By RUTH SNELL

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By KYLE ANDREWS

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Listen to the Tale
Respect the Teller

My Martin Luther King day was ruined. Don't get me wrong. The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community did a good job this year celebrating the day and commemorating the man. But this is to be expected. It is such an especially important holiday for me, if not for past presidents, that I find it refreshing to hear them speak about the man.

I believe that the public display of reverence and appreciation one could sense at last year's event was a common rumbling about Dr. King. There was a different woman in every town he went. "He did this."
"He did that." It was a reminder that he stood against and for every year, and manage to ruin the day's celebration for me. Of course these revisions of Dr. King's character have not always been simply his.

There was an entire article in Time or Newsweek, I can't remember which, a couple of years ago that tried to bring to the "real" Dr. King through FBI investigations and witnesses to his violent life. I will not go into specifics here. Nor will I delve into the legitimacy of these claims. The point is that for some reason people feel the need to tear down men and women like Martin Luther King who were raised to a pedestal status. This is a more recent trend, and it is applied to anyone and everyone who has ever been on a pedestal like King has. People think we are discovering our true history in this way, when in actuality we are clouding, if not destroying, our precious past.

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By NOREEN GILLESPIE
New Writer

Candidates vying for positions on the 1999-2000 Saint Mary's class governments met Tuesday night at the annual "Candidates Night" to defend their platforms and exchange ideas for the upcoming year.

CLASS OF 2000
Off-campus communication may be one of the biggest problems that the Class of 2000 will face next year with 40 percent of the senior class moving off-campus.
The ticket of Beth Beatty, Kathy Ilerun, Bridgetegan and Kathy Stoeing emphasizes increased communication for off-campus students, suggesting that an off-campus representative be elected to the senior class board.

Additionaliy, an e-mail address and a Web page, along with a monthly newsletter, will increase the flow of communication.
The ticket of Ann Pangilinan, Pamela Kritts, Claire Burke and Kale Rudemacher also plan to include off-campus liaisons at the various apartment complexes.
The ticket of Maureen Donovan, Allison Wade, Emily Janus and Agnes Bill emphasized off-campus communication and increased alumni relations.

"It's something that can be done in three parts," Janus said. "We've talked to Barbara Henn in alumni relations, and there are several alumni who want to come back to speak with us about career opportunities and other post-graduation issues. Most will do it on their own dollar, too, which will help."

All three tickets said that having a mix of on-campus and off-campus students running for office would allow for better representation.

"Half of our board is on campus, and the other half is off," said Beatty. "We don't consider having off-campus students a disadvantage. It allows us to represent the class as a whole and increase community."

Other topics discussed included commencement, improved alumni-student relations and a senior tailgate.

A tailgate to increase attendance at athletic events was an idea that the Donovan and Beauty platforms pushed. Athletic support was also key in the Pangilinan platform.

"We want to find a way to show more spirit," Burke said.
The platform includes a proposal to decorate Angela Athletic Facility, showing signatures of support for Bills athletes around the facility.

All three tickets stressed the importance of preserving the memories of senior year. The Donovan and Pangilinan tickets involved the compilation of a memory book and the Donovan and Beauty tickets suggested a campaign for graduation events.

Pangilinan said she would also like to recognize graduation throughout the year by developing an event to complement graduation.

CLASS OF 2001
Multicultural awareness, real-world preparation and class unity were topics that dominated discussions among the three tickets vying for junior class positions.
The Autumn Palacz, Julia Malczynski, Gina CASE and Alyson Siegel ticket emphasized the need for a "Real World" coordinator on the class board to assist students with internship and career opportunities.

"As juniors, we are facing entering the real world," said Palacz. "This is something that students in all departments can benefit from."

Class unity and increased participation from the class body were topics on Jillian Koepke, Molly Banahan, Melissa Bitner and Olivia Bittner's ticket.

One of the highlights of this initiative were more social events, including an all-male pageant.

"We were not involved in government our freshman year," Banahan said. "This year, the outside allows us to know what we need to do to get people on the inside to know the type of activities that we would have to get done in order to do what we want to do to get people involved."

The Molly Kahan, Allison Webb, Alice Fox and Antie Holley ticket emphasized the need for increased multicultural involvement.
Their platform includes a push for a multicultural class event once a month.

"We have a study break and make sugar skulls for the day of the dead in November," Kahan said. "We've met with the office of Multicultural Affairs and are ready to start planning ideas for the future.

All groups also expressed a wish that the class would show more unity and coordination.

Freshman class president Nagle disagreed, saying that the defending board's experience was a factor allowing for an increased involvement of the class in the coming years.

"We have experience, we know how the class works, we had a hard knocking with reality this year, but we know how to make the class work. We have a clear line of what we want to accomplish," said Nagle.

That was evident, Robinson added, by the goals on their platform. The Nagle platform features five goals: a sophomore support group, class meetings, a board mentoring program for freshmen, monthly service projects with SURV and plans for Sophomore Parents Weekend.

The Rogers platform includes several goals, some of which include volunteer initiatives, a Sophomore Alumni pat for the needy, an off-campus formal, multicultural appreciation week, increased interaction with Notre Dame, a sophomore college, a memories ticket spirit days for Illiers and initiation of a strong push to improve dining hall services.

"When we started out, we had some ideas," Robinson said. "But we know that our goals are things we are going to accomplish.

The dedication and enthusiasm of the Rogers ticket was unparalleled," Rogers said.

"The officers this year have been great role models for us," she said. "Not being involved in student government first semester put us in a position to watch. Now we're ready to make a difference."
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There is still much more to be done, said Spillett. Spillett concluded by showing a video of Colin Powell at the dedication of the 2,000th Boys and Girls Club. Observing the new facility, Powell noted that the same amount of material would be needed to make a jail. We need to "stop building jails and start building children;" he said. "We don't have anything more important to do than put these children on the road to success."

Spillett has worked with the Club since 1978, serving as vice president of the North East division before her work as president. Beta Sigma is the national honor society for students in business created in 1913 to reward academic accomplishment in business and to promote integrity and honesty in the business world. The Indiana chapter was started at Notre Dame in 1963. Ramachandran Ramanan, associate professor of accountancy at Notre Dame, serves as the group's faculty advisor.

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Admitted to dieting. "When I first got into this profession, we were talking about eating disorder prevention in high school," Staples said. "Now we are talking about beginning it in elementary school." Messages of body image are not something that can easily be changed, Staples said, particularly later in life. "I try and emphasize that it is not what you see in the mirror, but what you bring to the image in the mirror that counts," she said.

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**World News Briefs**

Authorities arrest Most Wanted list's No. 1

The No. 1 fugitive on the U.S. Marshals Service's "10 Most Wanted" list was arrested in Guatemala while working as a tour guide, officials said. Peter Paul Zink III, who fled charges that he operated a large cocaine ring in Texas, was arrested Monday in the Tikal region while working under the name Stanley Price, the service said in a statement. Zink, 43, had been sought since he failed to appear for trial in 1998 on federal charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. He was also wanted on murder-solicitation and other charges in Kendall County for allegedly hiring a gun­man to kill a police informant in 1987. Zink had family connections in Guatemala and was believed to have fled there soon after he disappeared, chief deputy U.S. Marshal Joel Trinital said.

Referee kills soccer player

Johannesburg, South Africa

A South African referee died and killed a player during a soccer match after the player, angry over a disputed goal, lunged at him with a knife, police said Tuesday. Isaac Mkhweba, the 28-year-old captain of the local Wallabies soccer team, was fatally wounded on the field in front of 600 spectators. Referee Lethabo Motsoko, 34, approached the suspected attacker and pleaded not to shoot the injured man, police said. Mkhweba, who was hospitalized in a Johannesburg hospital, died Wednesday from his wounds. The Wallabies fans ran onto the field to protest the attack, which had cut the Wallabies' lead to 2-1. Jacobs said.

Hundreds attend Siskel's funeral

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill.

Film critic Gene Siskel died Sunday at age 52. Siskel was a public man who loved his private life. More than a year ago, people attended his funeral Monday, including Oprah Winfrey, Christie Hefner and Siskel's longtime television partner, Roger Ebert. Mayor Richard Daley canceled scheduled campaign stops to attend the service for his moral icon on the wooden shore of Lake Michigan. He breathed and slept Chicago and his love of our sports, love of politics," Daley said. "And of course, always his review of films was a highlight for myself and, I think, not only for Chicagoans, but for people who truly loved the arts," Siskel died Saturday at 53 from complications following surgery to remove a growth from his brain in May.

**Texas**

Clara Taylor and Mary Verret, sisters of James Byrd Jr., listen as the guilty verdict is read at the Jasper County Courthouse in Jasper, Texas, on Tuesday. Jurors needed only 2-1/2 hours to find John William King guilty of capital murder in the dragging death of Byrd.

Jury convicts man in dragging death

Jasper

A white supremacist was convicted of murder Tuesday and could get the death penalty for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him until he was buried to pieces in a crime that shocked the nation with its savagery.

The jury of 11 whites and one black took less than 2 1/2 hours to reach a verdict against John William King in the slaying last June of James Byrd Jr. Courtroom spectators applauded and the victim's relatives broke into tears.

The jury then began hearing evidence on whether the 24-year-old laborer should get the death penalty or life in prison for one of the grisliest racial crimes in the United States since the civil rights era.

"I am relieved," said Stella Brumley, Byrd's sister. "That's all we wanted, was justice."

His son, Ross Byrd, said: "All I know is that there's one down and five to go." King was the first of three white men to go on trial in the slaying, which prosecutors said he carried out because he wanted "something dramatic" to gain credibility for a racist group he was organizing.

King leaned forward when the verdict was read, shielding himself from cameras, then sat back in his chair with his fingers on his chin.

One of his lawyers said King was not surprised by the verdict and considered himself the victim of a conspiracy.

Byrd's head and arm were found torn off after he was pulled nearly three miles while tied by his ankles with a 24 1/2-foot logging chain. The murder thrust Jasper into a national spotlight that many in the half-black timber town of 8,000 con­ tended was unfair. Members of the Ku Klux Klan and New Black Panthers descended on the Jasper, about 100 miles northeast of Houston, to demonstrate.

"There were riders coming straight out of hell that's exactly what it was that night," prosecutor Pat Hardy said in closing arguments Tuesday.

"After they dragged that poor man and tore his body to pieces, they dropped it right in front a church and a cemetery, to show their defiance to God, to show their defiance of Christianity and everything most people in this county stand for."

The evidence against King included a lighter embossed with a Klan symbol and King's prison name, "Pussum," that was found along with cigarette buttts at the scene, clothes stained with Byrd's blood; letters in which King wrote about organizing a racist gang, and King's tattoos of a black man hanging from a tree, cartoon characters in Klan garb, Nazi-type SS lightning bolts and Aryan power proclamations.

**Puerto Rico**

Youths riot, take guards hostage

SAN JUAN

Delinquent youths in a Puerto Rican prison rioted and took seven guards hostage before dawn Tuesday, officials said.

Ten youths and seven other guards were hurt in scuffles when inmates armed with homemade daggers seized their hostages, spokesman Alfredo Gabres of the Bayamón Juvenile Detention Center said. Another three inmates were believed to have been injured during an earlier fight between rival gangs, but it was not known how badly.

The male detainees, all aged 14 to 20 years, released three of their hostages around noon, in time for lunch.

"The attitude is new cooperative and we're now negotiating in good faith," police negotiator José Caldera said. "We have plenty of time and we have to do this calmly."

Corrections Secretary Zoe Labrador said that at 2:45 a.m. nearby 50 detainees took control of two of the four buildings at the center, just outside San Juan. The capital of this U.S. Caribbean commonwealth. Corrections officials said the riot began with two rival gangs clashed.

Inmates burned mattresses, destroyed security cameras and damaged other property before they began talking to officials, police said.

Heavily armed riot police and six ambulances ringed the prison Tuesday as Caldera talked to the rioters from a police truck outside the fenced prison. He said they were complaining about food and the official care, but added police believe the riot began with a gang fight.

Miguel Rivera, adminis­trator of Puerto Rico's juvenile institutions, said youths still held two build­ings at the prison.

There are about 13,000 people in Puerto Rico's prisons, which are plagued by riots and warfare between drug gangs.

The government has been cracking down on the gangs, who control daily life within the prison walls. Some riots have been touched off by gov­ernment efforts to mix members of different drug gangs in the same cells.
Affirmative action programs benefit many facets of society

President Clinton summed up the positive effects of affirmative action in a speech he delivered to the University of California in San Diego in 1997.

By JESSICA DELGADO
News Writer

The functions of affirmative action are as diverse as the people it serves.

Statistics show that affirmative action programs have done more good than harm to everyone at a university and in providing women and minorities full educational and workplace opportunities.

Affirmative action programs can be proactive and preemptive steps to root out discrimination, rather than waiting for after-the-fact litigation.

It seeks to expand the talent pool for businesses to draw from, which has led to more diverse workforces and enhances the performance and productivity of a company.

President Bill Clinton expressed these views about affirmative action in a speech given on June 14, 1997 at the University of California in San Diego.

"It has given us a whole new generation of professionals in fields that used to be exclusive clubs, where people like me got the benefit of 100 percent affirmative action." IBM has adopted a plan that has made women in management positions triple in less than 10 years, reports the National Women's Law Center.

The number of women that own businesses has risen by 57 percent, with 7.7 million women-owned businesses that employ more people than the Fortune 500 companies put together.

As a result of litigation and construction trades, affirmative action plans have been put into place within the police and fire departments as well.

By 1993, women composed 16 percent of the police force compared to 9.4 percent in 1983 and 3.7 percent of fire fighters versus 1.0 percent in 1983.

When the Office of Federal Contract Compliance concentrated on the coal mining industry in 1973, there were no women. After the review in 1980, there was an increase to 8.7 percent.

There are more African-American, Latino and Asian-American lawyers and judges, scientists and engineers and accountants and executives than ever before," Clinton explained in his speech.

Because of the removal of affirmative action in Texas and California, the states are beginning to see downturns.

The University of Texas, which is known for producing minority lawyers, accepted 514 Hispanics from 1983 to 1991, just 687 would have been admitted on the sole basis of board exams and grades.

In the University of California at Berkeley, the admissions for black students dropped 80 percent and Hispanic student admission fell 50 percent to 32 percent.

Linda Wightman, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, found that of the 3,485 black students accepted by law schools in 1991, just 687 would have been admitted on the sole basis of board exams and grades.

Yet these same minority students had graduation rates and bar-exam pass rates similar to those of white students.

"Many affirmative action students excel. They work hard, they achieve, they go out and serve the community that need them for their expertise and role model. If you close the door on them, we will weaken our greatest universities and it will be more difficult to build the society we need in the 21st century," Clinton asserted.

"The best example of affirmative action is our military. Our armed forces are diverse from top to bottom, perhaps the most integrated institution in our society and certainly the most integrated military in the world," Clinton said.

The National Women's Law Center contributed to this article.

**Affirmative Action fact and fiction**

**FICTION:** Ethnic minorities and women are hired or promoted because employees are bound by AA practices.

**FACT:** Only AA plans that do not compromise valid job or educational qualifications are lawful.

**FICTION:** Quotas are used to implement AA.

**FACT:** AA has never used quotas. It provides women and minorities with education and workplace opportunities.

**FICTION:** AA programs discriminate against white males, leading to reverse discrimination.

**FACT:** Reverse discrimination is rare, accounting for only 2 percent of employment scenarios.

**FICTION:** AA mandates preferential treatment and unfair advantages for minorities and women.

**FACT:** AA does not require preferences. Women and minorities do not assume that they will be given preferential treatment.

**FICTION:** The pay disparity between the genders does not suggest discriminatory practices.

**FACT:** In 1993, the amount of wages women lost due to pay inequality was nearly $100 billion.

**FICTION:** The U.S. Government should not promote AA through federal funds.

**FACT:** These funds come from taxes paid by women and minorities who are entitled to a fair portion of federal contracts.
Progress remains slow even under aid of affirmative action

By COLLEEN McCARTHY

More than 30 years after affirmative action policies began to be implemented, minorities and women face barriers in their quest to achieve equality with white males in the workplace and in education.

After the landmark decision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited sex discrimination in employment, recruitment, training, and promotion, affirmative action initiatives have assisted all women and minorities in finding equal opportunities.

Where women have progressed, it is coming slowly.

"It does stirke me that amongst students, they perceive they can do anything," said Susan Alexander, associate professor of sociology, social work and anthropology at Saint Mary's. "Society has changed and there are more opportunities for women to succeed than used to be.

"However, these students may be the exception to that rule," said Alexander, referring to opportunities available to women and minorities in society.

"Some barriers still exist. We'll see what happens if Elizabeth Dole decides to run for president."

Disparities in pay between white men and women attest to the need for affirmative action. According to statistics from the Leadership Council on Civil Rights (LCCR), 67 percent of the 62 million working women in the U.S. earn less than $20,000 annually, and 33 percent earn less than $10,000. In 1991, women physicians earned 53.9 percent of the male physician's wage, the LCCR reported.

In addition, for every dollar earned by men, women on the whole earned 74 cents. African American women earn 63 cents and Latinas women, 57 cents, according to statistics from the National Organization for Women.

The pay gap is disturbing in Alexander.

"We need to link this to education," said Alexander. "The more education you receive, the more likely you are to be higher paid. Even when women do choose to pursue an education, they are not receiving the same pay increases that males are.

This is seen frequently in academia, said Alexander, where both men and women have Ph.D.s but women hold the lower ranking positions within departments and are paid less.

"There is something going on when that doesn't lead to equal pay," said Alexander. "This is a situation where women don't have the opportunity to move up the ladder.

A woman's career choice could lead to the pay discrepancy, said Alexander. For example, women make up most of the education field, while only 8.4 percent of all engineers are women, according to the Census Bureau. On average, engineers receive higher pay than teachers, and this can sometimes account for the discrepancy, said Alexander.

In other high-paying fields, women make up only 25 percent of all doctors and lawyers, according to the Census Bureau.

The flight to the level playing field through affirmative action continues today and the need for the continuation, particularly for minority women, is evident in statistics from the LCCR, according to Alexander.

Minority women, in particular, continue to be underrepresented in numerous areas of the business world. Only 2.6 percent of small business owners are African American and 5 percent of Latinas versus 37.6 percent held by white women. In hospital industry jobs, African-American and Latinas women held 4.6 percent of positions, while white women held 50.2 percent, according to statistics from the LCCR.

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The Bakke decision set the standard for consider-ation of diversity as a positive factor in terms of admission, just as athletic talent, geographic or alumni status play a role in the admissions process.

But while the court ruled that this type of special admissions was illegal because of the quotas set by admission officers, they did recognize the role that diversity plays in education, saying that the university had the right to select students who would contribute to a "robust exchange of ideas.

The Bakke decision set the standard for consideration of diversity as a positive factor in terms of admission, just as athletic talent, geographic or alumni status play a role in the admissions process. However, in 1996, a district court lawsuit involving the University of Texas took a step towards overturning the Bakke decision by changing the face of educational affirmative action forever.

In Hopwood v. University of Texas, Cheryl Hopwood sued the University of Texas at Austin, School of Law for admitting less-qualified minorities and denying her admission. While Hopwood only received $1 of damages, after an appeal, the court released an opinion that contradicted the Bakke decision.

"Diversity cannot be a state interest, the court said, the school's admissions process was unconstitutional.

The judicial decisions sent signals that affirmative action was no longer the policy of choice for colleges and universities.

Proposition 209, passed by 54 percent of Californians, states that the consideration of race, ethnicity and gender in state-supported employment and contracting are not to be included in application decisions.

Following California's decision, Oregon, Idaho, Florida and Washington are considering similar bans.

"Right now, we give preferential treatment to athletes and alumni," said Saracino. "People who are against affirmative action say, 'It's time to treat everyone equally.'

"We need affirmative action to give minorities preferential treatment, that we need to put them in the swimming pool. But if we do not, we cannot give that preferential treatment to athletes or alumni. It would be done by the numbers.

"If you have little schools such as University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and University of California Berkeley have a hard time announcing support for affirmative action, Saracino notes that University of California is unpredictable by the numbers."

Yet, all undergraduate schools such as University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and University of California have been back up against the wall.

The Ten Percent Plan, spearheaded by Texas, allows automatic admission for students to public colleges if they graduate within the top 10 percent of their high school class. At the University of California, discussions recommending the elimination of the existing race and wealth and unemployment scores in the admissions process are underway.

Yet the key to maintaining diversity, Saracino says, is not to throw away affirmative action, but to regulate it.

"We admit a student simply because they are in minority, it is not only unethical, but it is un-American," Saracino said. "Many California has passed are mean-spirited," he said. "Let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater. Affirmative action does have benefits."
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Retention rates by ethnicity in 1996 were 97.5 percent for all undergraduates, 93.5 percent for non-resident aliens, 93.8 percent for Native Americans, 94.7 percent for Asians, 77.9 percent for Hispanics and 91.4 percent for whites.

"Given that the graduation rates are comparable, I'd be surprised if [the minority stu­dents] weren't retaining at the same rates," said Mary Lelick, Saint Mary's director of Institutional Research. "If we look historically, with only a handful of minority students, there hasn't been a need to track minorities on an individ­ual basis."

It is disparaging to see some of the numbers, especially for African-American students here on campus," Harrison said. "The numbers are drastically differ­ent from the majority students, and I feel the University as a whole needs to address some of the issues African-American stu­dents have here."

Nanovic Institute for European Studies

A reminder of the Nanovic Institute's 1999-2000 grant program for faculty, graduate and undergraduate students.

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Application deadline: March 26th, 1999

For more information contact the Nanovic Institute at 631-5253 or visit our office at 419 Flanner Hall.
WASHINGTON

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday a "surprisingly robust" U.S. economy should continue growing this year but at a much slower pace than last. And he dropped hints that if the slowdown doesn't occur, the central bank is prepared to increase interest rates to make it happen.

Delivering his twice-a-year report on Fed policy to Congress, Greenspan did not signal that a rate increase is imminent. Indeed, he also left open the possibility that if the global economic crisis should suddenly re-ignite, the Fed would respond with further rate cuts, as it did last fall. "We remain vulnerable to rapidly changing conditions overseas, which, as we all saw last summer, can be transmitted to U.S. markets quickly and dramatically," Greenspan said.

But referring to the three interest rate cuts the Fed made over a span of seven weeks last year, Greenspan said the central bank must address "whether the full extent of the policy easings undertaken last fall...remains appropriate." That remark was seen as a signal that the Fed is having second thoughts about the third rate cut, which moved the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other — down to 4.75 percent.

Greenspan called the economy's growth rate in the fourth quarter "torrid." He also repeated worries he expressed last month about whether the stock market's return to record levels is justified in light of the weakness in corporate earnings. "The Fed probably regrets in hindsight that the third rate cut was made," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "Chairman Greenspan is telling us that the Fed hopes the economy slows on its own, but he is not going to wait forever for that to occur."

Wall Street investors also had a pessimistic reading of Greenspan's words. Bond prices dropped sharply on fears of future Fed rate increases, with falling demand pushing the yield on Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond up to 5.43 percent, compared to 5.35 percent on Monday. Stock prices edged lower as well. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day down 8.26 at 9,544.42.

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Greenspan: Growth is ‘torrid,’ but rate cuts may be needed

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You had a fight with your best friend. Your friend is someone you have known all of your life, who has given you support, given you advice. You have counted on your friend, and you have never been disappointed. But now you have fought. You said things you wished you wouldn't have said; you did things you regret having done. Then you realize how much you value the friendship, even though you may not be able to express it. But you want to be friends again. Then you realize: you are not necessary. You swallow your pride, you say all the right words and you make clear that you are ready to do what it takes to heal the wounds.

If you value the friendship, maybe you are even ready to change to be a better friend. If you realize what it means to lose this friendship, and what it means to gain it, you are more than willing to do whatever it takes to make quite a few sacrifices.

Sacrifice, in Lent, is something we give up to God, not to our egos. Sacrifice is not a social occasion. When we pray, fast and give alms, this Lent, we do not do it so that other people may be impressed, like the girl we like or the Trustee we dislike.

Sacrifice is, in part, through sacrifices. What good does it do to us if we honor God with our lips but our hearts are turned away from Him? That is, if we say we love God, but we give no importance to showing our love and making it grow through our actions? For the faith is as useless as a screen door in a submarine (thanks, St. James and Irish Victims). So sacrifice we will, knowing we follow the example of the Son of God.

An analogy that comes to mind (because I just heard it from someone else) is that of a child who breaks a very expensive window. The father agrees to pay for it because the child could not afford it, but that does not mean that the child should have no part in making up for his or her mistake. In the same way, there is no way that we can restore our relationship with God by our sacrifices. The weight of our sins is too great for us: that is why Christ's Cross is necessary to save us. But we play a part on our own salvation: by saying that the Cross of Christ is in the way, and then taking up the cross ourselves.

Gabriel Martinez

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JORDAN

not point out (quite rightly) that we should ignore Christ at all times, and not only between February and March. In spite of appearances, she is not saying we should ignore our faults when they are sick, just because we don't need a designated season to remember them. Of course we should rejoice at the birth of Christ, mourn His death, and glorify His resurrection every day (the Rosary is a good way). Yet we set apart 40 days of the year to draw our hearts with sacred cloth and resent our tongues with ashes, so that, every year, the shock of our guilt will make us cry with the Psalmist, "Teague me, O Lord, for I have dealt what is evil in your sight." We should not understand the next-to-last paragraph of That Noble Column. First Ms. Gaughen argues that not eating meat on Fridays is not that much of a sacrifice: after all, meat is a lot more plentiful now than in the past, I don't quite see how this follows, but OK. Then she implies that meatless Fridays in the dining halls impose an unnecessary burden on non-Catholics, but I thought on meat was not much of a sacrifice. The truth is that meatless Fridays are a sacrifice, especially for people like me, who want to be frugal or pick in every meal. But this isn't very healthy. We meat-eaters need a nice vegetarian meal every once in a while. If you are non-Catholic, at least you get the benefit of saving your arteries. If you are a Catholic and you pick up pasta with the right mindset, you are also working toward the salvation of your soul.

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A fol modern American Literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn.

— Ernest Hemingway

QUOTE OF THE DAY

DONESBURY

"This is really unique, boys. How are we supposed to recognize the real problems when we have problems before us?"

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Progressive Student Alliance

Sweatshops: Social Justice or Social Juice $tice for ND?

John Paul II writes in Lætherem Exercitae: "The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and these rights are violated, and to help to guide those who wish to ensure authentic progress by man and society.""2

The reader, however, is concerned with the provision of a living wage, and the employment of children have been the basis of much emotional appeal from the Catholic social action movement in this country. Since the publication of the recent legislation in California, which is in the process of being signed into law on the sides of the nation, Notre Dame and its licensed apparel products are made and to establish proper conditions for living wages in facilities producing Notre Dame apparel. Here is a portrait of working conditions made possible by our lax code. In a Chinese national working in a factory in a Pacific Rim country. She has posted a bond for her entire life savings as a condition of her employment, which means if she is fired she forfeits the bond and is repatriated. She works a 60-hour week, including Saturdays and Sundays earning, 40 an hour, the prevailing wage for apparel workers in the region but less than half of what it would take to provide herself and her child adequate food. Millions of persons work under such conditions, it is known that such a worker makes Notre Dame licensed apparel, but with a sense of responsibility, and if she does neither, nor Notre Dame, nor any independent watch-dog group would have any way to discover it, because Notre Dame does not require disclosure. We are the largest collegiate apparel licensor. This is our arena in which doing the right thing also has a major impact on the industry at large. With the CLG and other colleges and our Catholic university is destined to become a large escape valve for the morally repugnant manufacturers. Notre Dame should be in the vanguard on this issue. Many secular institutions have decided to put justice before profits. It's high time that we do also.

I am writing to tell you how disappointed and disgruntled I am with the recent coverage of the Big East Championships on the sides of the women's and men's track and field teams. The recent accomplishments of individual athletes, team trophies and record performances were completely unrecognized and dishonored in the Tuesday publication of The Observer. The track and field team is the largest team on the Notre Dame campus, only second to whom I don't know but the fact is that this is a sport that the people on this campus participate in. Not only varsity athletes but most every person on this campus has participated in some form of this sport before. Therefore, track and field does have importance at Notre Dame and is not being recognized in this respect. Although this is a disgrace, the more disgraceful is that the Big East Championships were this past weekend and the coverage of this meet in The Observer has been deplorable. The women went into this meet deemed only able to score around 60 points of which would have been a good number compared to other years as it was. On the first day of the meet the women led the whole meet. This would seem like exciting news to me. Although they didn't end up winning they got burned by placing third by only 19 points. This was amazing yet unrecognized with even a sentence. I have not checked the records but I believe this may have been history in the making. Besides this team accomplishment the women's team also had many individuals who were dishonorably recognized in the paper. I will not go into detail with every performance but there was one Big East champion, at least three second-place finishes and multiple third places. Being in possibly the best conference for track and field in the nation, this is a major accomplishment. I am not on the men's team but would venture to say that the coverage was a little bit better on their side. The men did have a sound meet but they did not finish in second by a mere 19 points they finished in second by more than 50. The women obviously being much closer to the championship.

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Junior, McGlinn Hall
February 23, 1999

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Crashing into DePauw

Matthews, Reynolds go acoustic at small Indiana venue

These days, if you want to see a big name rock act, you had better plan on enjoying it with 20,000 other crazy kids. You should also be prepared to hear only 35 percent of what the lead singer says, encounter many drunken people and wait for two hours to get out of the stadium parking lot. It’s also sometimes frustrating when you leave the show — maybe you expected a little more. This past weekend, however, I encountered none of these problems at the Dave Matthews/Tim Reynolds Acoustic Show at DePauw University.

DePauw University is located in a small Indiana town called Greencastle. Although we spent some time searching the town for a huge castle, we only found a couple of pawnshops and a two-screen movie theater. When I finally came to grips that we weren’t going to see a castle with kings and princes, we decided to find the auditorium.

Outside of the venue, people gathered to catch a glimpse of Mr. Matthews. In fact, he did show his face, but only for a few minutes. A couple of shady women were talking to a shady crowdmember and proceeded to get into one of the tour buses with him. We later saw them being escorted to one of the entrances that lead to the backstage area — it was all very shady.

Anyway, enough of the shadowiness — let’s talk about the actual show. Walking into the auditorium, I thought I had gone back to high school. The place was tiny — only about 1,400 seats. Matthews and Reynolds came out onto the stage at about 7:39 p.m. Matthews explained to the crowd that he doesn’t need to “take anything” to make him crazy. He said that he just a weird guy by nature. Then the two broke into an inspiring version of “Best of What’s Around.”

Next came the classic Bob Dylan tune “All Along the Watchtower.” During the first two songs the crowd was pretty loud, but they learned how to control themselves. They realized it was easier to hear if people weren’t screaming the words to every song.

There were many high points during the show. The stripped-down acoustic display of the many hits was very refreshing. “The Stone” was a haunting selection that ended with Matthews singing the words to Elvis Presley’s “Can’t Help Falling In Love.”

However, was not limited to possibly the best concert I have ever or will ever see in my life. I was also able to partake in one of the quintessential college experiences — the “road trip.”

Geoff and I left campus at about 1 p.m. The doors to the show opened at 6:30 p.m., but we really had no idea how long it was going to take us to get down to DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. After we slurred up the car and grabbed some lunch, we were on our way. We put some music on and began a lengthy discussion on women and relationships, which lasted almost the entire four-hour trip.

We arrived in Greencastle with plenty of time to find the concert hall. While we were walking around the performing arts center where the concert was being held, we were lucky enough to see Dave get out of his tour bus and make his way into the building. He turned and waved and we waved back. It was a very emotional experience.

As for the concert, we really had no idea what to expect since this was our first time at a Dave Matthews/Tim Reynolds show. After the doors opened, we were surprised to see nothing more than a high school auditorium. On the stage, there were four guitars, two chairs and a table with a couple of wooden stools.

It was interesting to see the number of people attending the show who were not college students. There were a fair share of teenagers but also some very young kids and some rather older people in attendance. Most of the college crowd funneled in approximately two minutes before showtime as people milled around waiting for the lights to go out.

The biggest question in my mind was whether the crowd was going to be a good one. When Matthews and Reynolds came out onto the stage there was a roar — as much of a roar as 1,400 people can make. The audience was mostly well-behaved, except for

SETLIST

Best Of What’s Around
All Along The Watchtower
Crush
The Stone/(Can’t Help Falling In Love)
Christmas Song
Reconcile Our Differences/Don’t Drink The Water (This Land Is Your Land)
One Sweet World
Two Step
Lie In Our Graves
Tim Solo (Unknown)
What Would You Say
Say Goodbye
Stay
Jim Thing/(Shook Me All Night Long)
What Will Become Of Me/Panatala Naga
Spoon
Crash Into Me/(Dixie Chicken)
Halloween
Spoon
Loose interpretation (Big Blast of Hot Air)-
Tim Solo
Wild Horses
Dancing Nancies
Encore
Warehouse
Tripping Billies

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**Jewel**

Spirit

Atlantic Records

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Kelly Cooney

Blink 182

Buddha

Kung Fu Records

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ey there music lovers! The Big Kahuna is here to tell ya all about the new Blink-182 CD. The San Diego punk rock trio has recently released "Buddha," a digitally remixed and remastered version of their earliest studio recordings.

"The good people at Kung Fu (records) have agreed to unleash these tracks from the vault," according to Blink. These recordings had previously sat collecting dust on a shelf in guitar player Tom DeLonge's living room. Now, dusted off and remastered, Blink invites you to "enjoy this whimsical journey back to our humble beginnings recorded at Double Time Studios in San Diego, Calif., over three rainy nights in 1995, just six months after the release of 'Blink 2000.'"

First, I think it is appropriate to provide you with a little background on Blink-182. They're a three-piece punk-rock band from California. Those of you who listen to a lot of punk rock will be familiar with them. Blink's music features a mix of simple, catchy guitar hooks and driving rhythms that have won them a dedicated fan base.

The songs on this album are a mix of covers and original material. The covers include tracks from bands like The Smiths, The Cure, and Nirvana, while the original material showcases their unique style and sound.

The album is a perfect example of the raw energy and passion that punk music is known for. The band's unique sound and style make this album a must-have for any punk rock fan.

**Keith Kawamoto**

James Schuyler
Clemens out of place in NY

BY JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

"I feel very fortunate to have a second chance to be a December." Roger Clemens said. He is 40 years old. Two years ago he was part of the New York Yankees organization (before signing as a free agent with Toronto). To get a second chance to be here, I'm truly thrilled to be here," he said. In case you missed it, the New York Yankees pulled off a blockbuster trade this week acquiring five-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens from the Toronto Blue Jays for David Wells, Grumme Lloyd and Homer Bush. On paper, the trade looks like it will make the Yankees an even more dominating team, but if baseball were on paper, the Baltimore Orioles would be in the playoffs.

In reality, the Clemens trade makes sense only as a preventive measure since the pitcher's three main suitors — the Cleveland Indians and Texas Rangers and the Yankees — face the Yankees in the playoffs, and any of those moves could have been a more serious threat if they had an ace of their own.

Nevertheless, this trade does not make sense. Clemens does not make sense. He is the dar- ling of Big Apple sports reporters and also had a breakthrough year, posting an 18-4 record with a 3.49 ERA and refusing a one-year, $27 million offer with the Seattle Mariners who had agreed to sign him for $25 million over five years with Kevin Brown’s — a 7-year, $150 million deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Clemens signed with the Blue Jays last year in order to be closer to home and the Blue Jays are his only true home. He has never really known any player on the team and signed with the Jays only because of the love he had for the Blue Jays fans. He idolized Babe Ruth.

Baseball, however, is a business. Clemens is coming off of two consecutive Cy Young Awards and has acclaimed his spot as one of the game's best pitchers. With the Yankees, he is expected to continue pitching at this high level, but will he be able to do it? Will he be able to do it this year?

Before signing with the Blue Jays two years ago, Clemens was a combined 40-39 in his last four years with the Boston Red Sox where he pitched more innings in the past 15 years than any other active major league pitcher. He is 36 years old.

His primary reason in signing with the Yankees was the chance to win a World Series. Initially, when he heard he was to be traded, he wanted to be traded to the Blue Jays where he would be able to get the most money per win. The Blue Jays began talks with the Rangers and the Houston Astros where the Rangers never materialized, but the Astros always wanted something either.

Jason Casto, the first baseman, does not make sense either. He was the darling of the San Diego Padres this year, but he did not get a second chance with the Yankees. Last year's club set a major league record with 258 wins thanks to team chemistry.

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Clemens seems out of place in a Yankee uniform, sort of like Fidel Castro draping an American flag. The ultimate irony is that when Clemens is elected to the Hall of Fame, that is the uniform he will be wearing.

As much as I hate the Red Sox myself, it is their uniform that he should wear when he is elected to Cooperstown. It symbolizes a loss of an option for the "Rocket," when 20-strikeout performances and 20-win seasons were commonplace.

Clemens is a great pitcher. He is the most dominating pitcher of our generation. His trade to the Yankees in significa- nt ways because Clemens and his five Cy Youngs — which, incidentally, are one more than any other Yankee have managed throughout their club careers — may help out more than his being sent to New York. Fortunately, this trade may help out the Yankees regret this trade.

The collapse of the deal left the Diamondbacks still searching for a leader in out of the Rockies much-needed speed. Diamondbacks General Manager Joe Garagiola Jr. was looking ahead to top-ranked Senior Manager Joe Bonfadie said. "Arizona did a lot of work with their players, but they decided that they didn't want to take the deal that was presented."

Martin is not happy with the prospect of spending a season as a Pirates' reserve, and Martin was made for a leadoff hitter and probably a centerfielder. There is no telling whether there would look elsewhere to make a trade.

"If the opportunity presents itself, and we felt we could get a better player from another team, we would make a deal," Keri said. I'm not sure what might happen from here. We would like to be around a team that's moving in the right direction."

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Raise in strike zone raises umpires' tempers

Baseball's plan to raise the strike zone has raised the ire of umpires, too. Last Friday, a memo was sent to all 30 major league teams, telling them the official definition of the strike zone "will be more strictly enforced" by umpires this year.

The note came from Sandy Alderson, the new executive director of baseball operations and part of the restructured commissioner's office under Bud Selig.

The move appears designed to get umpires to call higher strikes. In recent years, umpires rarely called any pitches above the belt a strike.

But umpires union head Bob анг Phillips said his people were left out of the decision.

"Neither the umpires or the umpires association were consulted on this issue," Phillips said.

"I don't see how anyone could say we're going to more strictly enforce a rule," he said. "The umpires enforce all of the rules. That's been their job for more than 100 years. It is deplorable for the commissioner's office to indicate that the umpires have been strictly enforced all of the rules."

In a rarity, the players association spared owners, for the most part.

"There never has been a good reason for why players should have to adjust to 12 different strike zones, so some effort to make the strike zone more uniform is to be welcomed," said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players union.

"On the other hand, asking the umpires to undertake right away a whole new change in the way they do their business could upset the tempo of the game. What's required here is the right mix of determination and patience."

The existence of the memo, which was sent to all teams on Friday, was first reported Monday by The Los Angeles Times, and a copy of the memo was obtained by The Associated Press.

"This is to inform you that, at the direction of commissioner Selig, and after consultation with the league presidents, the 'strike zone' as defined in the official playing rules will be more strictly enforced in 1999 by umpires in both leagues," Alderson wrote to teams.

In the memo, which was sent to all managers and general managers, Alderson said that while the top of the strike zone is difficult to define, "the upper limit of the strike zone will extend two inches above the top of the uniform pants."

Criticism of differing strike zones escalated during the 1997 NL playoffs when a wide strike zone by Florida's Livan Hernandez against Atlanta.

Hernandez was criticized for several blown calls during last year's playoffs, one of the reasons Selig is trying to shift responsibility over umpires away from the leagues to Alderson.

"The strike zone is the strike zone," Phillips said. "Is there a different strike zone in the American League and National League? Definitely not. Some of them may see it different, but the strike zone is the strike zone."

The umpires' labor agreement expires after this season, and a confrontation between owners and umpires is expected.

Umpires have been demanding more backing since 1996, when Roberto Alomar, then of the Baltimore Orioles, spit at umpire John Hirschbeck and was suspended for only five games.

Since then, umpires have demanded owners and players agree to a "code of conduct."
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Ali packs punch with plans for first pro fight

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
She has yet to throw a professional punch. She doesn’t have a promoter. She has no proven skills.

And yet, she is drawing attention in the fledgling world of women’s boxing because of her last name: Ali.

Laila Ali, the second-youngest of Muhammad Ali’s nine children and his youngest daughter, is working out daily and might be ready for her first pro fight this summer. The 21-year-old announced her father late last month to inform him she planned to follow in his footsteps.

“Well, Daddy,” she said, according to The New York Times, “I want to tell you I’m going into professional boxing, and I love you, and I want your support, and I want to tell you that even if I don’t have your support, I’m going to do it anyway.

That’s probably something Ali might have said before he began his brilliant career as Cassius Clay in the late 1950s. The 57-year-old former heavyweight champion who is weakened by Parkinson’s Syndrome, at least in part because of boxing, told his daughter he didn’t want her to get hurt.

“Daddy, I’m not going to get hurt,” she replied. “I’m going to be fighting women, not men. And I have your genetics.”

So far, the 5-foot-10, 160-pounder has only sparred with her trainer, Kevin Morgan.

“She’s very much like her dad, she’s aggressive, very sure of herself, very confident,” normalcy, Cutler, Laila’s publicist, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “She also has an offbeat sense of humor like her father.

“She’s extremely charming, and if I had to use one word, I’d say focused or determined, one word or the other.”

Cutler said Laila will probably fight for the first time in August and is getting tips from her famed father.

“She won’t tell anyone, including me, what they are,” Cutler said. “She says, ‘When I have the greatest boxer of all time as my mentor, why would I want to share the secrets he’s given me?’

Cutler said she’s known Laila for about three years.

“She was working in the beauty industry and I happened to use her services,” Cutler said. “She believes she’s going to be a champion and change the face of female boxing.

“Very one thing, she is extremely beautiful, not that there aren’t beautiful boxers.”

Laila never saw her father in person, and told the Times she had few memories of living with him. But by boxing, she believes he will gain a greater appreciation for her as his child.

“It’s naturally going to see himself in me,” said Laila, who with her sister, Hana, grew up in Malibu with her mother, Veronica, who was Ali’s third wife. “But for the first time, I think he actually can see that this is my child.”

Lonnie Ali, Ali’s current wife, told the Times she had no comment on Laila’s career choice.

“Don’t read anything into that,” Lonnie Ali said. “This is something I allow wants to do. It has nothing to do with Muhammad.”

Laila said that while her father was alarmed about her direction, he was still on her side.

“He told me that it was a dirty business,” she said. “He let me know it’s a hard business, and he let me know that he support-ed me.”

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Miami would be for the remainder of the game. "Today we were trying to work on being more patient with the ball," Ivey said. "Reading the defense is a key thing for us. If we can do that, we execute really well." Shutting down the Miami offense was equally important for the Irish. After playing the Hurricanes to a near standoff through eight minutes of the first half, Notre Dame stepped up its defensive intensity and began to dominate its overmatched opponent.

Notre Dame's tenacious half-court defense disrupted the flow of the Miami attack. Following consecutive baskets by Green, Riley and guard Ericka Haney, the Irish forced a Miami shot-clock violation. A 6-6 Notre Dame run became a 15-0 tear that left the Hurricanes reeling. Miami sophomore Camilla Osth, however, kept the Hurricanes within striking distance by hitting a three-point bomb with two seconds remaining in the first half.

This is the best 32 minutes of basketball that we've played since November," said head coach Muffet McGraw of her team's second-leading scorer Becky Gottstein. McMillen, who now holds or shares six career-highs on the board, dominated her opponents in both the paint and on the perimeter.

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Senior guard Sheila McMillen and freshman forward/guard Ericka Haney helped Notre Dame earn a sweep in the Big East weekly awards as the two were honored for their contributions last week in wins over Syracuse and West Virginia.

For the first time in her career, McMillen was honored as the league's co-player-of-the-week as she shared the honor with Miami's Kim Hope. Haney shared co-rookie-of-the-week accolades with Boston College's Becky Gottstein.

McMillen averaged 22.5 points and 4.5 rebounds last week while reaching two Irish milestones. In an 82-60 win over Syracuse, she finished with 20 points and tied her career-best with eight rebounds. McMillen, who has 80 three-pointers on the season, hit six three-pointers in the game to break the single-season Notre Dame three-point record. She then hit five treys in the win at West Virginia to tie the career mark of 231 and finish with a game-high 25 points.

McMillen, who now holds or shares six career-highs on the board, dominated her opponents in both the paint and on the perimeter.

I really wanted to shoot well," said McMillen, who scored a career-high 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the win over West Virginia. "I've been working on my outside game and I think I needed to shoot well for my team to win.

Ivey added 17 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots to complete the team effort.

"I thought Niele, Sheila and Ruth, all three of them, just played a great game," McGraw added. "I think those three are definitely ready for [the] tournament."

Notre Dame's 14-3 conference record secures the Irish the third seed and a first-round bye in the Big East tournament, which begins Saturday at Rutgers. The Irish will take on the winner of the No. 6 vs. No. 11 game as they make their postseason debut Sunday.

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**Philadelphia eager to draft Williams**

By ALAN WASILEWSKI
Sports Writer

**It is now or never for the Notre Dame meg’s basketball team.**

Its game tonight against the St. John’s Red Storm is the test of the season.

It’s a test to see whether the hard work over the season will be rewarded with a post-season appearance. It’s a test to see if the team can rise up to the level of a top-10 program, at least for a night. It’s a test to see just what this team has inside.

“Has a great group of kids,” is a favorite quote of head coach John MacLeod. He has a lot of evidence to back up his assertion.

**Sunday, fifth-year senior Paul Handley won a game at the free-throw line after hitting just one attempt his entire career at Notre Dame. Freshman Troy Murphy, David Graves and Harold Swangum are picking up their production when many other freshman around the country are succumbing to the pressure.**

Cunningham, 35, who previously was the Bert Bell in 1989 and 1990, joined Baltimore Colts quarterback Vinny Testa Jr. as the only three-time winners of the award. He said returning to Philadelphia, where he spent his first 11 seasons, made the award special.

“Now how does Philadelphia’s reaction compare to the reaction elsewhere?”

Williams said he doesn’t know. He hasn’t been to similar events in other cities. The NCAA record-breaking running back from Texas could return to Philadelphia in March 3-6 as the host as the Eagles hold the No. 2 pick in the upcoming NFL draft.

**ND needs victory over St. John’s**

By ALAN WASILEWSKI
Sports Writer

By the time the evening game tonight against the St. John’s Red Storm is over, the Associated Press will have a number of winners and losers.

Notre Dame needs a victory tonight against the Red Storm to keep its NCAA tournament hopes alive. It is now or never for the Notre Dame meg’s basketball team.

**The only question I’ve got from the people of the city of Philadelphia for the last six weeks is, “Are we going to draft Ricky Williams?”**

Rendell said Tuesday night’s banner held by the Maxwell Football Club. That went along with what Williams said just minutes earlier.

“I want to go somewhere where they’re excited to have me,” Williams said as he spoke briefly to reporters after signing autographs for children before stepping into the press conference.

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Murphy-Nowak fight highlights semifinals

By KATHERINE LOPEZ
Sports Editor

In an opening-round match, a boxer wants nothing more than to work out new energy and get a couple of solid rounds under his belt. "You hope for a little bit more ring-time," top seed Brian McKellar said about his quick fight.

With few of the top seeds getting a full fight under their belts, endurance might be a factor in tonight's semifinal matches.

From the 150-pound to the 163-pound division, only one of the top seeds got a full fight under his belt, senior Mike Lathuke at the 160-pound division.

Top-seeded McKellar did not get a full round in his opening fight, which he sees as a disadvantage since his opponent Matt Lynn comes in with a hard fought win.

"He has worked real hard," McKellar said about Lynn. "He was down there (in the boxing room) an awful lot. He is a technical boxer who throws good, straight punches. You can either go head-to-head with that or try to throw in a little flavor."

Senior Kevin Bucellato will try to fend off the freshman sensation Todd Hernandez at the bottom half of the bracket. Hernandez's underclassman with quick hands could prove tough for Bucellato.

Senior captain Dave Murphy will advance to the finals by virtue of a walkover in the 155-pound division. Murphy's opponent, freshman Nick Bulion, injured his jaw and will be unable to compete.

On the other end of the bracket, senior Tom Cook and junior Steve Locher have a technical fight.

"I guess it will be the same stand-up style," Cook said. "We need to execute better."

Knowing that his and Locher's styles are quite similar, Cook is taking his opponent seriously. While Cook will have the height advantage, he will not rest on his laurels.

"We sparred a couple of times, once this year and in years past," Cook said. "When we sparred, it was anybody's." The 163-pound division semifinal matches should reveal more than the opening rounds did as three of the four fights did not go the distance. Top-seeded Kevin Murphy's fight could turn into a brawl like what his opponent, junior Steve Locher, saw in quarterfinal action.

"The guy I'm fighting throws a lot of power shots," Murphy said. "It either be a brawler or one of us will settle down and box. Whoever is in control will spar off to the actual box will probably win." Two-second-seeded Travis Alexander went three rounds with Chris Uhart and advanced with an unanimous decision. Murphy predicted a long fight with his semifinal opponent, Billy Gaffney will need to maintain his long reach and quickness as the No. 2 seed, or he will be unable to compete.

"He is a tough fighter," Gaffney said. "We are both very similar, however; similar height, size. I will need to stick and move and stick to my game plan."

While most experts look for a Gaffney-Romanchek final, Romanchek is adamantly about not looking too far ahead.

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KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

Hold on to your seats because we have a real fight on our hands.

What looked to be a cakewalk for both seeds, Brian "The Nut" Irishman Gaffney and Mike "El Pescafo" Romanchek has turned into a battle.

After Monday nights' bouts, underdogs Ben "Runner" Johnson and Corey "I'll Make Your Face Look Like Mine" Clay have turned into legitimate contenders for the 185-pound division crown.

Johnson looked strong in the opener, eliminating Josh Nelson by a unanimous decision. If Johnson hopes to defeat Gaffney, he must follow his game plan and avoid the same trap Gaffney's first-round opponent, John Nolan, fell into.

"He came out too fast and tried to take it to him," Johnson said.

"I have to concentrate on me. Use my strengths to my advantage."

Johnson will need to utilize his long reach and quickness against the tenacious Gaffney. Gaffney will need to maintain his first-round form.

"I need to duplicate my first-round performance," Gaffney said. "I cannot get too impatient. I just need to execute."

Monday night, Clay showed he was for real, making quick work of James Qultus in 23 seconds. Clay raised a few eyebrows in the opening round, including Romanchek's. His opponent tonight.

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Real test for him. He should be really interesting. You can obviously tell a lot more about a fighter when he is actually throwing back at you."

The 195-pound division also pits two battle-tested fighters. Alex Kent and Jason "J-Rod" Rodriguez provided much of Monday night's entertainment with two three-round decisions. Expect this one to go three rounds.

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Sophomore Chris Muro was floored by Don "Juan the Destroyer" Penn Monday night. Penn is looking to gain a second victory tonight.

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**Favorites start getting serious**

By KERRY SMITH

With the semifinals behind them, boxers in tonight's semifinal round of the Bengal Bouts are looking to get to the finals.

Somewhere on campus are four in each division, tonight's match-ups promise a display of talent and rivalry. The first and second seeds in each division advanced Monday night and will be tough contenders for the less-seasoned challengers.

In the 163 division, heavy favorites Tom Biolchini and Don Penn hope to dispose of their opponents and meet up in a match-up in Friday's finals.

Biolchini faces junior Joe Kipples while Penn takes on Tony Polcari.

Kipples and Polcari could present the top seeds with a serious challenge, both winning upset victories in their quarter-final matches.

Biolchini was disappointed with his opening round performance against Doug Harbata and hopes to improve for tonight's match.

"I'm going to have to be more aggressive from the start," Biolchini said. "I should have attacked Harbata more and threw some punches."

Penn, who lived up to his nickname of "The Destroyer" by taking only 48 seconds to gain a first-round victory, and Polcari have sparred before so both competitors know what to expect.

"I think I've got a chance to win," Madden said. "But I've never seen another Colleges fight. (Monday), I had trouble getting my jab in, but in this fight I have a distinct reach advantage, so I'll keep on working on that.

"I hope we have either the same size crowd or bigger because it's really fun to be in the ring when everyone's screaming. It's a completely different experience from sparring," he said.

The premier fighter in the first three divisions may be the first bout between 145-pounder Tommy "Go Ahead And Sign Your Name" Will and Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett.

Shacklett unloaded a flurry of punches to outclass Kemp in the quarterfinals, a bout that Will watched very closely.

"The fight after mine was tough," Will said. "Both of those guys looked very strong, and I'll have to be at my best tonight."

"I'm going to come out more aggressive," said Maguire. "It was tough because [Tubay] was lefty and so everything was opposite."

"Each fight I want to get better and better. I just want to stay within my game plan and throw straight punches."

A trip to the finals holds an added incentive for Maguire, who could possibly face his friend and fellow officer Will.

"It's an added motivation for me to be Tommy's last fight," Maguire said. "I want to be the one in the ring for his last fight. So it's a matter of looking ahead for me, just an added motivation, not a hindrance."
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Steffen Doyle is a senior from Lynchburg, Virginia. During his time at Notre Dame, Steffen has participated in a variety of RecSports activities. He has been a member of several interhall sports including baseball, basketball, lacrosse and soccer. He is also a member of the Cycling Club. Besides participating in sports, Doyle is faithful to a regular workout program which includes both cardio and strength components. Stress management, staying fit or mountain bike racing and personal satisfaction all play a part in his desire to stay physically active. After graduating in May, Steffen will begin working with Montgomery Securities in Dallas, Texas.

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McMillen sets new career three-point record

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Managing Editor

Senior Sheila McMillen scored 18 points and broke the all-time Notre Dame record for most career three-point field goals as the 10th-ranked Irish finished their regular season with an impressive 89-62 drubbing of Miami at the Joyce Center Tuesday night.

McMillen, who entered the game tied with Beth Morgan at 231 three-pointers, wasted no time hitting the record-clinching shot. Center Ruth Riley tapped the opening jump ball to senior Diana Braendly, who found McMillen advancing toward the right wing.

"That's just a play we run all the time," McMillen said. "I found myself wide open."

McMillen took the pass from Braendly, dribbled twice, pulled up just outside the three-point arc and hit nothing but net, bringing the home crowd of more than 3,000 fans to its feet just six seconds into the contest.

"It was nice to get it out of the way," McMillen said. "I think it would have been harder to do if I had missed my first four shots."

Despite McMillen's heroic senior night, junior Niele Ivey's court vision and three-point range made the difference for Notre Dame. Ivey shredded the Miami defense, recording a game-high 19 points and seven assists, and hitting five of her six three-point attempts.

Early in the second half, Ivey stole the ball out of mid-air and took it the length of the floor before delivering a nifty, no-look pass to Danielle Green, who laid the ball in and was fouled.

The play extended what had been an 45-27 Notre Dame lead at halftime to a 22-point cushion two minutes into the second period. Miami's Jen Jordan drained a pair of free throws on the ensuing possession, but that was as close as the Irish would get.

Center Julie Henderson and the Irish were rarely stopped by the Hurricanes as they cruised to an 89-62 victory in their last home game of the season Tuesday night.

McMillen sets new career three-point record

Joe Kippels defeated Kurt Kurple in a referee-stopped contest in the 165-pound division of the 125-pound Bouts set to begin action

By ALLISON KRILLA
Assistant Sports Editor

The stakes are rising. You can see it on their faces and hear it in their voices. The boxers in tonight's semifinals could almost taste a trip to Friday's main event. But they're not there yet.

In the 125-pound division, Jason "Vegas" McMahon faces Mark "There Can Be Only One" Aramini, and Kevin "K.O." Overbeck takes on "Lil' Pun" Holcomb following an off-night for the division that contained only four fighters.

It may have been an easy route into the second round for the 125-pounders, but that means the pressure is on for them to prove themselves in the ring.

"I've been anticipating getting into the ring," Holcomb said. "I feel that I'm physically stronger than my opponent, and watching the fight's on Monday just made me feel more confident."

"Bengal Brendan is really the culmination of my work last semester and the six weeks of training," the junior said. "I'm ready to get out there and prove to myself what I'm capable of doing."

Aramini is also ready to enter the ring.

"I'm a little nervous, but I think I'm just about ready," said Aramini, who faces the top-seeded McMahon during his first time in the ring. "Watching the first fight on Monday really scared me, but after that I was able to calm down. I just hope our fight isn't as violent as some of them were."

In the 125-pound division, David "The Prancing Pixie" Seerveld, who earned a unanimous decision victory on Monday, appears primed to return to the finals. But Seerveld will have to contend with the division's other unani­mous decision winner, Martin "The Iceman" Garry.

"I sparred David last week and he beat me pretty good, so I'll have to make some adjustments to my style," said Garry. "The junior faces a distinct height disadvantage in the semi-final, but is confident of his ability."

"I'm excited to be to the semi-finals," Garry said, "although I Men's and Women's Swimming at Big East Championships, Thursday - Saturday

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Joe Kippels defeated Kurt Kurple in a referee-stopped contest in the 165-pound division of the quarterfinals Monday night. For more Bengal Bouts coverage see page 21.