuesday, February 3, 1998
For time and location of meetings, call 1-801
NDLGS Group Advisors: Fr. Tom Goughan, C.S.C.
Sr. Mary Louise Gude, C.S.C.
All Meetings are private and confidential.
An Open Letter to Mr. Wadsworth

Picture this... a police officer is brought in by the University of Notre Dame and its athletic department to stand, arms crossed, in front of the student section to do his job. His primary job on this particular night is not to stop our students from throwing objects on the court, but to control our students from rushing on the floor after a huge victory. We have had our gracious ushers to do that; it is not to control Monk's overwilling emotions. It is, however, to stop a few creative basketball fans from flashing operational signs promoting our ESPN coverage.

I, along with a number of my fellow peers, have a few problems with this. To begin with, this upstanding patrolman never once "blew" into the other side to tear down numerous other banners. I caught him even throwing aside a few of my fellow loyalists to yank down a sign that read, "Sports Center No. 1". I have been diagnosed with a disease not pathologic, I'm not sure what is. In fact, it is embarrassing, and I hope that while ESPN was focusing in on these ingenuous signs, it was ripped from the hands of the cheering fan.

Such a scene shown in front of a national television audience would prove just how infantile this University has become.

I was told by the athletic department that it is contacted daily by fans complaining of the actions of our student body. A direct result of such negative feedback was the elimination of the announcements of the starting lineups at football games. For similar reasons, the University administrators have gone out on a limb to have our esteemed hardwood do their dirty work for them and drawn out the students' chants during the announcing of the starting lineups at basketball games. Well, I will tell this athletic department right now, forget it! Stop wasting your time! We are going to yell "sacks" for a few games in the future and yell it again. In addition, we are going to continue to create signs and game. If the authorities tear one down, then there is going to be another right behind it. This is our Notre Dame.

Earlier in the season, along with a dozen or so of our most ardent basketball fans, we wrote a letter to athletic director Michael Wadsworth demanding an explanation for why the student seats at the floor level were eliminated, thus discontinuing a tradition of allowing us, the paying student body, to be "as close as possible to our bench and the game action." Unfortunately, the response letter said, "the students sitting in these seats have gone well beyond the bounds of good sportsmanship. The taunts, insults, and profane language hurled at opposing players and officials is simply something we do not want to have happen at our games."

In the meantime, ushers with whom we have spoken have said that our behavior was within limits, especially at the National Invitational Tournament last year against Michigan at the Joyce Center. Bill Scholl, assistant director of the athletic department, answered further in the letter, "Contrary to the opinion stated in your letter, the type of behavior that has been exhibited by those seated in past years not only has offended all who hear it but also, we have been told by opposing coaches, has helped motivate the visiting team." Well, Mr. Scholl, ask Mr. Bergan of Syracuse what he thinks of our chattering student body. Also, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Scholl, have either of you been to a basketball game at Duke or the University of Cincinnati? These two schools and numerous others are known for creating a crazy and exciting environment for their games. And you know what: it does not diminish the reputation of their respective institutions at all. In fact, unfortunately, the last time I looked, Duke was near the top of the college ranking with Harvard, Yale, and Princeton by its side. For us, being stuck at the edge of top 20 schools is another issue altogether.

Mr. Garry and company are on their way to big things, and we plan to be right behind them. We have been knocked too many times as a student body about our spirit, support, and excitement. Now that we are out there cheering loudly and boisterously, all that you can do is think of ways to bring it to a screeching halt.

Jared Birnbaum

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More to 'genetic' than you think

Ken Flichak is right to point out that it would be very odd for an informed person to say "heritable does not mean genetic" since that is precisely what it does mean. There are reasons why Dr. Jeffrey Satinover might have been misunderstood on this point, however, so let’s be fair. Heritability is a measure of that portion of the phenotypic variance in a population correlated with genetic variance. In the same population, phenotypic variance in human beings is also correlated with two other parameters, measures of shared and non-shared environmental variance. There are good statistical packages for assigning meaningful values to that portion of phenotypic variance correlated with, or dare I say, caused by, the genetic variance in a particular population. However, this approach does NOT involve identification of the underlying genetic and epigenetic causal mechanisms leading to the development of a specific phenotype.

Maybe that’s what Dr. Satinover said, or meant to say. On the other hand, it is also possible, since physicians trained as psychosanalysts and not associated with a teaching medical school rarely have any instruction in research statistics, while those of Dr. Satinover’s generation had little or no training in molecular genetics, that Dr. Satinover is himself quite confused about the issue.

Thus we return to a new persenial question at Notre Dame, how can the director of the Maristian Center both boldly and proudly state, “I know nothing whatsoever of any contemporary science,” and pretend to enlighten the campus on scientific issues?

A. Edward Manier
Professor
Philosophy & History
of Philosophy of Science

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“...it has just been discovered that research causes cancer in lab rats.”

—Anonymous
Of Osco and Valentine’s Day

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Pay attention. This is a crash course in Valentine’s Day gift giving. You probably have gone through your whole life believing flowers and candy were actually good gifts. But you were wrong. Here is a list of the typical Valentine gifts and what they really mean to both the giver and the recipient.

Obviously, the most traditional gift is a dozen roses. But this present has no meaning unless the flower shop on the corner was having a special. That’s why they are all wilted.

Another typical present are the chocolates in a heart-shaped box. Now, most people tend to think this is a great gift because you can give it to a man or woman. But really this is a great gift for no one.

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weed, but this rarely happens. This present takes no personal thought. It states, “I did what everyone else does. I know you are allergic, but the flower shop on the corner was having a special. That’s why they are all wilted.”

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Their response will be, “Oh really, you shouldn’t have!” And really, you shouldn’t have. This present screams “I spent $2.99 on you at Osco!” If you want to give your significant other chocolate, at least get Godiva and not a bag of Sour Patch Kids.

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One thing to keep in mind — some people, I won’t point at a gender — might infer this as a “you are cheap and fat and eat a lot of candy” present, and you really don’t want to have that conversation, do you? So on second thought, steer clear of candy altogether.

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The Romance of road-trips

What are your best road-trip memories?

“We were coming back to school from Dallas, when we stopped late at a truck stop. It had a carnival-like appearance and this kiddy ride that was a clown in the back seat of a car. When we walked by, the clown said, ‘Hey, hey, hey, come ride Bozo,’ and then giggled creepy. We thought it was on a sensor so we kept walking by it. It didn’t say it again.”

Meghan McCurdy
Freshman, Badin

“We took an RV up to Michigan for the football game. It was a great time except one of our freshmen, C.J., broke a couple of the bathroom rules and then got sick.”

Jim Bergin
Junior, Knott

“We were going to an ultimate frisbee tournament in Chicago. It was early in the morning, and when we woke up the girl driving informed us that we had not only missed our exit, we missed our state; we were in Kenosha, Wisconsin.”

Caroline Pozorski
Sophomore, Pasquerilla West

“Two years ago coming back for second semester, my friend Julie Lasso gave me a ride back to school from Washington, D.C. It was 10 below zero and snowing hard. She insisted that all the windows be rolled down and that we listen to ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ on full volume the whole trip.”

Kevin O’Scannlain
Law Student, St. Edward’s

“I was going down to the shore, Jersey, with my friends. We were at a pit stop and then some guys started following us. We tried to get away, but they caught up and mooned us.”

Mary Beth McLaughlin
Freshman, Farley

Pack up your bags. We are going on a road-trip.

Destination: somewhere warm, sunny and fun. In other words, anywhere but So. Spring is almost here, well, sort of anyway, and spring break is just around the corner. The great thing about road-trips is the freedom to go anywhere you want. Have you ever visited or planned a vacation because of all the news articles? You could form lifelong bonds and be invited back every year for the same old thing.

By BRIDGET RZEZUTKO
Accent Writer

Tips for road-trips

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- Make sure you allot time for bathroom breaks. Not everyone hears nature’s call at the same time. Although you may have visited the bathroom just before leaving, the next person may want to use it.
- Advertising for over 40 miles “the hugest outdoor flea market to have ever occurred” is on the horizon. You can always bring along a tape recorder and tape your favorite songs to the road trip. People always want a raccoon cap? And your aunt, she would love a bottle of (guess the word) for Christmas. You can always bring along a tape recorder and tape your favorite songs to the road trip. People always want a raccoon cap? And your aunt, she would love a bottle of (guess the word) for Christmas.
- You might as well have the pre-trip talk. You should always stay up with the driver in order to keep him/her awake. Someone should always stay up with the driver in order to keep him/her awake.
- Considering heading to a different school for the weekend. You could make a pit stop and then some guys start following you. We tried to get away, but they caught up and mooned us.
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One last thing. On every road trip, remember to keep an eye out for Elvis. This is no time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk. Another important factor is you must pack well. Not too much, not too little. It is not the time to be polite. After a few hours of smelling the garlic he or she face anyway. You might as well have the pre-trip talk.
By MARY MARGARET NUSBAUM

A few summers ago I worked in a gourmet deli. But it was more than a deli; it was a temple to cheese. Every possible stripe of cheese - Emmi-tender, Brie, Gouda, and Sage White Cheddar - was proudly displayed for the pilgrims who came with a religious fervor and keenly sharpened olfactory senses. They came looking for the perfect dry Parmesan with which to seduce their spinach linguine, for some European pizzazz in an all-too suburban existence.

What these snooty, down-with-Velveeta patrons did not know was that the cheese castle where I worked was born of a very All-American romance. A decade earlier, Bob, the store's owner, founder and chief lover of cheese, had left behind the conventions of his desk job, mortgage and slow commute as the dean of admissions at the University of Wisconsin and taken to the road. Bob had been called.

The smooth asphalt laced with thin white lines that curl around our fine land had beckoned him. So he left. I never really got the details of his sojourn while sharing a pastrami on rye, but this I know: Bob was on the road for a year. He marked up an old highway map with various asterisks and numbers, showing the way to every cheese lover's paradise. I imagine him driving his VW bus slowly, patiently, his eyes reborn with every new sight. He crisscrossed all 50 states and probably sang too many old Dead songs as the day eased into night and into another roadside campground. He had his fingers on the pulse of the cheese movement in America — the trends in import and export and the best way to arrange sidewalk cafe furniture. And the journey, in turn, quickened his pulse.

Bob was called by something that is at the very heart of America. He was called by the open road, by the promises that are only fulfilled when the windows are down, the radio is blasting and the wind is louder still. He wrestled with a little adventure, a touc...
Collins joins land of unemployed

Associated Press

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**NEW YORK**

Duke and North Carolina held the top two spots in The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday, setting up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup this week.

The Blue Devils (20-1), who stayed in the No. 1 spot for the third straight week, will play at North Carolina (22-2) on Thursday night in the 14th meeting of the poll's top two teams since 1980.

The last 1-2 matchup was Kentucky's win over No. 1 Massachusetts in the 1996 Final Four. The last regular-season matchup was between Duke and North Carolina on Feb. 3, 1994, an 89-78 victory for the second-ranked Tar Heels.

Duke received 54 first-place votes and 1,734 points from the national media panel, 41 more than North Carolina, which was No. 1 on 16 ballots.

The end of Stanford and Utah's perfect seasons last week caused a shake-up in the rest of the Top Ten.

Kansas moved up two places to third, the same jump Arizona made to fourth. Utah, which had won its first 18 games until losing at New Mexico on Sunday, dropped from third to fifth.

Both UCLA and Connecticut moved up two places to sixth and seventh, while Kentucky, which lost at home to Florida on Sunday, dropped one spot to eighth.

Stanford, which started the season 18-0, lost home games to Arizona and Arizona State last week and fell from fourth to ninth. Purdue again rounded out the Top Ten.

For the third straight week, Princeton led the Second Ten and was followed by New Mexico, South Carolina, Arkansas, West Virginia, Rhode Island and 1-22.

The week's biggest jump was Duke's leap from No. 16 to eighth.

Both Massachussetts and George Washington were ranked in the preseason poll, had been ranked for all but two weeks this season, reaching as high as No. 20.

Indiana (15-6) returned to the rankings last week at No. 25 and fell out after splitting games last week with Michigan State and Minnesota.

The biggest move in the rankings was Michigan State's rise from 22nd to No. 16. The Spartans were ranked for the first time this season last week and followed it with wins over Indiana and Northwestern to stay in first place in the Big Ten.

Both Maryland and Mississippi fell five spots but the biggest drop was Iowa's fall from No. 16 to 24th. The Hoyas (15-6) were 10th just two weeks ago but have lost four straight, including games last week to Penn State and Michigan.

**Men's basketball top 25**

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- Rhode Island 117, Indiana 98, Ball St 26, Florida St 24, Illinois 19, Ill-Chicago 11, St Louis 10, Washington 10, Oklahoma 9, Hawaii 8, Tennessee 8, Clemson 5, Coll of Charleston 4, Colorado St 4.

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The Green Bay Packers organization insists that speculation concerning coach Mike Holmgren's future did not affect the team's performance in the Super Bowl.

Holmgren's future still uncertain

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Bob Harlan, president of the Green Bay Packers, says talk of coach Mike Holmgren's possible departure didn't affect the team's preparation or play at the Super Bowl.

"He wasn't prepared to say if Holmgren's future won't harm the Packers' fortunes in free agency, however.

"That's really a question for Ron Wolf to answer," Harlan said Monday.

Wolf, the Packers' general manager, wasn't available for comment.

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"That's really a question for Ron Wolf to answer," Harlan said Monday.

"Mike's got two years left on his contract. If the opportunity comes to run his own program, he'd like to talk about that. That's really why he's not extending his contract here," Harlan said in an interview from Green Bay. "We'll see what happens in the future.

"Free agency begins next week and players might be less inclined to sign with Green Bay knowing Holmgren could be leaving soon. Whatever their effect on the future, Harlan said he didn't think the rumors surrounding the Seahawks' interest in Holmgren had a detrimental effect on the Packers at the Super Bowl, where they were stunned 31-24 by the Denver Broncos.

"Mike told me he got tired of answering the questions, but I don't think it hurt the team," Harlan said.

The Seahawks never sought permission from Harlan to speak with Holmgren, and on Friday, Seahawks president Bob Whitsett said it was never there, when asked about the team's interest in Holmgren.

That surprised Holmgren, who is 73-36 in six seasons in Green Bay. His agent, Bob LaMonte, said Holmgren was miffed because Packers officials had told him that the Seahawks would call him last week. The Packers are anxious over the entire affair.

"I'd like to know where the rumors started about Mike," Harlan said. "They were dragged out before the Super Bowl and nobody had any source for them."

Belles break even over the weekend

By VICTORIA BUTCKO

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swim team added a win and a loss to its record this Saturday as the team swam against DePauw and Centre.

The team's loss came against DePauw, 157 -73, but the ladies proved that they were still strong with a win against Centre, 104 -99.

"The girls all swam very well," said Saint Mary's head coach Jim Cook. "We had some lifetime best times. The captains picked the line up going into the match, and the girls just had a lot of fun because there was no pressure.

"We're all really excited about the conference meet coming up in two weeks, and on the same note, somewhat glad to start winding down for the end of the season.

The 200-medley-relay team of junior Tara Thomas, sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta, senior co-captain Allison Smith, and senior Ann Yanda beat both DePauw and Centre with that time yet this season.

Other highlights include Tara Thomas' domination in the 50 freestyle against both opponents, and a first and second place win captured by Samreta and freshman Olivia Smith in the 200-individual. First and second place wins were also captured by freshman Wendy Neumann and freshman Olivia Smith in the 100-breaststroke against both DePauw and Centre. Thomas also took first in the 100-freestyle against Centre and second against DePauw.

Sophomore co-captain Michelle Samreta had a very positive outlook on the team's performance and for upcoming matches as well.

"Both teams were pretty good, but we swam well," said Samreta. "We're pretty broken down and tired, but I think we're still doing a good job. We're going to train hard for our upcoming conference meet, and we plan on finishing out the season really well.

"Tomatoes that we swam all events, we did very well overall," said teammate Olivia Smith.

The Belles look ahead to their upcoming conference meet with a big finish at Hope College, the second week in February.
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However, the Irish fell bankrupt again in doubles after Danes Matt Yost and Matt Daly lost 7-3 to Marc Silva and Doug Bohlman. Sacrifice and Matt Horsley, coming off a wrist injury, were the only Irish profitable in doubles. The two defeated Ryan Tarpley and Derrick Bock in a 7-6, 4-6, 8-0.

"I don't feel we could have played better," said Dasso of his doubles win. "We put the ball in their court. We asked them to beat us, and they couldn't.

However, in every other instance, the Irish were the team on the court without the answers.

The Wildcats captured four of the singles victories, including the top three positions.

Sacrifice, playing at the No. 1 spot, lost his first match of the season to Northwestern's Witt. Although Sacrifice defeated his rival last season in straight sets, the Northwestern powerhouse approached the net with verve to break down Sacrifice's game.

"He played really solid and put the pressure on," Sacrifice said. "I really wanted to beat him. I didn't expect him to take the game out of the game like that.

Actually nobody did, not even his coach."("I was surprised," Bayliss said. "He was really pumped up. I think he needed to play with more perspective and poise.

Although Pietrowski has improved since last week, controversy was also missing in his singles competition. With forehand and volley problems, the senior lost a hard fought match to Silva, 7-6, 6-3.

"I played pretty well," Pietrowski said. "I certainly wasn't sulking, but there are some things I need to iron out."

The Irish return to action on Feb. 11 at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Patterson and Eric Enloe also showed signs of weakening in their matches. Patterson faded against Bohlman, 2-6, 6-1, 3-6, while Enloe suffered a close 6-7, 3-6 loss to Northwestern's Tarpley.

The only bright spots of the afternoon were owed to en. Tarpley. Irish managed to walk away with their confidence unshaken.

"It's a very long season," Pietrowski said. "We'll keep on improving, and we'll be fine. Now is not the time to panic." By Feb. 11, the Irish hope to be cool and collected for their home match against Kentucky.

An era will soon end in The Observer Sports Department

PHOTO BY CASEY DALUM
Wolverines end Irish win streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team experienced defeat for the first time this season. Following a dominating victory over Bowling Green on Friday, the 24th-ranked Irish traveled up to Michigan where they were outswam by a talented Wolverine team.

At Bowling Green, the Irish broke out to an early lead before coastering to victory, 15-5. The Irish took first in nine of the 13 events while improving their dual meet season. After an easy win on Friday, the Irish traveled up to Michigan and put their undefeated dual-meet record on the line when they went up against the fifth-ranked Wolverines—a team that placed ahead of the Irish at the Rainbow and Notre Dame Invitational.

The Irish could only manage six victories in the 16-event meet and fell to the Wolverines, 166-124. Senior captain Linda Gallo once again made her presence known and provided leadership for the Irish as she raced to two first place finishes. Gallo claimed the 1000 freestyle (10:04:67) and the 500 freestyle (4:57.01). She also placed second in the 200 freestyle in 1:49.03.

Rhiana Saunders, Notre Dame's most consistent diver, captured first in the one-meter competition with 243.98 points. Alison Newell's time of 2:03.97 was good enough for first in the 200 butterfly, while the 400 freestyle relay team (Courtney South, Brenda Belky, Kristen Van Saun and Newell) also placed first.

"I think we really didn't have a chance to win going into the first relay," added Nixon, whose best finish was second in the 50 freestyle. "However I think we could have swam them a lot closer."

This weekend's split in the two away meets capped off the team's dual meet season. After finishing 7-1, the Irish will now spend the next two weeks training for the Big East championships where they will fall to the Wolverines, 50-40.

Men's Swimming

Notre Dame takes care of business

By ADAM ROYER
Sports Writer

The smell of chlorine is incredibly strong. It's so strong it hurts to breathe, so they breathe through their noses. The swimmers take their breaths.

And the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team begins to dominate.

Last Friday saw the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team outswimming the University of Buffalo and Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The Irish finished ahead of Bowling Green by an extraordinary 119 points (180-61), winning every event. They favored equally well against Buffalo, defeating them 134-97.

Scott Zumbach was in typical good form, performing superbly in the 200 (1:53.84) and 200 butterfly (1:52.84). In the 50 freestyle (1:45.20) and the 200 butterfly (1:52.84). In the 50 freestyle (1:45.20), freshman Russell Preston captured first with a time of 21.91, followed by Mike Doyle (21.93) and Vincent Kuna (21.94). Ray Fitzpatrick took first in the 100 freestyle (47.65), with Preston (47.78) and Ron Royer in hot pursuit.

Sports Briefs

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Belles pummel Lady Pilots

By JANICE WEIERS
Sports Writer

The well is primed. The Saint Mary's basketball team's nine-game winning drought ended last night with a 86-63 win over Bethel College.

The win was an important one, but not solely because of the recent losses. Bethel is a long-term rival of the Belles and this was the final time the seniors would play against the Lady Pilots. Coach David Roeder said, "This game was about as important as D-Day, Gettysburg ..."

The fans were loud. The other team's coach was loud. And the team was ready to start off a new month the right way. "This was the last time we would play them. We had to get them, especially on home court," said senior Darcy Nikes, one of three seniors on the team.

The win was well-deserved, but hard-earned. "We had a tough month [January]." said Nikes after the game. "Nine games. Seven of them were ranked teams. I don't know if people realize we have a tough schedule."

The Belles were serious from the tip-off. Saint Mary's dominated the floor from the first shot by senior Brenda Hoban. The three-point field goal ignited the spirits of the Belles and the crowd, not to mention the leader of the pack. Roeder said, "I think we came out with a lot of emotion, made plays, concentrated, challenged them on defense ... and just kept knocking down the shots."

The top scorers for the Belles were Hoban with 21, Nikes with 19 and Julie McGill with 16. Teri Totzke and Melinda Stiegel led the Lady Pilots with 16 each. McGill also grabbed 10 boards in the effort.

Roeder was very pleased overall with the performance of his players. "We're proud of how we played," he said. "Darcy is one of the best players to ever play here," he said. "She and McGill both."

Both teams wore blue and white, but it wasn't confusing as to which team had possession. Nine chances out of 10, the Belles were in control. Leading 49-31 at halftime, the Belles had not lost any steam when they emerged from the locker room.

The court continued to be slightly lopsided in action throughout the second half as well. The Belles scored 37 points in the second half to keep the lead and earn the victory.

Saint Mary's will host Franklin College this Sunday at 2 p.m. Saint Mary's was the victorious team last year, but the match-up is expected to be a good one.
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that (Big East Tournament] bye.

On Saturday, the Irish got back into the win column with a 91-35 thrashing of conference foe Seton Hall. The 56-point margin of victory was the second-largest in the school history, just beating a 109-60 rout of Providence one week earlier.

Junior Sheila McMillen led three Irish players in double figures with a career-high 24 points. Freshman Ruth Riley finished with 14 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Julie Henderson offered up a season-high 11 points off the bench. During a 10-minute span in the second half, Notre Dame went on a 26-0 run to pull even further away. The Pirates, whose two-game winning streak skidded to a halt with the loss, shot a dismal 19.3 percent for the game and scored just 13 second half points.

"We got running, and I think the transition game is where we scored most of our points," McGraw said about the game. "I think they were trying to key on Ruth a little bit too; they were crowding around her somewhat."

The two teams met earlier in the season at the Joyce Center on Jan. 8, with the Irish prevailing 75-47. In that contest, Riley led the Irish with 19 points and 11 rebounds, setting up her first career double-double. Senior Mollie Peirick tied a Notre Dame school record as she hit six three-pointers, giving her 18 points for the game. The Hurricanes were held to 30 percent shooting for the game, including a 9-for-25 stretch in the second half. The Irish went 47.3 percent from the field for the game.

Lately, it has been the Notre Dame bench that has risen to the occasion. Against Seton Hall, junior Diana Braendly scored nine points, including a key three-pointer in the first half, while senior Kari Hutchinson picked up a game-high seven rebounds.

The Irish and Hurricanes are set to tip off tonight at 7 p.m.

Victory

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squad's third man. The women's foil team also counted on its top two to turn in quality finishes. "By far, Myriah Brown (16-0) and Sara Walsh (19-1) are our top fencers," said Auriol. "But this squad needs more work. We cannot beat teams with just two fencers."

Perhaps the strongest squad on the team is the women's epee, led by captain Anne H陈列 and Magda Krol. Both posted fine records, teaming with just two fencers. "We always expect them to go undefeated."

The team now stands undefeated, ranked third in the NCAA polls.

Next up for the Irish is this weekend's home tournament, where the undefeated status will be tested against top-ranked Penn State. Despite the importance of facing the top-ranked Penn State squad, the Irish will also go up against perennial regional rivals Cleveland State, Northwestern, Ohio State, and Wayne State.

"We won't take any team for granted, we'll fence intense all season," said Auriol.

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Wildcats hand Irish first loss of season

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

When the Notre Dame's men's tennis team (3-0) headed to No. 21 Northwestern undefeated Sunday, it was hoping to make a strong statement. Instead, it could only utter a sigh of disappointment after the 2-5 loss. “We had high hopes going in,” said Irish sophomore Ryan Sachire. “We just didn’t execute as a team. They beat us straight up.”

Northwestern, now 3-0, rolled in on a wave of confidence after terminating Clemson Friday. Self-assurance carried through the weekend for them as they look down the No. 23 Irish.

The Wildcats began clawing their way to victory immediately in the doubles, earning the first match point. Although the renowned duo of Jakub Pietrowski and Brian Patterson put up a tough fight, Alex Witt and Martin Bengtsson endured. The Northwestern pair came back from a 3-6 deficit to win 9-8. “I was disappointed that we didn’t control the No. 1 doubles,” coach Rob Bayliss said. “I usually feel we can take care of business against any team.”

Irish try to keep momentum

Hurricanes present next challenge

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

The Fighting Irish women’s basketball team hopes to keep its momentum on the road as it travels to the warmer climate of Florida to face off against Miami in a Big East conference showdown. The Fighting Irish handily downed the Hurricanes last weekend, winning 11-0, 11-2, and 11-3, respectively.

Adding to the squad’s success was the play of Andrzej Bednarzski and Nieve McGauley.”Andrzej was a bit inconsistent last week, but he and the team came together this week,” commented head coach Yves Hayes. "Chaz’s fencing has been consistent throughout," said Aureilo. “The key was the three guys fencing at their level.”

The usual unpredictability of the foil squad was instead experienced by the men’s open team this weekend. Squad leaders Carl Jackson and Brian Stone led them, and Dominic Guarnaschelli turned last weekend’s 77-65 loss at Rutgers. Against the Scarlet Knights, the “Cams were unable to overcome a 33-22 halftime deficit and a 48-31 BU second-half lead. Junior Kym Hope and senior Octavia Blue combined for 31 points in that game, while sophomore Shannon Brudy added 14 points. On Saturday, Miami rebounded with an 81-74 win at Georgetown. Against the Hoyas, UM shot .612 (16-26) from the field in the second half to post the come-from-behind win.

Hope scored 27 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds for her league-leading eighth double-double, while Blue netted 27 points as well. Blue and Hope are the heart and soul of the Hurricane offense, as they are the second and third leading scorers in the Big East with 19.9 and 17.9 points per game respectively.

Hope is also the conference leader in overall rebounding, averaging 9.9 boards a game. “We need to get on a roll, but we can’t even look that far ahead yet,” head coach Muffet McGraw. “We just have too much to do before that. Tomorrow’s game is going to be a huge game, especially since we’re at Miami.”

“We only won by one point last year, and they’re very tough at home,” she said. “We really can’t afford to lose again, because we really need to get both the men’s and women’s fencing teams remained undefeated this past weekend with convincing wins against Boston College, NYU, Duke, MIT, and North Carolina.