Gang members discuss life in Chicago’s projects

By LINDSAY FRANK

Five current Chicago gang members spoke with Notre Dame students about inner-city diplomacy and the recent decrease in gang violence Sunday at a lecture hosted by the Center for Social Concerns.

Bill Tomes and Jim Fogarty of the Brothers and Sisters of Love played an integral part in resolving the violence among the gangs in the Cabrini Green district of Chicago, according to the panelists.

"Brother Bill," Tomes, showed the students there is another world outside of Cabrini Green and gangbanging, said Murphy.

One of the most effective ways Tomes was able to cease the violence was literally putting himself in the line.

"When we'd see Brother Bill out walking, we'd be shooting out of respect for him," said a member of the Cabrini Green Vice Lords. He also met with opposing gangs and listened to each side while mediating peace talks.

Survey gauges SMC activities

Students respond to how activities reflect the College

By COLLEEN McCARTHY

Saint Mary's News Editor

The idea that some events and activities endorsed by Saint Mary's are contradictory to the values the university promotes itself as a Catholic, all-women's college prompted students to conduct a survey of seniors and their reactions to various events.

Events included Junior Mom's Weekend, Saint Mary's sporting events, retreats, the Keanan Revue, the Student Activities Board (SAB) Date Auction and the Graffiti Dance.

Murphy distributed 300 surveys and received a 60 percent return rate.

"The survey identified 21 different social events and asked students about their perceptions of the value of different events as positive, entertaining, a good social opportunity, dehumanizing to women, objectifying and how these were positively or negatively affected the perceptions of themselves as Saint Mary's students," said Murphy.

TOMES began working with members of the Vice Lords, Mickey Cobras and Gangster Disciples 15 years ago in Chicago in an effort to make others realize that gang members are people too.

"Many gang members think less of themselves. So if you look up to them, well then they tend to adopt that respect that you give them," he said.

Tomes and Fogarty said that the problems associated with gangs are not easy to pinpoint.

"The violence is not just about drugs or territory. It could result over a girl, or a sign of disrespect. It is really a social thing," said Fogarty.

One of the major problems is that people in the gangs have trouble trusting people outside their circles due to unfulfilled promises and injustices in the past, the panelists said.

Many people come into the projects and make too many empty promises of jobs and other aid, according to Fogarty.

Past lists of the vice lords and confrontations with the police have also caused peo-

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SURVEY ORGANIZER

Social opportunities Saint Mary's offers and because they have had the full benefit of being educated in a woman's college environment.

"In the results, we found that the best predictor of an event having a positive effect on a student's perception of herself as a Saint Mary's stu-

dent is whether or not the event is seen as a good social opportunity," said Murphy.

The survey also found that the more demeaning an event was perceived to be toward women, the less positively it affected the self-perception of Saint Mary's students.

All the events from retreats to the Keanan Revue received good social opportunity ratings, said Murphy.

The three events that received the highest ratings as being most demeaning to women included the Keanan Revue, SAB Date Auction and the Graffiti Dance. These three events also were rated relatively low for having a positive effect of one's perception of herself as a Saint Mary's student, said Murphy.

"Students are saying, 'I'm going to these events but it has a negative effect on my self-perception even if it is seen as a good social opportunity,'" said Murphy.

Although events like the Keanan Revue, SAB Date Auction and Graffiti Dance were perceived as demeaning to women, they did not receive below average scores in the mean positive rating of the events.

However, that finding does not comfort Murphy who had been involved in projects.

SMC CLASS ELECTIONS

Students vote in run-off elections

By COLLEEN McCARTHY

Saint Mary's News Editor

Students were asked to give feedback about the selection of classes for the 2000 and 2001 run-off elections.

The class of 2000 was the only class to have a definite winner in the primary election last Thursday. One of the two tickets was disqualified after failing to meet a deadline.

The winning ticket was comprised of Michelle Nagle, president; Katie O'Connor, vice president; Kat Linenarcher, treasurer; and Claire Burke, secretary, earned 46 percent of the vote for the class of 2000.

The losing ticket was comprised of Maureen Donovan, president; Alphonse Wade, vice president; Agnes Bill, treasurer; and Emily Janis, secretary. The second ticket earned 34 percent of the vote.

The class of 2001 was not decided in the primary election.

The class of 2002 was the only class to have a definite winner in the primary election last Thursday. One of the two tickets was disqualified after failing to meet a deadline.

The winning ticket was comprised of Michelle Nagle, president; Katie O'Connor, vice president; Kat Linenarcher, treasurer; and Mandy Schomas, secretary. Nagle's ticket earned 76 percent of the vote with 24 percent of voters abstaining.

Bridget Heffernan, elections commissioner, was pleased with voter turnout in Thursday's primary.

The classes of 2000 and 2001 saw particularly high voter turnout with 61.5 percent and 50.3 percent, respectively, of the classes voting. Voter turnout for the class of 2002 was significantly lower with only 34.5 percent of the class voting.

"For rising juniors and seniors, the turnout was very good," said Heffernan. "We were very pleased."
There was once a time when everything was clear to me. I knew where I would be going. I knew who the people were around me. My picture of reality was crystal clear, and there did not seem to be any distractions.

That was a long time ago. Now, I have grown up since then. Grown up — I wonder what that means. Did I grow up by age, or by length of existence? There must be more to life than to define it, "growing up" means that I have lost that clarity of perception that was so common to my youth.

Of course, when I was young, I did not have as many experiences as I do now. Do my experiences add to my perception of the world? Or are they distractions, an illusionary dance — but, of course, that's assuming she sometimes still ponders this question, but it no longer gives me much fear.

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Despite the fact that we learn so much from our surroundings, we are still distracted by other truths. To be taught one thing may mean to exclude knowledge of another. I was confused in my own identity. I understand how language is used for the communication of thoughts otherwise, that is also a form of truth and deception begins to blur.

During all of innocence, one can observe many religions in the world. It was not until late in the 19th century that the idea of a single God became dominant, and still later other religions apart from the Judeo-Christian-Islamic traditions. Religion was saying it was true, and all others were false. Were all paths truth? Sometimes they all seem to be right. Sometimes I sometimes still ponder this question, but it no longer gives me much fear.

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Nussbaum discusses religious ethics, discrimination

By ERIN PROUET
News Writer

A fine balance must be main- tained between allowing religious freedom and preventing discrimination within religions, said Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago law and ethics professor.

At her lecture Friday, "Religion and Sex Equality," Nussbaum discussed the legal ramifications of religious free- dom, citing religious systems that discriminate against women in India.

"A legal system must respect religious women and men as choosers of a way of life, while at the same time taking just as seri- ously the importance of the full range of the human capabilities that are sometimes at risk for women in tradi- tional religious cultures," Nussbaum said. She cautioned, however, that "respecting the freedom of reli- gion does not mean giving a small number of religious leaders unlimited license to perpetuate human misery. Religious forfeit their right to state protection when they over- step certain moral boundaries."

"There are areas of religious practice in which the govern- ment probably does not have compelling interest in forcing change," she added. "At least so long as the free- dom of individuals to change their religion is also firmly estab- lished; public norms of sex equality should not force the Roman Catholic Church to hire female priests, although it probably should force them to hire female janitors."

Following the lecture, Fred Dallmayr, Notre Dame govern- ment and international studies professor, complemented Nussbaum's "nuanced sensitivity, that sense of balance; the search for a middle road that's the best part of Aristotelian tra- dition."

Dallmayr expressed concern, however, that Nussbaum's desires for religious personal freedom and religious laws will take time. He encouraged her to be cautious and patient.

Nussbaum, a renowned American philosopher and pub- lic intellectual, has held teaching and research positions at Harvard, Wellesley, Princeton, Brown, Oxford and Stanford. She served as a research advisor at the World Institute for Research on Women's Rights (WIDER) in Helsinki, a part of the United Nations Development Program.

She has written numerous books, including "For Love of a Country" and "Poetic Justice." Her most recent book, "Cultivating Humanity," was praised by James Shaprio in The New York Times Book Review as "a formidable, perhaps definitive defense of diversity on American campuses."

The lecture was in the series of Theodore M. Hesburgh Lectures on Ethics and Public Policy.

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Bishop supports
Campus Ministry

Notre Dame has received a commitment from Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla., to support its Office of Campus Ministry.

Announcing his commitment at a recent gathering of the University's alumni and friends in 1998, Bishop Lynch said that he was making the gift in honor of the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, who received Notre Dame's highest honor, the Lascare Medal, in 1995. He also warmly praised Notre Dame's ACE program, which has sent four recent Notre Dame graduates to teach in parish schools of the St. Petersburg diocese, and those Notre Dame alumni who serve on the boards and councils of the diocese.

"Our diocese has benefited greatly from Notre Dame's commitment to campus minis- try and to nourishing the faith life of its students," Bishop Lynch said, adding that he believed his commit- ment to the University's Campus Ministry program would similarly benefit parish- es and dioceses throughout the country.

"We are as honored by the generosity of Bishop Lynch as we are grateful for it," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "Notre Dame's most crucial responsi- bility as a Catholic University is to summon an entire com- munity to deeper prayer and intensified discipleship. That responsibility, which was the foundation of Cardinal Bernardin's witness, is also the principal task of our Campus Ministry. University leaders are heartened by Bishop Lynch's recognition of this urgency."

Bishop Lynch, who has served the St. Petersburg diocese since 1996, was general secretary of the National Council of Catholic Bishops from 1989 until 1995.

Notre Dame's office of Campus Ministry, under the direction of Father Richard Warner, provides a wide variety of services designed to sustain the religious life of the students, faculty and staff of the University. In addition to arranging campus and resi- dence hall liturgies and prayer services, it administers reli- gious education, sacramental preparation and counseling programs, retreats, prayer groups and service projects.

Bishop Lynch's commitment is "a component of the University's $762 million "Investing in Indigent" campaign. Announced last year, "Investing in Indigent" is the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of Catholic higher educa- tion.

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presented her findings to the Board of Trustees at their meeting that took place in February.

"This isn't saying that Saint Mary's is doing a terrible job in promoting events because the mean positive ratings of the events are all pretty good," Murphy said. "This finding does not take away from the fact that Saint Mary's is endorsing events that are negatively influencing self-perceptions of students.

"If we want students to feel proud of being Saint Mary's students, we need to examine the events endorsed by the College and their effect on students' self-perception."

IRELAND

More arrests made in terrorist bombing

Associated Press

DUBLIN

Police arrested a woman on Sunday in connection with last year's car bombing in Omagh, bringing to four the number of suspects being interrogated about Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack.

Three men were arrested Saturday in the border town of Dundalk, the main power base for the Irish Republican Army splinter group responsible for the Aug. 15 attack that claimed 29 lives. The woman was arrested in Dublin, the capital.

Under an Irish anti-terrorism law strengthened after the Omagh bombing, the suspects can be questioned for up to 72 hours before being charged or released.

Police in both parts of Ireland have arrested nearly 100 people in their efforts to track down the Omagh bombers. So far only one person has been charged, Calum Murphy, 48, a Dundalk pub owner.

Murphy appeared in a Dublin court last week, charged with membership in the IRA dissident group and with conspiring to cause explosions.

The dissidents oppose the IRA's July 1997 truce and the peace process started by the IRA-liked Sinn Fein party to accept the terms of the Good Friday peace agreement in 1998.

Gangs

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ple in the projects to distrust outsiders.

"Police beat us up and drop us off in other neighborhoods," said one long-time member.

Most of the gang members indicated lack of parental presence as a reason for joining the gang. In fact, all the men joined their respective gangs around the age of 14, although one man had been a member of the Gangster Disciples for 27 years, ever since he joined at the age of 9.

Despite the truce among several of the gangs, the panelists expressed the ill effects of growing up amidst the violence.

"For a while, I couldn't walk next to my mom. When we left the house, I would lead. I wasn't afraid of me getting shot — I was afraid for her," said one of the panelists.

"One thing about going up in the projects is that you grow up fast," said another gang member.

Another panelist said that his cousin had just been killed last Saturday, and he initially had the urge to seek revenge.

"At first I thought about how we were going to deal with the guy that killed my cousin," he said. "But I calmed down when I found out he was just a kid, only two years older than my daughter.

"Many of the panelists discussed the brevity of life in the projects. "Where I come from tomorrow ain't promised to you," said one of the men.

When asked how old they were, several of them replied that they were 23 or 28 years of age.

The discussion also focused on the rules that govern gang life. The majority of the gang members had attended grammar school together and had unwritten rules that fights ended before school and began after school.

"It was kind of weird because it was like I was just in class with you five minutes ago and now you want to fight me?" said one panelist. They also said that no one felt the gangs and that they just "had to battle it out."

The panelists also talked about the hierarchy within the gang and how many of them were "retired" members.

"I still get the same respect, and if they need me at a meeting or need help with a program I'll go, but I'm not as active anymore," said one veteran.

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Visiting panelist at CSC discussion

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**LEBANON**

Four Israelis die in guerrilla bombing

Supporters of Hezbollah celebrate in a mainly Shiite southern suburb of Beirut after the Shiite militia killed Israel's top general, Kadim Gerstein, in southeast Lebanon.

**Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**

One day after being convicted of state racketeering charges, Rev. Henry Lyons quietly led Sunday morning services at his church and then went to the funeral of a grandmother who helped raise him. The once-influential and rising religious leader faces months of legal and political battles, with the National Baptist Convention USA considering whether to oust him as president and federal prosecutors gearing up for their own trial against the minister next month. "I'm just going to sit down with my dragoons and with my wife and with my family and see what we're going to do," Lyons quietly told reporters after jurors found him guilty Saturday of racketeering and fraud. "I'll be doing some praying.

**Market Watch: 2/26**

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**LEBANON**

**Associated Press**

Lebanese guerrillas detonated two bombs beside a military convoy Sunday, killing a brigadier general and three other Israelis in one of the most serious attacks on Israel's forces in southern Lebanon.

Israeli warplanes retaliated after the bombing, firing missiles at suspected guerrilla hideouts in southern and eastern Lebanon. Lebanese security officials said there was no immediate word on casualties from the air raid, the second in south Lebanon in as many days.

Brig. Gen. Ezer Zeitizen was the highest-ranking officer to die in Lebanon since the 1982 Israeli invasion. His vehicle, described by area residents as an armored-plated Mercedes, careened off the road, rolled into the valley below and burst into flames.

Two Israeli sergeants and an Israeli Radio reporter, all of whom were in Gerstein's vehicle, also were killed.

Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Lebanese guerrilla group, claimed responsibility for the attack. It came five days after another south Lebanon ambush killed three Israeli army officers, prompting renewed calls for Israel to pull troops out of Lebanon.

Israel occupied part of Lebanon in 1982 to prevent cross-border attacks, setting up a so-called "security zone" that covers about one-tenth of Lebanon. Hezbollah is the most active of guerrilla groups fighting to oust the Israelis and their militia allies.

Speaking after Sunday's attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Lebanon "an acute problem."

"It's one that awaits a solution. Israel knows what to do," he said in Amman, Jordan, where he was meeting that nation's new ruler, King Abdullah.

In announcing Sunday's retaliatory attacks, Israeli chief-of-staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz said Israel adhered to a three-year understanding with the Hezbollah to avoid civilian targets.

However, Netanyahu hinted that Israel's action, which would include land and sea forces, might eventually end the agreement. He accused the Iranian-backed militia of "systematically" violating the agreement.

Netanyahu already faces a tough battle for re-election before a vote May 17. Top campaign issues include whether when and how to withdraw troops from Lebanon.

More than 9000 Israeli soldiers have died since 1982. As many as 35,000 Lebanese and Palestinians have been killed during the same period, according to Lebanese officials and international relief agencies.

**LEBANON**

**Associated Press**

Israel's government said Sunday's law enforcement system must be carried out free of bias. It cited a government report saying "we are inconsistent with our efforts to enhance public confidence in the State Police."

Williams has come under fire over allegations that the agency practices racial profiling, targeting minorities for traffic stops.

In an interview with The Star-Ledger of Newark last week, Williams said he did not condone racial profiling, but said it is naive to think race is not an issue in drug crimes.

"Two weeks ago, the president of the United States went to Mexico to talk to the president of Mexico about drugs. He didn't go to Ireland. He didn't go to England."

"Today with this drug problem, the drug problem is cocaine or marijuana. It is likely a minority group that's involved with that," Williams said.

Williams, 58, has repeatedly said he has never condoned racial profiling. But he told the newspaper some generalizations can be made.

"If you're looking at the metamphetamine market, that seems to be controlled by the motorcycle gang, which are basically predominantly white," he said. "If you're looking at heroin and stuff like that, your involvement there is more or less Jamaican."
manifested a national day of mourning. Mrs. De Armas says she was able to pay her respects to the victims.

"When the opposition leaders were charged last fall, the prosecution recommended a six-year sentence for Roca and five years each for the others. Since then, the government has passed a tough, broadly worded law aimed at silencing dissidents who promote U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba. Those convictions can last up to 20 years in prison. The four cannot be tried under the new law, but it signals a tougher government stance toward the opposition.

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Dissidents face trial in Havana

HAVANA
Magaly De Armas says she knows how hard it must have been for her father, the late journalist Oscar De Armas, to remain a beloved figure. "He taught me to be prepared for whatever could happen," she said calmly, sitting by the open front door of her living room. "I know that he was always better prepared than now."

Roca, 56, and three other opposition leaders go on trial Monday on sedition charges in a court house. Government officials, who never commented on such detentions, were infuriated by a statement last year by the council that it planned to adopt a clause in its new Constitution aimed at the opposition. The council's leaders were charged last fall, the prosecution recommended a six-year sentence for Roca and five years each for the others. Since then, the government has passed a tough, broadly worded law aimed at silencing dissidents who promote U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba. Those convictions can last up to 20 years in prison. The four cannot be tried under the new law, but it signals a tougher government stance toward the opposition.

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Families mourn avalanche victims

INNSBRUCK
Alpine rescuers in parkas and soldiers in winter uniforms on Sunday lined the aisles of a church where families mourned the 38 victims of avalanches that thundered into a mountain valley pasture with 600 vacationers. Just a day after rescue teams dug up the final body from the Patsenn Valley, which is marked a national day of mourning. Mrs. De Armas says she was able to pay her respects to the victims.

"When the opposition leaders were charged last fall, the prosecution recommended a six-year sentence for Roca and five years each for the others. Since then, the government has passed a tough, broadly worded law aimed at silencing dissidents who promote U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba. Those convictions can last up to 20 years in prison. The four cannot be tried under the new law, but it signals a tougher government stance toward the opposition.

Meanwhile, more than a year after Pope John Paul II's visit in 1998, Cuba remains under pressure from human rights groups and foreign governments to ease up on opponents. The case is called for fundamental freedoms, respect for human rights and an independent civil society. More than 80 prisoners were released after his visit. But the Vatican, European nations, the United Nations and Amnesty International have pointed to the case as an example of how far Cuba still has to go. They were held nearly 15 months before being formally charged. The group's relatives have appealed to world leaders, including King Juan Carlos of Spain, to push for their release.

Ethiopia claims victory in bloody border dispute

Addis Ababa
Ethiopia declared "total victory" Sunday and said Eritrea had suffered "a monumental and humiliating defeat" in the Horn of Africa border war. The Ethiopian government said it had obtained Eritrea's agreement to abide by a cease-fire plan drafted by the Organization of African Unity. Instead it focused on the Ethiopian offensive that breached the main battlefront at Badme on Friday and allowed troops to advance six miles into Eritrean-held territory.

The defense forces of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, in spite of such a large enemy, military presence, were in the space of four days able to win a total victory," the government said in a statement. Ethiopia stopped short of declaring the war won, but it made clear that if conditions of its gains at Badme — 600 miles north of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa — the decisive victory in a conflict that has simmered since May.

There was no immediate comment Sunday in Eritrea, which has made no attempt to deny the Ethiopians' gains, which were widely seen as the beginning of its end. Ethiopian and Eritrean leaders, whose relations have been marked by political and ideological

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Bombs explode outside embassy

Associated Press

LUSAKA

A bomb exploded Sunday at the Angolan Embassy, killing a security guard and extensively damaging the building. Bombs also went off in four other areas in Zambia's capital.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. President Frederick Chiluba condemned the bombings as "unacceptable acts of terrorism" and asked Zambians to be on the alert for further attacks.

Police sealed off the Angolan Embassy in a northeastern suburb after the explosion shattered windows and damaged part of the upper floor of the two-story building.

One security official at the embassy was killed and another was slightly wounded, state TV reported. Witnesses said police defused a second device at the embassy.

The nationalities of the victims weren't released.

Relations between Zambia and neighboring Angola have been strained over allegations Zambia allowed illegal weapon shipments to pass through its territory to Angolan rebels. Zambia denies the allegations but concedes its lengthy border with Angola is almost impossible to police.

Obasanjo to win presidency

Associated Press

ABUJA

Retired Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo appeared increasingly certain Sunday to win Nigeria's presidential vote, the final step in the nation's long-awaited transition to civilian rule.

The announcement from Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission threatened to cast a long shadow over the vote billed as a chance to restore democracy to Africa's most populous country.

"We have not had a free and fair elections, and Falae will contest this," Durodola, the party secretary for Falae's Alliance for Democracy, said in a telephone interview from Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital.

A refusal to recognize the outcome by one of the two presidential candidates would taint the vote, though election officials said they would continue to count the ballots.

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The announcements from Falae's camp followed reports by international observers of ballot-box stuffing and other serious voting irregularities, which also backed the results of Saturday's election, the loser accepted defeat. In both previous presidential elections, in 1979 and 1993, the apparent result was contested by at least one of the candidates.

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We'll Miss You Woody, Rest In Peace

Knute Rockne created the Stadium Ushers Program for the opening of the stadium in 1930. Since that time, thousands of Ushers have participated in the program. Notre Dame has the largest program in the country, with no fewer than 750 Ushers working every game for the past seven decades. Most ushers work until they can no longer handle the rigors of six hours of standing in stadium aisles for late November games.

Several times each year, the Stadium Ushers Program is visited by the Grim Reaper, as current or former ushers who do not choose assignments in the student sections. This group cannot handle the stress of working around "spirited" students and not being able to find a place to sit. Woody was in the minority who enjoy standing with the world's greatest student body, cheering for the Irish.

Like two-thirds of the stadium ushers, Woody received no compensation for his service, working just for the privilege of being a part of the Notre Dame family. Some students may perceive their ushers as grumpy old men. While reading through Woody's obituary and talking to some of his friends, I was able to piece together a little more of his life.

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My two most recent memories of Woody were very pleasant ones.

Last April, at the Blue-Gold Game, Woody introduced me to his fiancée, Marilyn Golden, whom he married in July. He was very proud to show her where he worked as a stadium usher and to introduce her to his boss and fellow ushers.

In September, I played a round of golf at Christina's Creek, where Woody had a part-time job. He was outside the clubhouse while I was teeing off. Woody was kind enough to withhold giggles when I chipped a couple of shots from the first tee.

We can learn a lot about people when we discover where their heart is aimed. Woody's obituary notice suggested that contributions could be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, in memory of a deceased son, the Elkhart County Humane Society, or the Ara Parseghian Foundation.

So long, Woody. I hope you can enjoy watching the Irish from a comfortable seat.

Cappy Gagnon, '66, supervises the Stadium Usher Program. His column appears every other Monday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The Moral Limits of Private Property

In my columns thus far, I have argued that the neo-conservative rejection of economic rights constitutes a distortion from Catholic teaching. I have also shown that there is deep confusion about the proper role of the state in limiting private property. The following quote is part of a larger discussion on the topic of private property and how it relates to Catholic teaching.

"The fact that one may acquire property is not to be taken as license to destroy the common good. There is a natural limit to the acquisition of property. A person is not permitted to acquire property to such an extent that it causes harm to others. This limit is not absolute, but is determined by the society in which one lives and by the common good." - Catholic Church

Tod David Whitmore

backs a single economic system, that the rich-poor gap is not morally relevant, and that consumerism is the greatest threat to the limited good of private property. In the future, a "spiritual" economy could arise from a more "radical" perspective on the human person. As a person gains wealth, they are able to put it to the best use for their own needs, but not necessarily for the common good of society. In this view, the rich-poor gap is not an issue, but rather, it is a question of whether the rich are using their wealth to support the poor or to further their own interests. In the Catholic view, however, there is a moral obligation to use wealth for the common good. "The Church teaches that the rich have a duty to share their wealth with the poor, as a sign of their love for their neighbor." - Catholic Church

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The Pentecost Mightier Than the 'Sword'

For the past several months, I have found myself feeling sick about every other Tuesday. Even though it usually happens while I’m eating lunch, it isn’t due to the egg rolls. It happens while I read the Observer, specifically Sean Vitic’s column. I don’t know if it’s his words or his attitude that cause my nausea, but I definitely have a trace feeling ill to his columns. I know, though, I have found myself laughing during those Tuesdays at lunch. Why this sudden change of heart? Allow me to explain my three reasons.

First, Sean Vitic’s writing is so self-confidently as to be amusing. In his last column, he envisioned a “Catholicism strictly enforced" university. Anyone committed acts contrary to Church teaching would be dismissed. Sean had it trying to speak his people’s language. Whom which time he will argue that although Smith is in a minority, he can be correct because he is correct and that the introduction of moral limits to economic rights is against the introduction of moral limits to economic rights. This is why Vitic can reduce the distinction between being and having, which John Paul II links closely with the problem of the rich-poor gap to a sense of wonder towards the goods one has accumulated and granting that one will be able to travel around in the world since the Catholic Church does not condone sin, right? So every sinful act would be contrary to Church teaching. And whom among us is without sin? I can’t speak for the Holy Sean Vitic, but I believe that humans are born with sin, and it is God’s law that forgives us. This basic premise of Catholicism seems to have been conveniently overlooked by someone claiming to write about true Christianity.

Second, Vitic seems to be a one-trick pony. While his anti-homosexuality writings sickened me before, they have now lost all effect. It seems Vitic cannot find another topic to fill his allotted space to write on. To the reader of his last column, I must have been a blank page, as he did not mention any idea other than instead of thinking of a new argument. Sean made his point on this topic long ago, and now he seems to continue to fill the remainder of his column with the love of my right. It’s key to the ground. We get it, Sean, you’re a bigot. Now tell us something new.

Third, I find amusement in the fact that Sean Vitic is a coward. It’s incredibly easy to spout the extreme opinions that don’t stand up under scrutiny. Vitic will never argue with you or don’t care enough about the topic to argue with you. Instead, he cites his favorite sources. I find it amusing that he leaves out Notre Dame and goes into the "real world." There, you’ll find that your views can’t be tolerated, either literally or socially. Homosexuals enjoy the same rights as heterosexuals nearly everywhere but on campus, and our president, a Democrat, recently avoided removal from office. Most Americans did not favor his removal, and his approval rating remains high. Not that I respect what Sean says, but I at least get to point out that after Sean graduates, his views will be in the minority, instead of the majority. I’m sure Sean will find his views will be in the minority, but we will see how long he lasts there. My guess is that Sean won’t be given such a sparsely attended but in-built audience of supporters in any new job. So enjoy your Observer space while it lasts, Sean. You’ve got better things to write about. What I hope is that you’re at least getting something out of it because your poor writing is not enlightening anyone else.

Ryan S. Davis

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**Scene**

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**Life truly is a beautiful thing**

**Director:** Roberto Benigni  
**Starring:** Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Giustino Durano, Sergio Bini Bustric and Maria Paredes

*Out of five shramooks*

By V. VAN BUREN GILES  
*Scene* Critics

I was torn between watching "Life is Beautiful" and "Affliction." I knew little to nothing about either film — all I knew was that one was American and the other was foreign.

Like a true American I was going to take the easy way out — to see the local Hollywood production where I would know all the actors and actresses, to tune in to the words instead of having to read subtitles for too long. But then I decided based on the title alone, "Life is Beautiful." I assumed it to be some European love story filled with same-action act. My ignorant American mind would not be bothered by a foreign movie, a great display of a culture that was unfamiliar.

Not to take anything away from "Affliction," but I am very happy with the choice I made. "Life is Beautiful" is one of the best and most powerful films I have ever seen. It centers around a young man courting the lovely school teacher, Dora (Nicoletta Braschi), who comes from a prominent and wealthy family. Though already engaged to another woman, Dora falls madly in love and marries this childlike waiter, Guido. They are a match made in heaven, and with the arrival of their first child, Joshua, it seems like the gods also the good life and nothing could possibly go wrong.

As is the case with all perfect unions, a problem arises which could destroy the already formed happiness — Guido is Jewish. In Italy during the World War II, there is no greater curse.

Eventually Guido and his son Joshua are removed from their home and set en route to a concentration camp. When Dora finds this out — even though she is not Jewish — she decides to finally allotted a spot on the train which will take Joshua out of the peril and danger of the German family.

Though Guido understands the seriousness of his family's situation he will not dare to leave his son to the horrors taking place. Instead, he explains that the camp and its brutal activities will serve as an instruc- tive game to see who can win the most points. After careful explanations from his father, Joshua begins to see the prisoners as mere players in this elaborate test to win the prize which he thinks is a tank. Guido's comical view of the war sets Joshua's mind in a ease while he hides from his SS guards who have already murdered the other children and elderly persons in the camp.

With all the chaos and death surrounding him, Guido's spirits are never killed. Each scene — whether the quest for points will seem all the more real. Just when you think the game is over, that either Joshua will learn the truth, or Guido and his will be killed — some tremendous act of courage or kindness occurs which keeps the family alive.

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**Was there ever a job you didn't like?**

**Director:** Mike Judge  
**Starring:** Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston, Gary Cole, Alessandro Nivola and Stephen Root

*Out of five shramooks*

By BILL FUSZ  
*Scene* Critics

"Office Space" is the live-action debut of "Beavis and Butthead" creator, Mike Judge. For someone with such illustrious origins, Judge turns in a surprisingly fresh take on the office workplace sitcom. It's painful to think that some people have yet to see this film, and I would say that if you haven't seen it, you should definitely check it out.

The film stars Ron Livingston ("Swingers") as Peter Gibbons, a software engineer at Initech, which becomes the butt of all the corporate culture humor throughout the movie. Peter soon reaches a new plateau of existence, however, when his therapist dies during a hypnosis session and Peter, apparently, never stops out of it. This strange scene where his shrink dies as Peter goes into space happily serves as the catalyst for the coming action.

Fishing out at the absurdity of corporate culture, Mike Judge has his protagonist ditching work, but still getting a promotion from the new consultant, against the will of his "evil, soul-less boss," played by Gary Cole in "A Very Brady Sequel," "A Simple Plan." In addition, Peter finds it within his own self to start up a romance with the beautiful waitress from Chotchki's, a T.G.I.Friday's knockoff — named Joanna Jennifer Aniston. "Friends," "Object of My Affection." They fortunately share a love for late night kung-fu-movies. From here on out the movie moves into a thin and absurd plot line in which Peter and some employees who are due to be laid off, arrange to steal a great deal of money from the company. It's another cliché paycheck move in a movie full of cliché. The jokes on corpo-

rate culture are infrequently fresh, usually sounding as if they have been recycled from NBC's "Working" or any number of other workplace sitcoms. It's painful to hear the same jokes about consultants, deadlines and customer-engineer relations — which "Gilbert" and others have done so well — massacred so badly by the onscreen presentation.

As dumb as the majority of the film was, I did laugh — very hard in fact — at some parts. That's why I'm holding on to some hope for Mike Judge's future in live-

action, whereas most critics have com-
pletely trashed him thus far. The rambling script moves at a savagely slow pace, looking software engineers walking between cubicles, tossing dink back and forth and smashing a copy machine with a baseball bat — while set in slow-motion to groggy rap. I laugh more at the parts than I have at anything else in a movie since last summer's "There's Something About Mary."
Top seeds fall in championship Bouts

Romanchek ends Gaffney's undefeated streak

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

185-Pound Division

The torch was passed on Friday night as Mike "El Pezador" Romanchek dethroned three-time champion, senior Gaffney Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney in a priceless three-round battle. Two years ago these warriors locked horns at Bengal Bouts. The sophomore Gaffney bested Romanchek in a split decision.

Coming into Friday's fight, Gaffney had dominated the competition for four years, earning three Bengal Bouts titles. Number four, however, eluded him.

The stalwart Romanchek, a junior captain, was too much Gaffney handle, countering most everything Gaffney threw at him. Gaffney stayed on the attack the entire fight but could not put together a consistent combination to convince every judge.

"I wanted to go out there and box, not brawl," Romanchek said. "I knew I would be in trouble if I tried to match him punch for punch. So I tried to throw some straight jabs, hard rights and hopefully have him do the same.

Chants of "Gaffney" rang out as the fighters headed into the final round. The outcome was in doubt until the final bell. Romanchek won with a split decision.

After the fight, the two battle-scared champions and good friends embraced amid a standing ovation. Romanchek still praised his opponent for providing great leadership to the boxing program in his four years.

"I have really looked up to Brian Gaffney. I have a great respect for him. I have watched the way he works with young boxers. He sets a tremendous example for them in and outside the ring," said Romanchek.

190-Pound Division

The drama of the Romanchek/Gaffney bout was a tough act to follow, but Dave "Hell-Vegas" Butz and Mike "It Hurts More Than It Feels Good" Velten did the job.

Butz's patient attack prevailed over Velten punishing hands. The two seniors spent the first two rounds slogging each other up and looking

Will reclaims title with unanimous decision

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

125-Pound Division

In the spirit of true sportsmanship, Jastin McMahon decided to postpone his championship bout since his opponent, Kevin Overbeck, could not attend the finals because of a medical school interview. The bout will be fought tonight at 5 p.m. in the boxing room.

135-Pound Division

With an aggressive style and big rights, senior Charles Madden earned his first championship in a split decision victory over senior David Seerveld.

"It is kind of overwhelming," Madden said. "I kind of think that I don't deserve it because it is my first year. Most of the guys that won have been fighting for four years."

It was a match where both boxers landed solid punches and then rapidly found themselves on the receiving end.

Seerveld's combinations were not enough to lead him to victory. As the third round wound down, Madden landed several scoring punches to give him the edge.

Three solid rights and sheer determination helped Madden claimed the title in the 135-pound division.

"The first couple of rounds were pretty tight," Madden said. "In the third round, I was tired. I saw that he was tired. So we were both tired, and I realized that then I felt better."

Madden's third-round spirit gave him the edge to take the lead and the title.
Freshman sensation Hernandez upsets division favorite

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

150-Pound Division

Freshman Edward "El Papoose" Hernandez's footsteps haunted defending champion junior J.R. Mellin from the beginning of the tournament.

The second-seeded Hernandez entered the ring Friday and showed the top seed that to upset a defending champion one needs speed, footwork and a tough counterattack.

While Mellin got in some hits and landed some unexpected combinations, he could not rally in the end.

Hernandez got the final say of the first round as he landed a huge left and sent Hernandez reeling, but Hernandez's lefts were too much for the Bengal's captain.

The freshman finally worked Mellin's eye, leaving him heavily cut by the second round. Nowak found himself on the receiving end as Alexander came out fast and furious, but Alexander's control earned him a standing-eight count.

Both came out swinging again in the third round with a final chance to take it to the limit. Nowak rallied and landed several shots in the end. LaDuke successfully defended his title and won his second-straight Bengal Bouts championship.

160-Pound Division

No love was lost in this fight. "The Erie Kid" Nowak and Travis Alexander came out fast and furious. Alexander controlled the ring, landing a series of combinations which earned him a standing-eight count.

Both came out swinging again in the second round. Nowak found himself on the receiving end as Alexander came out fast and furious, but he boxed his way out with a strong right cross.

Alexander once again found himself in a corner, and Nowak's hits earned Alexander his second standing-eight count of the match.

I had to come out big," Murphy said about his mentality coming into the third round. "I knew it was close. I knew I had to come out to win."

The fight was one of determination, with each contender trying to win his first Bengal Bouts championship. Murphy's aggressive style and huge purity in the third gave him the shot he needed.

165-Pound Division

Senior Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke's aggressive style gave him the ultimate edge in this fight, but senior Josh "Is My First Name But My Last Name Is" Kirley put on a show, taking LaDuke the full three rounds in an evenly fought match.

At one point, LaDuke backed Kirley in the ropes so hard that he almost fell out of the ring.

While LaDuke's aggressive boxing wore on his competitor, Kirley often took advantage of the intensity. In the third round, Kirley rallied and landed several shots.

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145-Pound Division

The third time's a charm.

Tommy Will learned just that Friday night at the 69th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts.

The senior entered the ring with a final chance to earn back the title he surrendered to Lucas Molina last year in the 135-pound finals.

"I came in wanting to box as best I could," Will said. "I wanted to make my friends, my family and myself proud."

The only person standing in the way for Will was his friend and fellow captain, junior Mike Maguire. But not even Maguire's powerful punches could stop Will from taking back his title.

"It is everything I'd hoped it would be. Will said about his victory. "It feels great. These past four years here have been just an incredible experience."

Will came out on the opening bell with a tremendously tight defense. Maintaining right hand throughout all three rounds, the aggressive Maguire landed most of his punches.

"I tried to attack and not hang around too much," Will said. "If you hang around, Mike will really take it to you. I was able to be really aggressive in the third."

Will's patient yet aggressive style gave him the extra boost. While the two kept it close in the first two rounds, Will came out in the third and immediately backed Maguire into the ropes, securing the championship title in the 145-pound division.

"I have all the respect in the world for Mike Maguire," Will said. "He put up a great fight and he really kept it close."
Biolchini controls ring, triumphs over Penn

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

165-pound division

Neither contender in the 165-pound division seemed daunted by the pressure of the large vocal crowd nor the stress of fighting for the championship title. Junior first- and second-year heavyweight Paul Chen and Don "Juan The Heaven Kid" Kid Kerrigan entered the ring ready to fight.

As the bell sounded to begin the first round, both fighters showed their determination to earn the win. Coming out strong in all three rounds, Biolchini and Penn exchanged punches for much of the fight. The guys in my first two fights came out strong, so I was expecting [Penn] to do the same from the start," said Biolchini. "And when that happens you can't fool around or you're going to lose points."

Biolchini's control of the corner of the ring and strong right determined the outcome of the fight. In the end, Biolchini earned the unanimous decision.

"I tried to stay focused and then it became a lot of combinations," said Biolchini. "And in doing that I managed to land a lot of punches."

Penn's quickness and strong footwork kept him in the fight and made Biolchini work for every punch. "I knew [Penn] was a tough fighter and that it wasn't going to be easy," continued Biolchini. "He fought great. Even in the third round when we were bashed, he landed a lot of punches."

170-pound division

Favorite Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan stepped onto the mat determined to prove his No. 1 ranking against Mike "Iлюбь" Hammes.

"Nothing was working at all during the first round," said Kerrigan. "But once I started to fight it had an effect. There was a big change of momentum."

Hammes caused trouble for Kerrigan early. The junior challenger fought close and landed several jabs to Kerrigan's body. "Hammes was a very good fighter. He liked to charge a lot, which was something I didn't enjoy," continued Kerrigan. "He tried to throw a lot of body shots and he ended up doing a lot of work on my body and a little on my face."

Throughout the three-round fight, Hammes tried to draw Kerrigan in close and cause many lock-ups between the two fighters. The difference came in the third round when Kerrigan refused to be held and began to box out of the hands.

Kerrigan put the fight away with 30 seconds remaining in the round when his strong right knocked Hammes to the mat and almost out of the ring.

185-pound division

Law student Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur upset No. 2 Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer in the 175-pound division championship.

"My game plan was to dictate the fight and see the jab," said Chen. "My jab seemed to be working well for me."

Sandifur controlled his own pace and fight, and it was great.

"I was working at a lot of law and his jab," said Sandifur. "It didn't seem real."

Chen said of the win, "I was nervous going into the fight about being able to last the whole six minutes."

Sandifur's concerns were soon alleviated as he put up a strong performance to earn a split-decision victory.

Pfeiffer's early jab caused Sandifur some trouble, but Sandifur's combinations proved too much for his opponent.

"I spent the first round trying to figure out how to parry his jab," said Sandifur. "Then I concentrated on getting some combinations in and getting out."

180-pound division

No. 2 Paul "You Better Recognize, Chump" Chen worked his way to a decision.

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**VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK**

"Boogie Nights"

**Director:** Paul Thomas Anderson

**Starring:** Mark Wahlberg, Julianne Moore, Burt Reynolds, Don Cheadle, William H. Macy and Heather Graham

"Boogie Nights" is a movie about naked girls and sex, right? Wrong. "Boogie Nights" has almost nothing to do with naked girls and sex. But, you might ask, how can a movie about the pornography industry have almost nothing to do with sex? By creating intriguing characters set in an evolving era of the pornography industry, "Boogie Nights" becomes much more than it appears.

While most mainstream movies use sex as a method to arouse the audience, "Boogie Nights" illustrates sex as a business. And in 1979, business is booming for pornography director Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds in his Oscar-nominated performance) and his well-endowed young star Eddie Adams/Dirk Diggler, played by Mark Wahlberg. Dirk Diggler is his porn star name.

The film is viewed through the eyes of the seven-year-old young star as Horner takes him off the streets and introduces him to a life of pornographic fame and fortune. But "Boogie Nights" is about more than Eddie, Dirk or Horner. It's a story about a family's search to rise from their distraught pasts and find their true selves.

Writer and director Paul Thomas Anderson is a perfectionist who loves movies. He loves writing them and he loves directing them. This deadly combination leads to phenomenal film-making. And Anderson doesn't want to show us his true genius. In the opening scene, which masterfully lasts over four minutes, we follow Horner and his lover as they walk into a right club and meet all of the characters.

The first half of the film is depicted in the late 1970s and shows Dirk's discovery and introduction to the business. This segment is highly entertaining and enjoyable. In a few quick scenes we see Dirk receiving his first porn work, buying fame, falling in love and enjoying his fame, dancing the night away.

This dance scene was somehow snatched at the MTV awards, but nonetheless it has become legendary and produced many glorious SYF repetitions.

In the second half of the film we see a more-dramatic narrative that moves with the change of the decade as well as the movie industry's change from film to video cassette. While not nearly as entertaining, it is important to completing the artistic story that Anderson tells.

Ironically, a second theme of the film (from the second half) is the pornography search to make a meaningful dramatic film. Horner and the entire team years to make a film that the audience in the theater after the sex scenes have come and gone. These pornographers take their work seriously and consider themselves actors redefining their roles. In one dramatic scene, Buck Swaps (Don Cheadle), a country-music-loving black porn star, goes to a trunk love because of his involvement with pornography. Buck's emphatic reply was, "I'm not a pornographer. I'm an actor... I am not a pornographer."

"Boogie Nights" is flawless — it gets

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**CHART-TOPPERS**

**Top Ten Weekend at the Box Office**

**Movie Title** | **Gross Sales**
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1. 8MM | $14.3 million
2. Payback | $6.9 million
3. The Other Sister | $6.7 million
4. Message in a Bottle | $6.4 million
5. My Favorite Martian | $5.2 million
6. October Sky | $5.0 million
7. Shakespeare in Love | $4.4 million
8. Blast from the Past | $3.7 million
9. She's All That | $3.6 million
10. 200 Cigarettes | $3.2 million

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**March 12**

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SPORTS, PHILOSOPHY, AND JEAPOARDY

By TED FOX
Sports Columnist

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Icenem end home schedule with win

By TED BASSAN

Scrip Winter

In their final two regular season home games, Notre Dame seniors went out in style, taking three of four points from the Northern Michigan Wildcats last weekend.

Saturday's tense 2-1 victory and Friday's 3-2 tie return to Notre Dame sole possession of fourth place in the CCHA standings, one point behind Northern Michigan.

At Friday's contest, Ryan Bolder scored Notre Dame's first points in five games early in the second period, ranking up his fourth goal of the season and second in two games against the Wildcats.

After the Wildcats tied the game on a great end-to-end rush by freshman Chad Thoemer, Ben Simon helped the Irish regain the lead with a spectacular individual effort.

Simon took the puck down the ice, going one-on-one with defensemen Sean Connolly. Simon trapped Connolly in the corner, and the Wildcat freshman slowed down Simon, hooking his leg. With one skate on the ice, Simon managed to flip a quick wrist shot over the shoulder of goaltender Dan Ragusett for a 2-1 Irish lead.

"I skated down the ice, the defensemen stepped up, and I just put it between his legs and then shovelled," Simon said. "It looked a lot better than it really was.

"Notre Dame's third-period didn't last long, however, as junior Tyson Holly and senior Buddy Smith each scored third-period goals to give Northern a 3-2 lead with 6:30 to play.

At crunch-time, senior Aniket Dhadphale stepped forward. Simon carried the puck into the Northern Michigan end and slid a pass to Dhadphale, who beat Ragussett through the legs to tie the game with just 3.45 remaining.

While the Irish earned a tie, Simon said they did not achieve their aim.

"We want to play here in two weeks," Simon said. "It all comes down to (Saturday) night, so I don't think we're satisfied." Entering Saturday's game, the team desperately needed a power-play goal to jump-start its struggling offense. With all six goals Friday night scored at even strength, Notre Dame's power play drought stood at 30 straight opportunities without a goal.

"At this stage of the season, it's hard to score five-on-three because everyone tightens up defensively, so the power-play will have to be a big factor," Dhadphale said.

Midway through the second period, Dhadphale, who leads the team in power play goals, augmented his statistics. Team captain Brian Urick caught the Wildcats in a line change at center ice with a long pass to Dhadphale, who came into the offensive zone with room on left wing.

Dhadphale then surprised Ragussett with a slap shot that beat him high for his ninth power-play goal.

"I came down the wing, and I thought I saw him cheat a little bit towards the middle, so I just shot it high to the short side," Dhadphale said.

Notre Dame maintained that slim 1-0 lead until late in the third period. With Northern Michigan pressing to tie, the Irish caught their opponents in transition as sophomore Chad Chipache and Dolder broke through center ice with a two-on-one.

Dolder beat Ragusetti with a wrist shot from the right wing, making it three-for-three in his last two games against the Wildcats.

"You could definitely sense the pressure," Dolder said. "Tonight, we knew we had to get it done because if we didn't win tonight, we knew we wouldn't get home ice in the playoffs. You could tell it wasn't just a normal CCHA game.

Saturday's game ended in play-off fashion. With one minute to play, Northern Michigan had a power play and pulled their goaltender for a six-on-four skating advantage.

More Forest Kerr thwarted several point-blank attempts, Doug Schmidt found a rebound in the slot and finally beat Kerr with a slap shot to end the bid for his third shutout of the season.

"Forest has been so steady for us all year," head coach Dave Poulin said of his goaltender's performance. "He made big saves. His personality is such that he enjoys the-mediated mayhem and his confidence in that is a terrific amount of confidence in him.

With a win and a tie, Notre Dame remained in the top four of the CCHA standings, one point behind Northern Michigan.

"I think we've struggled every year I've been here on home ice," Dhadphale said. "When you win 11 games at home, that's quite a few, in this league especially. If we get home ice in the playoffs, it's going to give us that much more confidence."
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Swimming

Divers, coach Xie prove valuable to team's success

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

Overlooking divers at a swim meet is easy.

Their events take place at the end of the pool, separate and often at the same times as the more high-profile swimming races. So it’s no wonder that junior Gina Ketelhohn, sophomore Jessica Johnstone and Karli Richards, and freshmen Heather Mattingly are often unsung heroes.

They’re always at practice, working just as hard as the swimmers, contributing points at every meet. Yet they are the strongest diving squad that Notre Dame has ever seen.

When they regularly crush the competition, they may go unnoticed. It’s when they’re not there that the swimmers really miss them.

The men’s team discovered this the hard way by competing without a diver all season. Likewise, the women nearly had to live without their divers at last weekend’s Big East swimming and diving championships.

"Me and Jessica were really ticked off," Ketelhohn said. "We didn’t even know we’d be coming to the championships. It was a last-minute decision."

It turned out to be a good decision.

Ketelhohn and Johnstone placed in the top 16 on both the three-meter and one-meter boards, events which are traditionally dominated by Miami.

If the women’s diving squad is a treasure to the swim team, then Mattingly is the crown jewel. Early in the season, she obliterated the University’s diving records, then continued to better her own mark.

Mattingly has won all but three events in dual meets. She placed first on both boards in January’s Rainbow Invitational and placed second on both boards in the three-meter and third on the one-meter at both the Minnesota Invitational and the Big East championships.

"I was really happy with what I did," Mattingly said. "Jenny (Keim of Miami), the girl that won, was a ’96 Olympian, so it was a real accomplishment."

The rest of the diving squad is motivated by Mattingly’s success, according to Ketelhohn and Johnstone.

"We get along really well, especially since we got Heather," Ketelhohn said. "Her being so good has motivated us to work harder. It’s nice to have someone to push you."

"We’re best friends. We help each other and push each other," Johnstone added.

Much of the divers’ success can be attributed to their coach, Caiming Xie. A 1974 Chinese National Champion in the springboard, Xie is in his fourth year as Notre Dame’s first full-time diving coach.

"He’s worked really hard getting us ready," Johnstone said of Xie. "He’s a great coach. If you have a problem, he can help you with it."

Xie was the Chinese Olympic coach for more than 10 years. His divers have won medals in the Olympics, the World University games, the Asian games, the World Cup, and the World Championships.

"He’s used to working with world champions, so he’s still adapting. He’s looking to get that dedication from us," Mattingly said.

Ketelhohn, Johnstone and Mattingly now look forward to the NCAA Zone C diving meet, March 12-13 in Indianapolis. From there, Mattingly hopes to qualify for the NCAA Championships.
Third-seed Irish move on to Rutgers rematch

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J.
Following a 77-57 loss to Rutgers two weeks ago, members of the 18th-ranked Notre Dame women’s basketball team walked off the Louis Brown Athletic Center’s court with their heads hung in disappointment. After defeating sixth-seeded Villanova 83-52 Sunday night, the third-seeded Irish (24-3) will have a chance to redeem themselves when they face the Scarlet Knights on the same court in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

“I think that we all took it pretty personally,” said Irish center Ruth Riley, who was named Big East defensive player-of-the-year. “We weren’t overlooking Villanova in any way, but I think we all were looking forward to getting a second chance at Rutgers. We feel like we didn’t bring our game the first time. We’re ready for them.”

In order to be ready for Rutgers, head coach Muffet McGraw will have to come up with a game plan that will be able to thwart the Scarlet Knight’s top-ranked defense.

“I think getting our fast break going and cutting down on turnovers will be key,” said Riley, who was also a unanimous first-team all-Big East selection. “We just need to play smart and execute our offense the way we have all year.”

“The key for us will be our half-court execution,” McGraw said. “Our transition game has been excellent, but we haven’t done well with our half-court. It’s something we haven’t had to do against a lot of teams, but against Rutgers we’re going to have to execute offensively.

The last time the two teams met, Rutgers held Notre Dame to a season-low in points (57) and field-goal percentage (33 percent). The Scarlet Knights also forced 23 Irish turnovers. Riley was rendered ineffective for the most part by the defensive duo of Isina Roberts and Tammy Sutter-Brown. Riley got her double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds), but at one point in the first half, the Irish turned the half over seven straight times while trying to force the ball inside.

“Rutgers is a good defensive team, and not to take anything away from them, but I think I could have done things better too,” said Riley, who had nine points in Sunday’s victory. "Looking back, I don’t feel like I played that well.”

Notre Dame dominated last night’s game with Villanova, which means the players will be well rested when they face Rutgers tonight at 8 p.m.

“I think it’s great that we get to rest a lot of people, especially Niele Ivey, who only had to play 20 minutes,” said McGraw. “So I thought it was important that we were able to get a big lead in the second half and rest some players.”

Sunday’s blowout allowed McGraw to go deep into his bench and give some younger players a chance to log minutes, but playing in their first Big East tournament game is something that was on their minds. We tried to get them in early and I think they played extremely well. Ericka did a great job on the boards and Sherisha played with a lot of poise, so I’m pleased with their performance. McGraw will also have a lot to be concerned about tonight. She will have to come up with an answer for a Rutgers team that has won eight straight and topped the Irish by 20 points without playing its best.

“I think they’re a great team,” said McGraw, whose Irish squad is 4-6 all-time against Rutgers. “They’re very motivated. I don’t think they played that well the last time we played them. Tasha Pointer and Tomora Young both had big games, but I think they can watch the film and see some things they need to improve on. I think it will be a great game and good rematch. We’ll be ready.”

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Win in last event lifts ND to tourney’s second place

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh easily won the meet, but Notre Dame stole the show.

Like a Halley’s Comet in the final seconds of a football game, the men’s swim team rallied in the last event to upset Syracuse by a single point and place second at the Big East swimming and diving championships Saturday.

“We didn’t compete places, so what it would take to beat Syracuse,” said coach Tim Whowell, who won the Big East men’s swimming Coach of the Year. “By magic, it all came together.”

The magic was certainly at the Goodman Games Aquatic Center in UNO, N.Y., as Notre Dame won the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The Irish were less than a body-length behind Pittsburgh and Syracuse after Vince Kohn, Bob Peter and Steve Howell finished their legs of the relay.

Junior Ray Fitzpatrick then dove in, caught the competition and took at 1:49.38, leaving Pittsburgh by 12-hundredths of a second and leaving Syracuse in third at 1:50.92.

Providing the only combination that would lead to a Notre Dame victory over Syracuse, the Irish blatherscraped together.

In the second session, Notre Dame placed seventh as a team, which was a major improvement.

The third session was a major improvement, with the Irish finishing fourth.

In the final session, Notre Dame beat Syracuse 565 to 564, but only after overcoming its pre-finale 26-point deficit.

Pittsburgh ran away with the meet with 756 points. Once a powerhouse, Miami placed a distant fourth with 286 points, followed closely by Rutgers with 284.

By Saturday night, Fitzpatrick had been out-touched for wins by Syracuse’s Jose Gonzalez in the 50 and 100 freestyle, and by Pittsburgh’s Steve Siler in the 200 butterfly.

However, Fitzpatrick’s leg of the relay was nearly a second faster than Gonzalez’s winning time for the individual 100 freestyle event.

Before last weekend, the Notre Dame men had been without an individual win at the Big East championships; Saturday night saw three Irish victories.

Out of 18 events swum during the three-day, six-session meet, the men broke 14 University records and achieved three NCAA Championship consideration times.

Freshman Jonathan Pierce broke two University records in one swim. On the way to securing Notre Dame’s first win in the 1500-yard freestyle at 15:35:62, his 1000-yard split time of 9:24.29 was also good enough for a school record.

Dan Szilier backed up his invitation to this summer’s World University Games by breaking 14 University records and achieved three NCAA Championship consideration times.

By recruiting class

In two years, the men’s swimming team has risen from a seventh-place finish at the Big East to the highly competitive top three.

Last weekend, the men beat teams that have diverged—which Notre Dame currently lacks—and 10 times as many scholarship athletes.

Welsh attributed the team’s success to its dedication to long-term goals.

“It’s a commitment on their part, a commitment to say, ‘We want to be good,’” Welsh said. “The leaders on the team ... kept a clear vision that said, ‘We want to go to Big East and be better than ever.’”

Whowell noted the strength that new swimmers have added to the program.

“Each recruiting class has had a lot of talent. With the leadership of the coaches, everyone has improved over the years,” Whowell said.

Welsh also cited the help of assistant coach Jonathan Jennings, the resignation of Miami’s former coach and stroke techniques learned from No. 1 Stanford as contributors to Irish success.
By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bob Davie finalized the 1999 Irish football coaching staff in time for spring training with weekend additions of Syracuse's Steve Addazio as offensive coordinator and Boston College's Jerry Rosburg as outside linebacker coach and special teams coordinator.

Addazio and Rosburg have worked with head coach Dan Enos, who was recently hired from Central Michigan. Addazio served as the offensive line coach at Syracuse under New York offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers. Rosburg coached on the same defensive staff at Cincinnati with Lou West, the fall season's secondary coach.

The relationship between West and Rosburg is one that has seen them go from allies at Cincinnati to Big East rivals and now back to allies. Rosburg had nothing but good words to say about his friend and fellow assistant.

"I'm very confident that that will also be the case here." While at Boston College last year, Rosburg coached second-team all-Big East performer Pedro Cirino, who ranked third in scoring among quarterbacks, with a 1,767 total yards and a 19-17 record. Rosburg has spent his entire 20-year career with linebackers and the secondary.

Addazio, 39, comes to Notre Dame after four successful seasons at Syracuse where he coached the offensive line and tight ends. His offensive line from last year paved the way for a Syracuse offense which ranked third in scoring in the country and 10th nationally in rushing. While at Syracuse, the Orangemen were always among the nation's top 25 teams.

He will coach the Irish tight ends, help with offensive tackles and work with the special teams. Like many coaches that come to Notre Dame, Addazio feels remorse for leaving his old school, but realizes that this is an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I'm looking forward to getting out and getting started," said Addazio. "You really can't look back at this point. You've got to move forward. I love where I've been. I tell you that with a tear in my eye and with all my heart. I have great memories and experiences at Syracuse. I really love Coach P (Paul Pasqualoni), Syracuse's head coach. He's like a father. That's what makes this hard. My feelings for him are so strong. Right now, this is where I'm going and really excited about it."

Now that the new coaches seem in tact, the hype now begins for the 1999 season. The team begins its spring practices on Saturday, March 27th. It is allowed 15 practices in the spring, culminating with the annual Blue-Gold game on April 24.

Class of 2000

JUNIOR RETREAT

WHEN: Friday, March 19th to Saturday, March 20th
WHERE: Five Pines Christian Family Center

Transportation will be provided

Applications due March 4th to Class of 2000 office

Questions?? Call Meghan Tracy (4-2339) or Teresa Hoover (243-8901)

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3/18 4/9
5:30-6:45 $20 RSRC

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Wild Ride

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"It was a great way to send the seniors out on their final game," head coach John MacLeod said. "It was a second half of basketball, specifically for the starters. That's the way you like to see a senior night finish."

The Eagles outworked the Irish for a 24-30 halftime lead as the Notre Dame backcourt went a collective 0-for-7 from the field. Martin Inglesby started at point guard following the St. John's game, and played 25 minutes. Four trouble slowed Inglesby in the first half, but he came out of the locker room and scored seven Irish points on the second half. Inglesby finished with 10 points and four assists.

"I wanted to come out and play more aggressively in the second half," said Inglesby. "I got some open looks that kind of opened the game for us."

A three-pointer from Kenny Harley, who had 21 points, put Boston College up 43-37 five minutes into the second half. Then the Irish starting five began their run.

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Martin Inglesby (No. 24) returned to the lineup in Sunday's 78-59 win over Boston College.

"We had an all-around good team effort today," Graves said.

After not attempting a field goal for the first seven minutes of the game, Troy Murphy scored 10 in the first half and added another seven in the second. The forward made another strong case for the Big East Rookie of the Year honors with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. He capped off the performance with a thunderous dunk that earned a salute from Graves and the 9,043 fans in attendance.

The crowd also saluted senior captains Wyche and Hickey after a year's better performances.

"They came in and had big games today," Inglesby said. "It's great to see them go out with a victory."

"It was a big game for us that we needed to win," Wyche said. "We had to block out all that whole senior night last game thing and play for the will of the team."

"Coach said that he wanted us to go out on a winning note, and that's what we did," Hickey said. "It's hard to end our home career like this."

The Irish will play Seton Hall Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Big East tournament. The winner will play top-seeded Connecticut Thursday.

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LOOKING THROUGH THE WIZARD OF ND  

DAN SULLIVAN  

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999  

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Women's Basketball

Cagers top Villanova in tourney

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

After barely escaping from Villanova in December and later dominating the Fighting Irish in February, No. 6 seeded Villanova team were off the tipoff that has been indicative of the tournament in its first two days.

Coach Harry Perretta and his No. 9 seeded Villanova squad were banking on the gameplan that they executed to perfection against the Irish in the one-point loss. "We couldn't score off of them there's a snowball effect," Muffet McGraw's team guessing on defense.

There have been many ups, downs this season, recorded on two new hires. The Irish women dominated in tourney. There were unsuccessful, falling to an early lead after final play, with Notre Dame's first 16 attempts from the field.

But we didn't miss our first four. Coach, Bob Davie said that happens, "We had a lot more than we expected."

"I've helped focus the Wildcats' efforts to keep pace with Notre Dame," said Weiss. "Her jump shot off a Bothmule rebound gave the Irish the lead at 17-14 in the first. Notre Dame never trailed again as two minutes later Ivey had built the lead to eight on a pair of three-pointers.

The game leader in scoring with 19 points on a perfect 5-of-5 from the field, 3-of-3 from three-point range and 6-of-6 from the charity line, Ivey met Notre Dame's scoring needs after team-leading scorer Stella Mellen was singled out by the Wildcats.

Playing box and one defense — a zone defense with man-to-man coverage on one player — Villanova was able to hold Mellen to just nine points on 2-of-13 shooting. The Fighting Irish attempts mark is her fewest all season.

The 19 points by Ivey tied her with her personal best in conference play this season, recorded against Miami in mid-week and Syracuse in January. Her quick

Senior Phil Hickey finished his career on a high note, taking the third place with 16 points in the 78-59 win over Villanova. The seniors' efforts in the second half.

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Women's Swimming

Team seizes Big East championship

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame women's swim team locked down the award last weekend at the Big East swimming and diving championships. On their way to a third straight conference title, the team collected eight race victories, seven team records, six Big East records, and was second in the team scores. Villanova, ranked 25th, came in second with 613.5 points, their highest team score. The Irish won with 790.5 points, their highest team score. Villanova, ranked 25th, came in second with 613.5 points, followed by Miami at 517.

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