Murphy/Palumbo capture 54 percent, win election

Election Results 1999

Murphy/Palumbo 54.67%
White/Hennigan 9.05%
Other* 12.34%

Based on 45.66% voter turnout

WASHINGTON, PA - Saint Mary's University announces the election of Joe Murphy and John Palumbo to a two-year term as the university's student government leaders.

By FINN PRESSLY

Despite the vast array of tickets to choose from, half of the ballots cast Monday for student body president and vice president were for Mirah Murphy and Michael Palumbo — a percentage high enough to ensure a run-off election against R. Scott Rotter and Paul Martin. "We were grateful that so many students were willing to vote," said Murphy. "We think we have a strong campaign and are looking forward to the runoff." Palumbo added, "We'll be ready to face the challenge of the runoff." The runoff will take place next Tuesday.

Washington participants meet Roemer's assistant

By LAM BRENNEN

Gina Mahony, a legislative assistant for the Indiana Representative Tom Roemer and a 1991 Notre Dame alumnus, met with the Student Government Association at Notre Dame on Friday. The meeting was originally intended as a prelude to meeting with the Congessional reform office. When he was unexpectedly detained at the annual National Prayer Breakfast, however, the meeting with Mahony was extended to a full briefing on what it is like to work for Roemer.

Roemer is the founding member of the New Democratic Coalition, which was started two years ago as an alternative to the more liberal tendencies of other Democratic caucuses. Fiscal conservatism and a diversity of ideas on social issues characterize the group, which encompasses 53 Democratic members of Congress.

"The new Democrats have a view that the government should be reformed to help the people but [that] government isn't the answer," Mahony said. "Other members of Congress think the government is the answer."
There is much negative energy in the air. Unfortunately, it appears to be affecting me in a small and subtle manner. I usually do not like to be affected by anything that I feel that I must do at this time, something to prevent any unrest. I got to sleep.

Ah, there I feel little better. Yet, tensions are still present. However, I really don’t care so much anymore. I am at ease with myself, but it seems that I cannot. What is the reason for this unrest? I take a look in the Viewpoint section. People aren’t happy. People aren’t content especially after spending almost 17 years on death row. People aren’t content with each other. I’ve never seen it happen that fast before.

Trying to talk above the noise of his family laughing, Porter, 44, said it was difficult to keep his peace after spending almost 17 years on death row because of his harsh treatment. "I’m trying to find a word for how it feels," Porter said. "It was like, I’m free."

Juggling calls from reporters and well-wishers, Porter found time on his third night of freedom to join his family for dinner at Old Country Buffet.

Wined and dined since Friday, he said he is getting tired from all the attention.

"Right now, I’m planning to go to bed," he said. "I may have to make more plans as soon as I get used to being on television.

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Students successful in work for release of death row inmate

EVANSTON, Ill. — Less than 72 hours after five Northwestern students and David Protess, a former professor, presented prosecutors in Illinois Supreme Court evidence to clear Marissa Alexander, a murderess Anthony Porter, he was released from prison so quickly it surprised even his supporters.

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SMC selects commencement speaker

Jane Bryant Quinn, the nation's leading commentator on personal finance, will be the 1999 commencement speaker at Saint Mary's. Graduation ceremonies will be held at noon on Saturday, May 15, in the Le Mans Courtyard.

"Jane Bryant Quinn is clearly a leader in her field," said College president Marilou Elfred. "We are confident that her address will inspire our audience, parents and students alike, and that her comments will be useful and pertinent to the Class of 1999 as they prepare to enter the job market or graduate school.

Quinn is an award-winning columnist for several publications, including Newsweek, Good Housekeeping Magazine and the New York Daily Times, whose twice-weekly column is syndicated by The Washington Post Writers Group in more than 250 newspapers.

Quinn has also authored several books. Her first bestseller was "Everyone's Money Book," published in 1978. Recent works include "A Hole in the Market," and the new, updated edition of her best-seller, "Making the Most of Your Money," which was a Book of the Month Club selection.

As a television personality, Quinn currently co-hosts an investment series, "Beyond Wall Street," running on the Public Broadcasting System. She worked ten years for CBS News, first on the "CBS Morning News," then on "Evening News with Dan Rather.

In 1988, she hosted her own program, a personal finance series called "Take Charge!" that also ran on PBS. She appeared twice-weekly on ABC's "The Home Show" and has been a guest on "Good Morning America," "Nightline" and many other programs.

Quinn, who was named by the World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in the United States, is the winner of a coveted Emmy Award for outstanding coverage of news on television.

She has also received the Gerald Loeb Award for Lifetime Achievement and the Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism; the JCI-American University Journalism Award for Excellence in Personal Finance Reporting, the John Hancock Award for Excellence in Business and Financial Journalism, and the Janus Award for excellence in television reporting.

Quinn serves on the Dean's Council of the Harvard School of Public Health, the Board of Advisors for The Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College and the Board of Trustees at her alma mater, Middlebury College. Quinn is married to David Quinn, a lawyer. They have five children.
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"They have to be ready to work hard," said outgoing president Peter Cesaro. "I think they're enthusiastic and ready to go." We take this undertaking with sincere respect and appreciation for the student body," said Murphy.

After the official transition of power on April 1, Murphy and Columbus plan to tie up any loose ends and finish up ongoing projects from the previous administration.

The Jayme-Peatt ticket finished second with 22 percent, while White-Hennigan placed third with nearly 10 percent. Freshman candidate Christopher Costigan requested a re-count to make a statement against what he felt was unfair treatment towards the numerous tickets from Zahm Hall. "They [the Election Committee] pretty much said, "We don't want you to win," said Costigan. "I think they had their hand-picked candidates already selected. It was in my constitutional rights to call for a recount."

Over 45 percent of the student body voted in the election, with Old College, Budin and Zahm leading the list of forms with the highest voter turnout.

Participants in the Dublin program were the only students studying abroad that were able to cast votes. "Last year we only had one abroad program vote, too," said Nicole Bords, who headed this year's elections. Through their office, candidates from all of the abroad programs, Dublin was the only program to respond. 

Roemer

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As a general rule of thumb, Mahony said, Roemer will not respect the nature of Hoerner's Indiana district. "We're gonna make a state­

dictive," Mahony said. She cited Republican positions. While the rank and file members of the party leadership is more likely to stray, she explained. "That may not continue to be the case if the Democrats win the congressional majority in the year 2000. While minority leader Dick Gephardt has kept the Democratic representatives together, many do in the congressional and state levels. A Lyons Hall junior from Northbrook, Ill., Petelle is a government and theology double major and has served in The Observer news and sports departments for more than two years. After spending the fall semester in Notre Dame's London program, she returned to work as an assistant news editor. In her spare time, Petelle enjoys baking Euro-shaped cakes. "I look forward to implementing my ideas for improving the quality and look of The Observer," said Ryan. "I'm especially excited to continue work on increasing The Observer's presence on the Internet."

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Evidence proves existence of friendly barbarians

AMSTERDAM

Can there be such a thing as "friendly barbarians"? In pre-medieval Holland, at least, they appear to have been the perfect neighbors: peaceful peasants who pretty much minded their own business. Challenging the traditional depiction of Germanic tribes as vicious marauders, Dutch archaeologists said Monday they had unearthed new evidence that people from the "barbarian" tribes coexisted peacefully with the Romans in some parts of northern Europe. The State Service for Archaeological Investigations said its excavation of Roman ruins near the village of Vrouwendael in the southern Netherlands uncovered the remains of crude wooden dwellings used by Germanic farmers who worked for Roman landowners. Significant, there are no traces of a violent conquest by the tribes.

Tests begin for AIDS vaccine

UGANDA

The first test of a human AIDS vaccine in Africa has begun in Uganda, says the U.S. National Institutes of Health, which is funding the study. Several attempts at AIDS vaccines have been tested in various countries, particularly the United States, where the most advanced study of another possible vaccine candidate is ongoing. But Monday's announcement was pegged as an important step toward developing a vaccine for countries hardest hit by the epidemic. AIDS has devastated Africa. In Uganda alone, about half the population is already likely a million people and left 1 million children orphaned. The Ugandans report tests a vaccine made by Pasteur Meeriau' - a group that uses a canarypox virus to carry three HIV genes. The canarypox carries a common human disease, and the HIV genes by themselves aren't infectious, the NIH said.

Eros discovered smaller than expected

WASHINGTON

Eros isn't as grand as had been expected, NASA scientists studying the asteroid said Monday. Also known as asteroid 433, Eros was studied by the Near Earth Asteroids Rendezvous satellite in late December. NASA said Eros was found to be slightly smaller than predicted, with at least two medium-sized craters, a long surface ridge and a density comparable to the Earth's crust. Eros was named by Germania Witt, director of the Iriana Observatory in Berlin, Germany, who discovered the asteroid on Aug. 13, 1898. In general, asteroids are named by their discoverers and Witt chose the name of the Greek god of love. The spacecraft was able to take 225 photos of the asteroid.

Associate Press

CHILAPANGA

Mexico's main leftist party, apparently a narrow loser in a key gubernatorial race, called the election "the most corrupt" in the history of Guanajuato state and demanded Monday that it be annulled.

With 98 percent of the vote counted, the Democratic Revolution Party had received 47.6 percent to the incumbent Institutional Revolutionary Party's 49.9 percent. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, known by its Spanish acronym PRI, has dominated Mexican politics for 70 years.

Miguel Medrano, Democratic Revolution's representative on the State Electoral Council, said some voting stations reported suspiciously high turnout rates. He claimed the PRI had bought votes and exceeded campaign spending limits.

"The election in which we participated ... is the most corrupt election that has been seen in the history of Guanajuato," Medrano said Monday at a council meeting.

PRI insisted voting had been fair and urged all parties to ratify the election of its candidate René Juarez. Electoral officials also called the vote fair.

Many in Guanajuato worried that the dispute could lead to trouble in the state where the leftist Popular Revolutionary Army took up arms in 1996 to demand political reforms. Roberto Torres Aguirre, the PRI's delegate on the council, urged Democratic Revolution "to act with the responsibility which we should all have at this moment."

"It is not only when results are favorable that democracy works, but when the will of the people is truly recognized," Torres said.

The Democratic Revolution's national president, Manuel Lopez Obrador, said the party would investigate the results and that candidate Felix Salgado would rest his campaign totally support, "He'll go town to town," Lopez Obrador said at a rally today.

The election was a minor morale boost for the PRI before the 2000 presidential election, which is likely to be one of the closest in Mexican history.

In 1997, the PRI lost control of the lower house of Congress in addition to losing Mexico City's mayoral race, both for the first time. Last year, the party won seven of 10 gubernatorial elections.

On Sunday, a recent PRI defector, Leonel Cota, won the governorship of the small northeastern state of Baja California Sur for Democratic Revolution. Preliminary results showed him leading 54.6 percent to 36 percent over his PRI rival, Arturo Martos.

It was the third time in the past year that Democratic Revolution won a governorship with a candidate who had been first rejected by the PRI.

Hussein's burial draws crowds, dignitaries

AMMAN

Against a tableau of blazing images — a riderless white stallion, a sea of solemn flags, a pale queen in tears and a simple white burial shroud — Jordan's beloved King Hussein was laid to rest Monday under a gray-voiced sky.

Dignitaries and leaders from all over the world — some from states sworn to enmity — lionized the king, a testament to the enormous stature that belied Hussein's status as the monarch of a small and unassuming desert kingdom who presided over a turbulent region.

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Yarlagadda represented her home state of Indiana and was chosen as one of the top 10 finalists.

"I was so excited because first of all, you’re working so hard and you know how you are doing by how you feel and by what people say, but you never know for sure if you’ll be in the top 10," Yarlagadda said.

She stayed in Branson for two and a half weeks prior to the pageant and said contestants participated in an event every night. These included a variety show, a western night and magic shows.

"Branson is known for its theaters, so we saw a bunch of different shows," she explained.

Yarlagadda said that for her, mental concentration was the most important part of the contest.

"The hardest part of the competition was staying focused," she said.

Yarlagadda said she had enough support from her family and said that she had to believe in herself.

"You can do it, you can walk away a winner. You have to believe that," she said.

The pageant required five to ten hours a day of preparation, according to Yarlagadda.

"It was very tiring. We would wake up at 5 in the morning and be out until 12:30 in the morning." Fifty-one girls competing for one crown could make for an ungenial atmosphere, but according to Yarlagadda, it is very much like real life: some girls were very nice and others not.

"On the whole the girls were wonderful — they were great," she said.

Yarlagadda said that the most fun part of the pageant was being on stage. She said she liked the cheering from the audience and knowing that she was doing well.

"The challenge and the competition is what I enjoy most," she said.

Focus and commitment to the way life is lived is what Yarlagadda said she had learned from her pageant experience.

"You can become the person you want to be, make the commitment to be that person and do it," she said.

Yarlagadda has no plans to compete in any further pageants.

"If I do anything else it will be below what I have already done," she said.

Yarlagadda expressed her disappointment in missing the "Top 14" by only one-fifth of a point, but said that she has stopped thinking about what it was that she did wrong.

Students at Saint Mary’s reacted positively to Yarlagadda’s performance in the pageant.

"Pratima was a good representation of Saint Mary’s and the state of Indiana," said Saint Mary’s student Brie Strohmeier.

"I look up to Pratima," said Holly James. "She breaks all stereotypical aspects of what a beauty queen is supposed to have. She is smart and sophisticated — a career woman."
What if you fasted for three days and no one cared? What if your university president, tens of thousands of men and one woman felt that they should do you to whither away, while they guarded their secret that discrimination against gays...

Progressive Student Alliance

Liberals and bisexuals had again received unanimous administrative support.

I have no vote. My fellow ten thousand students and hundreds of faculty memhers also have no vote. The Administration did not even have the courtesy to inform us that the University Fellows voted on Feb. 4. I voted unanimously against inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. Or until last Friday afternoon. But I have a body. Over 100 students including a dozen alumni put our bodies on the line and fasted for three days hoping to change a decision that had already been made. Students at IU Bloomington protested on our behalf and in London 20 students sat in the hotel where the rubber-stamping treasurers were sitting. Thirty-five students sat in Hayes Hall outside Malloy's office for over two hours.

What if you fasted for three days and everyone cared? What if you received emails of support from people and organizations across the US every hour?

If your story was carried by AP (twice so far, found in newspapers everywhere, on MSNBC, all over local TV and onaran Canada's national news for over seven minutes? We fasted for three days. Thousands of students, alumni, Catholics, gays and straights did care. Unfortunately the Administration did not. Their Spirit of Inclusion is a lie that we have exposed and no longer believe.

We demand a public meeting with Malloy, Warner, a lay Fellow and a Trustee. We demand that the Administration follow the Spirit of Inclusion. Otherwise we will expose the institutionally supported homophobia at Notre Dame for all America to see, over-whelm and dismantle it.

We're not kidding and we're definitely not going away.

— Aaron Kreider

I feel betrayed. The fact that in spite of everything this decision would be made in secret and kept from us — students, faculty and staff — makes me very mistrustful of the administration. To me it seems that the Student Senate, Faculty Senate, Academic Council and even the Board of Trustees are powerless if decisions like this can be made in a secret meeting of a few mysterious "fellows." I don't like it one bit.

— Krista Schoening

"If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat."

— 2 Thessalonians 3:10

Being unwilling to work, I fasted. Too often I become complacent with the situation in which I find myself, ignoring the injustice within it. Being hungry helps for mindfulness in thought and deed; it purifies one's intentions, and helps redefine one's energies. It is a useful means of discovering and beginning to root out the injustice, homophobia, hatred, and selfishness in one's own heart. Above all, it is a way to discover that their voices would at least be heard? One of the three principles of natural justice is that the judges should listen before deciding. The board of trustees was thus both PROCEDURALLY and substantively unfair. Perhaps the substantive injustice to non-discrimination clause itself can be attributed to an honest disagreement. The procedural injustice, on the other hand, is an absolute outrage.

The issues that have come to the surface in this case reach far beyond the non-discrimination clause. It seems that Notre Dame is burdened with a group that can not grasp the most fundamental principles of fairness.

— Mike Thrush

I believe that our fast was important despite the fact that we received all of us. We showed solidarity among students and demonstrated that we are willing to fight for the cause of equality, justice and true Catholic values. It is a sad fact that the administrators who constantly preach about keeping our Catholic heritage are the first to disregard the responsibilities that go along with that. I think the fast was a good sign that we the students at Notre Dame do have the ability to show concern for important issues and are willing to fight for the truth.

— Paul Rapajigue

The Progressive Student Alliance's column runs every Tuesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Voices of Hate and Intemperance

Having been accused by a plethora of letters writers of the fatal, logical and just plain wrong, "I thought it appropriate to examine the possibility of such an accusation, especially in light of their probable source. Honestly now, where is the hatred and intolerance coming from at Notre Dame? From me? Ah, behaves, you give me too much credit, for I must say that I have been singularly uninvolved in any campus atmosphere unified in revulsion towards leftists. All I have in common with the right-wing conspiracy? Certainly not. For some of my more vigilant readers, you'll know what line I've crossed as time progresses. So, the question still remains. I would point out that the left is data to be a hold theory. My contention is this: the voices of hate and intolerance on this campus are those of the very people who claim to be open-minded and tolerant. The bitter irony is that the very same people who proclaim themselves "open-minded" are, in actuality, closed-minded; they are unwilling to be opened up to "open-minded" in the possible that their "tolerance" and "open-mindedness" is downright wrong and destructive. Is this a refrain that you can imagine being said by the words, public pronouncements, and actions of some of the preachers, proclaimers of tolerance, and leaders of the left who support this theory?

Judging by its policy statement, the campus is that the real world of this column has absolutely no attention to the recent visit by noted moral theologian Phil Donahue. Oh, yes, this was not a moral Heid- gian, just former talk-show host, notable for being the predecessor to the beloved Jerry Springer. For your apathy to Donahue and his "robots," I congratulate you in your low attendance. (or, at least)

Anyway, it was at this event, that I believe I read the real voices of hate and intolerance, and it disturbs me, the personal attacks on Fr. Malloy, Fr. Warnier et al., the railing of church teaching. In fact, the deceit of the deviant homosexual lifestyle — the list is endless.

One speaker claimed that it was irrelevant to discuss the moral and legal implications of committing the non-discrimination clause to include "sexual orientation," because the community is dedicated to focus on the "human stories" associated with homosexuality. In this case, we all dole people being rid of the hedgehogs, article on the basis of their sexual orientation/objective disorder; such harassment is brutally unrecognizable.

Fortunately, such harassment is already prohibited by our code of behavior under the heading of "harassment," but such successive speaker made an impulsive case for the change of law against me. This Phil Donahue spectacle is an example of a particularly insidious climate created: it is hatred directed at the law of God, and the moral dictates of the faith. An ultimate refusal to be docile to our magisterial edifi - bles brings it with an eternal price. The activists who shun the teaching of mother church, and mock the person who enforce her moral precepts, then, are, the truly hated; they put their own souls, and the souls of all of us, to be "open-minded" in the possible that their "tolerance" and "open-mindedness" is downright wrong and destructive. Is this a refrain that you can imagine being said by the words, public pronouncements, and actions of some of the preachers, proclaimers of tolerance, and leaders of the left who support this theory?

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Second: to equate not following the trail with being ignorant of the issues is a pretty big leap, given the relentless coverage we've had over the last week — or, months — prior. The trial itself is largely a refreshing of the issue, but the media coverage has been in public view for months now. Perhaps it's not surprising that seventy-five percent of those responding said they hadn't learned anything new from the Senate trial. Most of them, however, were familiar enough with the procedural issues in the Senate to believe that there is an important personal interest in the matter. Whether or not it's close, it is clear that the Senate is as visible as Williams thinks they are.

But still, the sized refrain echoes: on the only reason the people want the trial to be over is because they don't understand the issues involved. At its best, this view is patronizing, especially when articulated by members of the media, whose reporting on this affair has been atrocious. At its worst, as suggested by the Ann Coulter school (if you don't think The President deserves conviction, you don't understand the issues), it's dangerous.

Indeed, I suspect the latter view poses a much greater danger to the republic than the public's exasperation with the whole Lewinsky affair, because it denies the possibility of reasoned opposition. Williams isn't guilty of advocating that position, but his assumption that public disgust with the trial stems from ignorance of the facts and ... is dangerous.

Kudos to Williams for not rushing to judgment on whether the President should be removed. It's unfortunate he can't give the same consideration to the American people.

David Walton

Voices of Hate and Intemperance

Sean Vinck was struck by the fact that in their zeal for change, they never wanted to consider the moral and legal dangers that the legitimization of homosexuality would entail. Almost universally, the audience, save myself and some friends, glowed with glee at every such claim. The every saram slam against the totally legitimate position of protecting the non-discrimination clause change. This, my friends, is a true climate of intolerance and hatred, and more glaring than serious, that any scur­ rilous charge hurled against me. This Phil Donahue spectacle is an example of a particularly insidious climate created: it is hatred directed at the law of God, and the moral dictates of the faith. An ultimate refusal to be docile to our magisterial edifi­ bles brings it with an eternal price. The activists who shun the teaching of mother church, and mock the person who enforce her moral precepts, then, are, the truly hated; they put their own souls, and the souls of all of us, to be "open-minded" in the possible that their "tolerance" and "open-mindedness" is downright wrong and destructive. Is this a refrain that you can imagine being said by the words, public pronouncements, and actions of some of the preachers, proclaimers of tolerance, and leaders of the left who support this theory? Against me.

Brandon Williams ("Surf's Up,") Feb. 4) thinks that Americans are "presumptuous" because 60 percent of them want the Senate to get the impeachment trial over with, when only 19 percent of them have been following the trial closely, according in a New York Times poll. To act in ignorance on such grave matters, Williams concludes, is a danger to the nation: we should avoid giving credence to public opinion when it is so uninformed.

He might want to read the New York Times story more carefully.

First: The story did say that only nineteen percent of respondents were following the trial closely. But it also said that 44 percent had been following it "somewhat," with 29 percent following it "not too closely." Given that the vast majority of the trial hasn't been broadcast on the four major non-cable networks, I don't find that surprising.) As for the penchant for making uninformed judgments on this matter: the vast majority of respondents preferred not to express an opinion about the major congressional players in the impeachment process, because they didn't know very much about who the players were. Now, it's too bad that so few people knew anything about folks like Trent Lott and Henry Hyde, and along with Williams, I find such ignorance unacceptable. But, since the respondents were evidently willing to admit their ignorance and forego criticism in this case, it does seem that Williams's fears of premature blame are a Williamian nature.
By ANNE IASELLA
Scene Writer

If the words "Theater Grottesco" bring to mind scenes from the latest Quentin Tarantino film, you have to read this article.
Not only is the name entirely misleading for those not fluent in Italian, but one would never guess that it is an actual compliment.
If you’re still asking, "What is Theater Grottesco?" perhaps it’s time to stop skipping to the sports section everyday. This theater group, coming to Notre Dame Wednesday, Feb. 10 through Saturday Feb. 13, is an excellent excuse to put off the ever looming homework and procrastinate even more. Not only is their play, The Angels’ Cradle, completely fresh and original, but the creative mix of distinctive types of theater performance will keep any viewer enthralled.

Theater Grottesco is a critically acclaimed production company performing at Notre Dame as a part of the Honors Visiting Lecture Series. This group of talented dance/actors was founded in Paris in 1983, and is most known for its use of bold physical styles. Although one may mistake the word "grottesco" for it's English equivalent "grotesque," this could not be farther from the actual meaning. "Grottesco" is Italian for outrageous, ridiculous, or larger than life. To call someone grottesco means that they are interesting, unusual and fun to be with.

Unusual and interesting are definitely two words that describe the company's style of theater. The Angels’ Cradle is a combination of circus acrobatics, dance, classical theatrical techniques and plays on contemporary themes, such as farce, Commedia dell’arte and clowning.

Although these varying styles comprise their theatrical performance, the underlying theme in all of Grottesco’s works is virtually the same — the celebration of humanity. Theater Grottesco tells serious and provocative stories through the use of humor. All these elements are combined in The Angels’ Cradle to explore the themes of community and homelessness.

The Angels’ Cradle is set in the middle ages when buffoons (the insane), lepers, retarded and handicapped individuals were banished from society. Many times, groups of outcasts were exiled to sub-basements of abandoned buildings, where generations of isolation lead to the formation of distinct cultures, skewed with rituals and hierarchies.

The play, a take off from this practice, develops the themes of the ‘other’ within the two-hour performance. As a homeless man accidentally falls through a grating above the buffoon’s basement dwelling, both worlds are drastically called into question. Although each group experiences terror and fear during the initial encounter it eventually subsides through the trading of stories. The two groups then struggle in an effort to determine their relationship with one another.

Eventually, the compassion each side shares for the ‘other’ convinces the buffoons to escape their imprisoned existence from the outside world. From this point, the two worlds fluctuate and collide causing explosion of chaos.

"This is a good story," said Tom Barbes, facilities manager of Washington Hall.
"This terrifically inventive style of theater may challenge people’s ideas of what theater is supposed to be. I can’t think of a reason to miss it."

What is also striking about the performance is the elaborate set and realistically deformed costumes. Historical references attribute the generations that outcasts spent in isolation during the Middle Ages as the cause of their gross physical deformities.
"The costumes try to accentuate the distortion of the body so that there is no question the buffoons have been banished from society," said Barbes.

Not only do the actor’s guise offer an intended visual effect, but, they also provide padding that makes it easy for them to bounce off walls and carry out elaborate acrobatic maneuvers without their bodies being compromised.

If you haven’t bought your tickets for this critically acclaimed group, it will be your last chance to see them before they begin their new tour. Due to the plethora of acclaim received by the group, they have been invited to perform on the off-Broadway circuit directly following their performance at Notre Dame.

A recent Los Angeles Times review proclaimed that Theater Grottesco has "an uncompromising social conscience, a polished physicality and a knack for playing the provocateur."

This is one play that will make you question yourself and society in a way that is both visually pleasing and entertaining.

The tickets will be on sale at the LaFortune information desk for all performances.

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The Los Angeles Times
Scene Through Our Eyes

In Remembrance of Bridget's

By JULIA GILLESPIE
Assistant Scene Editor

We are the children of Bridget McGuire.
As the year anniversary of the "Bridget's Bust" passes, some students reminisce about intricate details of the fun and wild stories they shared with Bridget McGuire.

Bridget's was a freshman right of passage that no longer exists.

There are many students that never went there during "the day," because they did not have fake I.D.'s or the interest in beer, but everyone feels that they were a part of it because the stories are still so vivid.

Some students brought their siblings from high school to Bridget's. Other juniors went there with their parents after Junior Parent's Weekend. Friends celebrated twenty-first birthdays at Bridget's, and every Halloween students dressed up in costumes to celebrate there.

Under-classmen lined up at the door and started to dance as soon as they heard the DJ blast "Come On Ride That Train or Let Me Clear My Throat."

Several upper-classmen remember unusually double-checking their fake I.D.'s that they borrowed. It didn't matter though, because Chris and Paez, the bouncers, never denied anyone — even if their I.D. was of a different race or sex.

As soon as students got in, they immediately made their way to the bar and ordered a 22-ounce bottle of beer from Christy.

Guys and girls made their way to the green picnic tables to dance on top of them.

Some fell off while others aggressively defended their dancing space.

Everyone got beer spilled on them and left smelling like smoke.

The groupies fixtures usually stood around the pool table and had a good view of "the shade" that went on in the back corner of the bar by the dart boards.

Those familiar faces were always at Bridget's for special holidays — Tuesday through Saturday. You saw them on Saint Patrick's Day drinking green beer. Unfortunately, the beer on tap for penny pitch-er Tuesday nights was still green during study days at the end of the year.

After last call they always played The Piano Men for everyone to dance to. Toward the end of the night, some groups of friends formed can-can lines to dance to Frank Sinatra's "New York."

If you tried to make your way to the bathroom you had to battle your way through the bump and grind pit of couples dancing. Guys and girls danced at Bridget's all night that never talked to each other ever again.

Once you got to the bathroom at the front of the bar, you ladies waited in line and engaged in small talk.

Finally, when you closed the door of your stall you read the infamous words etched into the bathroom door, "Bridget's Rocks My World!" Gentlemen — I'm sorry this doesn't apply to you.

It is a shame that Bridget's will never again rock our world. The memories live on and the stories just grow bigger and bigger as friends exaggerate.

Unfortunately, generations of future Notre Dame students will no longer bear the label, "Children of Bridget's," or was it "Bridget's Midgets?"
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SALT LAKE CITY
The city's own investigation into the movie could provide answers to ques-
tions by people in Salt Lake City asking: Who knew what and when.

On Tuesday, a report will be issued on the second of five investigations into cash and freebies to International Olympic Committee members.

Unlike the IOC commission recently disbanded, the closely guarded report by the Salt Lake Olympic committee's ethics panel looks into the role Utah Olympic boosters played in seeking the 2002 Winter Ganos.

What began as a tip to a local TV station about a scholarship for an IOC member's child in November has grown into the biggest Olympics corruption scandal in history.

IOC members have resigned, been ousted by the board, stripped of their seats, and suspended from the board.

 IOC vice president Dick Pound said Monday the Salt Lake City group is the "last of three others into the Salt Lake scandal have been announced.

"It is important to underscore that looking into violations of federal law, one by the U.S. Olympic Committee's ethics oversight board, led by former Senator Majority Leader George Mitchell, and one by Utah Attorney General Jan Graham, to examine potential violations of state laws.

The women's distance medley relay team completed the evening's triumph with its first place finish at 2:01.08.31. After Friday's start, the weekend would turn out to be the Irish's most successful campaign of the season. Saturday's events provided great competition and eight Irish first place finishes finisher.

The women kept up with their winning ways Saturday, adding three more first-place finishes to their collection.

Standout Jennifer Englehardt killed two birds with one stone, provisionally qualifying for the 2000 NCAAs while winning the high jump with a 5'7 3/4".

"It's been a great year. I think she has learned a lot over the last two years."

The group is comprised of Ronan, a former chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court, David Jordan, a former U.S. attorney for Utah's southern district; and Philip Dehn, a dean of the University of Utah college of humanities; and David Jordan, who would help us end our draft. I hope we can avoid endless finger-pointing.

The LDS Board also presented Welch with the

This spring we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the event and honor the winners.

For the spring Olympics, the three biggest names in the world of sports will be joining 400 athletes from around the world.

The 2002 Winter Olympics will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Friday, February 8, to Sunday, February 24.

The event will feature a variety of sports, including alpine skiing, figure skating, snowboarding, and freestyle skiing.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah.

The closing ceremony is set for Sunday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the same venue.

Tickets for the event are currently on sale, with prices ranging from $25 to $200.

For more information on the event, including schedule, tickets, and transportation, visit the official website for the 2002 Winter Olympics.
**Campus Ministry This Week**

**Wednesday, February 10, 4:30 pm, Hesburgh Library Lounge**

**The Black Presence in the Bible**

"Reading the Book of Joshua Through the Eyes of the Indigenous People: The Task for Oppressed People in the U.S."

Dr. Randall C. Bailey, Andrew C. Mellon Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

**Wednesday, February 10, 4:30 pm, Hesburgh Library Lounge (weekly)**

**Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**

Music led by the Celebration Choir, rehearsals before the Prayer Service at 8:30 pm.

**Friday-Saturday, February 12-13, Michiana Christian Service Camp**

**Circle K Retreat**

**Friday-Saturday, February 12-13, Lindenwood Retreat Center**

**Learning To Talk About Race Retreat**

**Friday-Saturday, February 12-13, St. Joe Hall**

**Freshman Retreat #21**

**Saturday, February 13, St. Joe Hall**

**Notre Dame Encounter Team #55 Retreat**

**Sunday, February 14, St. Joe Hall**

**Sophomore Class Team Retreat**

**Sunday, February 14, Sorin Hall Chapel**

**Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass**

Celebrant: Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C.

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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00 pm.

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Fridays, 12:00 noon until 4:45 pm.

Lady Chapel, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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**University Village Volunteers**

Campus Ministry is looking for two students who are interested in doing some volunteer work at University Village, the Married Student Housing Complex on campus. Students are needed to volunteer in a "Parents' Time-Out" program that meets in the community center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. when the University is in session. This ministry would entail working with two mother's to plan activities for children ages 1-4 and to assist in general child supervision. Please call John or Sylvia Dillon at 631-5242 if interested.
Freshman Troy Murphy was named Big East rookie of the week for the seventh time this season. He leads the conference in rebounding.

Murphy earns Big East rookie honors

University of Notre Dame freshman Troy Murphy was named the Big East Conference rookie of the week for his performances in the Irish game over Seton Hall on Saturday. Murphy scored 22 points and had 13 rebounds and four blocked shots in Notre Dame’s 76-60 win over the Pirates on Saturday.

Murphy has now recorded a double-double in eight games this season and in three straight games since returning to action after missing three contests with an ankle injury. Murphy’s seven honors are second in conference history for the rookie of the week award, while Allen Iverson of Georgetown holds the Big East record for being named rookie of the week the most times with nine in 1994-95. Murphy leads the Big East in rebounding at 9.4 per game and leads the Irish team in scoring at 17.7 points per game, good for fourth place in the Big East.
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women's winning streak.

senior Sara Walsh saw her

chances for an undefeated sea-

son foiled by OSU all-American

Yehuda Kalkina. Walsh and the

women's squad will have a

chance for revenge against

Kalkina and the Buckeyes at

the Midwest Intercollegiate

Championships which will be

held at the JACC on Feb. 27-

28.

Despite the set back to OSU,

the women still managed to

down North Carolina 22-9, Air

Force 22-10, Rutgers 25-7 and

Duke 28-4. The women's

record now stands at 14-3.

The men ripped through the

competition, defeating all

opponents handily. The Tar

Heels bowed out 23-4, the

Falcons 25-2, the Scarlet

Knights 20-7, the Blue Devils

18-9 and Ohio State 26-1.

The team understands where

improvement is needed before

the Midwest championships

and NCAA.

"We need to work on our

tenacity," Brown said. "We just

need to fence better and fight

as hard as possible."

The men's team seems to be

firing on all cylinders as the

top fencers on each squad get

more and more dominant with

each passing week.

Junior fencer Charles Hayes

put forth his best effort of the

season, picking up 14 wins with

only one defeat.

Captain Stephanie Auriel and

freshman Steven Mantone also

had good weekends, gaining 11

wins each.

Brian Cassis and Carl Jackson

led the epee team with 11 wins

each. Jackson's 30 wins on the

season have boosted him into

second place on the career

win list.

If the men's fencing team is a

freight train, then the saber

team is the engine that drives

the team. Luke Lavalie, the

1998 sabre champion and the

Fabulous Freshmen. Andrew

Crompton and Galor Szell-

zombie to give the Irish 39

victories over the weekend.

The squad is so good that the

host competition that they will

probably face this year is in

practice against themselves.

With their convincing victo-

ries, the men's team now

stands at 16-1 on the season.

The team has next weekend

off to rest up before traveling

to Wisconsin on Feb. 20 to take

on Midwest competition.

"I am looking forward to the

off week," Brown said. "We

will train hard, but it will be

nice to spend a weekend at

home and not have to travel."
Irish split two meets on road

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The men’s swim team split a weekend in New York with a 124-99 win over Buffalo on Friday and a loss to St. Bonaventure 114-107 on Saturday.

Both meets featured an early lead by the Irish, Saturday’s meet changed course with the help of St. Bonaventure’s strong relays. The lack of an Irish diver also let the Bonnies win the two diving events by default.

The Irish won six of 13 events against both teams. The key to defeating Buffalo was in winning the final relay, worth more points than an individual win. Buffalo also had only one diver.

“We talked about the two meets being independent of each other, that we could lose one and win the other, and there would be no correlation between the two,” Welsh said.

“There were a couple times where we got sixth instead of fifth. Little things like that add up.” Vince Kuna said of the loss to St. Bonaventure.

John Lukber was the high-point winner for the Irish, winning the 500-yard freestyle twice over the weekend. He also placed second in the 1000-yard freestyle against Buffalo, and then led the Irish into a sweep of the same event against St. Bonaventure.

Ryan Verin was unbeaten in the 200 butterfly, recording times of 1:53.11 and 1:53.60 against Buffalo and St. Bonaventure, respectively.

Dan Szilier, Steele Wodwell and Antionio Fonseca claimed the top three places in the 200 breaststroke against Buffalo. This plus the relay assured the Irish of a win in the final minute.

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Tom Walsh
Notre Dame Men’s Swimming Head Coach

Szilier also won the 200 breaststroke against St. Bonaventure, setting a new pool record of 2:06.19. Ray Fitzpatrick also rewrote a pool record with a 1:42.22 to win the 200 freestyle.

The upperclassmen swimmers recalled a similar experience two years ago, in which the Irish split the weekend the same way. This time, however, Notre Dame did not suffer from a lack of readiness and energy at St. Bonaventure, as was the case previously.

“Two years ago, we were flat and we swam a bad meet,” Kuna said.

“This year we swam as well as we could have hoped to. We swam our best with the pressure on.”

Numerous illnesses made for a thin Irish squad. The remaining team members swam their season-best dual meet times, according to Welsh, but it was not enough to make up for absences on Saturday.

“It was not a case where so and so had a bad meet, and if they had a good race would things have been different,” coach Tim Welsh said about the loss to St. Bonaventure. “It’s not like we messed up. To their credit, they [St. Bonaventure] swam very well.”

Welsh points out that opponents usually prepare more for Notre Dame than for most other schools. He expected St. Bonaventure to have a good meet, but not good enough to beat the Irish.

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The men’s dual race record now stands at 3-4. The team hopes to break even this week with the last dual meet of the season, which takes place Friday at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Saint Mary’s and South Bend are among the league leaders. These players, however, are not for most other schools. He expected St. Bonaventure to have a good meet, but not to be able to beat the Irish.

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Belles drop two in conference action

by MOLLY MCVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will not let this weekend’s disappointments keep them down as they face two more conference games this week, finish out conference play. They dropped two more tough league games to Calvin College, 62-45, and to Alma College, 83-53.

Their two point guards, Julie Norman and Kelly Jones continue to give it their all and are consequently among the league leaders in many categories. Despite the often trying season, both guards stand among the top of the league in total points scored.

“It has been a rough season,” said head coach Dave Boeder.

“My guards did well this weekend, though, and they deserve credit.”

Belles’ youth once again and were tough games from the start. Once again, however, Norman and Jones had successful games. Norman and Jones scored 17 and 15 pts, respectively versus Alma and Jones had 14 points versus Calvin.

As has been typical this season, Saint Mary’s allowed themselves to fall behind and were too far in deficit to come back to pull it out. The Belles’ were behind by 14 points against Calvin and 17 points against Alma at halftime. These type of deficits are common for Saint Mary’s and are difficult to rebound from.

Their second half of play was significantly better in both games, and their opponents league did not widen much. Unfortunately, their improved play was not enough to overcome the lead given by Calvin and Alma. Both teams shoot over .50 from the floor and above .400 from the free-throw line.
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**HOCKEY**

**Cotnoir nets CCHA honors**

**Special to The Observer**

Notre Dame senior defense­man Benoit Cotnoir has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association defensive player of the week after playing a major role in last week’s 7-5 victory over No. 4 Michigan State and 5-2 win over Alaska Fairbanks.

Cotnoir had two timely goals and one assist during the week while posting a 3-plus­minus rating in the two games. He sparked the Irish comeback from an early 2-0 deficit to MSU by picking off a clear attempt and scoring a first-period power-play goal. Cotnoir then came back the next night against UAF to score the game­winning goal on a first-period shot from the right circle. His shot later in the game was put back in by junior right wing Joe Dushak for a 4-1 Irish lead.

**Irish**

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Certainly will not be the first of the season. In the past two weeks Sachre has handily defeated two top­ten ranked players, and this weekend’s singles consolation championship at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships only adds to an already impressive resume.

The tournament marked the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association collegiate grand slam, and event in which Sachre has enjoyed considerable success.

After sustaining a first round lose, Sachre rebounded to win four straight matches, capturing the consolation title. Sachre downed small college­champion Mario Toled of Grinnell and Dartmouth 6-0, 6-1, T saliva’s 53­ranked Nonad Toroman 6-2, 6-4, sixth­ranked Eastern Carol of TCU 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, and 25th­ranked Daniel Anderson of VCU 6-2, 6-3, with his only loss coming to Virginia Tech’s 23rd­ranked Adam Marchetti 7-5, 6-3.

Last October Sachre battled his way to the finals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All­American Championships where he lost to the current No. 1 player, James Blake of Harvard.

After their match versus Kentucky the Irish return home to host 18th­ranked Duke on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m.

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**TENNIS**

**Time runs out for Dasso, Sachre at Rolex**

**Special to The Observer**

Notre Dame junior men’s tennis player Ryan Sachre and sophomore women’s tennis player Michelle Dasso dropped first­round matches at the Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association collegiate grand slam. Sachre lost 7-5, 6-1 to Virginia Tech’s Adam Marchetti, while Kristina Kraszewski of Washington beat Dasso 6-3, 6-3.

Sachre, ranked third in the nation, was seeded third in the 32­player draw, while Marchetti was unseeded and ranked 23rd.

The loss is just the fourth of the year for Sachre, who is now 10-4 in his junior season. Dasso and Kraszewski were both unseeded and ranked 24th and 22nd and Dasso at 23rd. Dasso is now 10-3 in singles this year.

Sachre returns to the court Tuesday, Feb. 9, when the 24th­ranked Irish travel to 25th­ranked Kentucky. Dasso returns home to face the 36th­ranked against 59th­ranked Ohio State on Friday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
South Winds

The second-ranked Notre Dame men's fencing team rolled like a freight train through Durham, North Carolina, stopping briefly to pick up five victories before continuing on its journey to Waltham, Massachusetts and the NCAA championships in March.

The women's team, however, hit a bump on the road to Waltham, falling to Ohio State in a close match 17-15. The women finished the weekend with a 4-1 record.

The Irish and the Buckeyes were familiar opponents. On Jan. 30, in the NCAA, the women defeated OSU 28-12 while the men emerged victorious 26-7. The men continued their dominance of the Buckeyes, winning 26-1. The women struggled, however, losing 17-15.

The Irish had jumped out to a 11-9 lead before OSU rallied to take seven straight bouts. Trailing 16-13, the Irish won two straight bouts to move within one of the Buckeyes. If the Irish could win the match at 16 by winning the final bout, they would win the match on indicators. Indicators are the difference among touches given and touches received. Therefore, since the Irish had larger margins of victory in their wins, they would have won in the event of a tie.

The last bout of the match pitted Irish sophomore Kiersten Ferguson against OSU's Jamie Riley. The close bout came down to sudden death overtime before Ferguson fell 5-4.

The Irish were plagued by a lack of depth against Ohio State. The top two events, all-Americans Nicole Mustilli and Mapta Knol, each posted 5-1 records against the Buckeyes. The rest of the squad, however, were blanked by the Buckeyes. The epee squad lost 10-6 after winning 9-7 last weekend.

The women's full team faced better against the Buckeys, winning 9-7. Captain Nicole Paulina, all-American Myriah Brown and junior Aimee Kalogera each registered 2-2 records.

"We didn't fence as well as we did last week," Brown said. "We weren't as patient as we should have been."

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