Grads bid adieu to ND, SMC

After four years of juggling busy class schedules, a changing social scene, crazy football weekends and close friendships, the Class of 1999 will say goodbye.

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Education and biology major came to learn, not compete for grades

By COLLEEN MCGHORTHY
Saint Mary's '99

Saint Mary's senior and valedictorian Carrie Ferkenhoff has never been focused on grades. This is partly why she said she was "surprised and shocked" when she was named the Class of 1999 valedictorian. "I initially came to Saint Mary's because I knew there was an emphasis on learning and not competing for grades," Ferkenhoff said. "There is hardly a class here that I've taken that I haven't loved. The grades just followed from those experiences." An elementary education major and biology minor, Ferkenhoff has been able to develop her interest in biology and combine it with teaching children during her time at Saint Mary's. The science classes she took focused mainly on environmental issues.

Ferkenhoff credits Saint Mary's with helping her realize her talent for science. "I've always been interested in environmental issues. From experiences in high school, I had developed the impression that I was not good at science," said Ferkenhoff. "But when I came to Saint Mary's, that changed with the first class I took in the science department. The

Chemical engineering major thanks family, friends for successes

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Saint Mary's '99

Jennifer Ehren loves to sing. When she's not studying, the 1999 Notre Dame valedictorian sings in Chorale and loves to go out dancing with her friends. Her grandfather, especially, "was always my role model." "Family and friends are the most important things in life," she said. "I'd quit," she added, if a job ever threatened her closest relationships. But Ehren won't have to worry about any corporate stress for a while. On May 28 she begins a two-year commitment to Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, a

Valedictorians spent college focused on life, service

Each of the classes have watched their schools change throughout their stay; there was a constant growth in technology on both campuses. Notre Dame saw additions to Notre Dame Stadium and the Main Building, and Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Saint Mary's students gave input for future renovation plans by voicing their ideas for the Performa proposal and utilized a wired campus with cable and ResNet for the first time.

This weekend 1,796 Notre Dame undergraduates and 325 Saint Mary's undergraduates will say goodbye to their college years, carrying with them the traditions they have spent four years learning to understand.

The graduating seniors have also witnessed and participated in debate on issues like the Spirit of Inclusion and admission into the Big Ten. They helped raise alcohol awareness in the wake of Stop Underage Drinking and Sales (SUDS) raids on Bridget McGuire's Filling Station in 1998 and The Irish Connection last semester.

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Gleason to receive Laetare Medal

Phillip Gleason, professor emeritus of history at Notre Dame, will receive the University's 1999 Laetare Medal, widely regarded as the most prestigious honor awarded to American Catholics at Saturday's commencement exercises.

As the leading figure in the history of American Catholic higher education, Phil Gleason set a rigorous standard of faith-inspired scholarship. As an interpreter of American ethnicity and immigration, he won the acclaim of historians throughout Europe and the U.S. for his insights into the assimilation of diverse peoples into a truly national community.

University president Father Edward Malloy said an award announcement.

Phil's tenacious fidelity to the Church and to Catholic intellectual life recalls many scholars and teachers of his generation at Notre Dame, and we celebrate them also in awarding him the highly deserved honor," he said.

Gleason, whose scholarship also includes U.S. intellectual and social history, has been a member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1959. A native of Wilmingtom, Ohio, he graduated from the University of Dayton in 1951 and worked briefly for the U.S. Air Force and as an eighth grade teacher before coming to Notre Dame to pursue a master's degree in history. He received that degree in 1955 and his doctoral degree in 1960.

Gleason chaired Notre Dame's history department from 1971-74. He is a visiting professor of American Catholic history at Catholic University of America in 1982 and chair of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual Cultural Affairs from 1986-88.

Gleason has received numerous awards from Notre Dame for his teaching and scholarship. He also has been awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Loyola University in Chicago, the University of Dayton's Marianist Award and the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year just before Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first in the entry antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which actually anticipates the celebration of Easter.

The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et praevalebit." "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail.

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart to the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose devotion has enriched the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Christian faith, or enriched the heritage of humanity." Among the 120 previous recipients of the Laetare Medal are Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman, operates Sion John McCormick, Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day, Nobel Prize winner Walker Percy, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean and medical ethicist Dr. Edmund Pellegrino.
Freshman loses fight with cancer

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

Miranda Thomas came to Notre Dame last August just like every other incoming freshman, ready to take on the world—or at the very least, the campus. But she had no idea what she would be taking on.

In September, Thomas was diagnosed with leukemia, and left campus to seek treatment at the Indiana University Cancer Center in Indianapolis. She received a bone marrow transplant in early February, but died Monday after an eighteen-month battle with the disease.

But she would leave behind a memory, however brief, and a beacon about strength to those who knew her well.

"She was able to laugh even throughout her sickness," said Walsh Hall resident assistant Patty Ummel. "When we spoke on the phone, she was always laughing, making jokes about her doctors and medicines. She could find reasons to laugh even in the darkest times."

While Thomas' time at Notre Dame lasted only three weeks, it was evident to those around her that she would have made a tremendous impact on the University. A member of Walsh Hall's interhall football team, Thomas' tenacity was evident in those first three weeks.

"I was just getting to know her, but she was very personable. She would have had a zillion friends here," said Walsh Hall resident sister Patricia Thomas.

"She was a large contributor to the University, even in those three weeks," said Ummel. "She was going to be huge.

Thomas kept in touch with friends at Notre Dame during her illness both through phone calls and letters.

"She always talked about her goals for the illness—what she wanted to do that week. She always sounded hopeful. A lot of the time she didn't achieve those goals, but she never seemed to lire.

But instead of looking for support, it was Thomas who gave it.

"I will always remember what an example she was," Ummel said. "Miranda showed us how to be strong—she showed us when we were working, trying about grades, and tests, and roommates problems, about what an incredible person she was.

Thomas returned to her home in Sturgis, Ky., last week after doctors realized there was nothing more they could do. Sister Thomas said.

"She got to see her family and friends before she died," Sister Thomas said.

Funeral services were held in her hometown Wednesday morning.

ND prepares for Dunbar hearing

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Notre Dame officials will attend a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Friday, June 4 to discuss the University's alleged violations involving gifts former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave to a number of former Irish players.

To prepare for the hearing, the University has retained the services of Bond, Schoenbeck & King, a firm that specializes in dealing with the NCAA. The hearing was called after the Committee on Infractions determined that major violations may have occurred. Notre Dame has not appeared before the committee since 1971.

While the NCAA enforcement staff first characterized the violations as secondary, the Committee on Infractions wanted to study the matter on its own, according to committee chair David Swank.

Attempts to contact Swank were unsuccessful, but he has indicated in the past that his committee's desire for a hearing was not a rejection of the enforcement staff's recommendation.

"We want to have a careful look at the case to make sure that it is in fact a secondary case, or it's a major case," Swank told the Chicago Tribune. "If we determine that it's either secondary or major, you'd have to decide what penalties should be imposed."

The enforcement staff studied more Dunbar's evidence and interviewed people involved and considered earlier precedent in concluding that a secondary violation had occurred, said Chuck Smrt, NCAA director of Enforcement.

"We made a recommendation that they process it as secondary," Smrt said. "But the Committee on Infractions chose to file the case as major and hold a hearing. For a case to be processed, the enforcement staff must believe that a violation of some kind has taken place, according to Smrt.

At the hearing, the enforcement staff members will read the allegations and report their findings. Notre Dame officials will have an opportunity to respond and the Committee on Infractions will ask questions.

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NCAA COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS

University president Father Edward Malloy will be among those attending the hearings on behalf of Notre Dame. Bond, Schoenbeck & King will help Notre Dame prepare, according to Dennis Moore, director of Public Relations.

"We have no experience of this process. This is what they specialize in," he said. "You're looking for someone who knows to advise you on what the process is."

University officials are reviewing the information they reported to the NCAA and are putting together a response to the letter of inquiry sent by the Committee on Infractions. The response was returned Monday, Moore said.

After the hearing, the Committee on Infractions will deliberate on possible sanctions, a process that could take as long as six weeks. Once the committee returns its decision, the University will have 15 days to appeal.

Penalties for a major violation could include a loss of television appearances or restrictions on recruiting or postseason play. Secondary violations carry a smaller sanction, ranging from probation without penalty to a minor loss of scholarships.

Notre Dame has never been assessed for a major violation. The University has appeared before the Committee on Infractions twice— in 1967 and again in 1971—but did not receive sanctions in either case.

Since reporting the incident to the NCAA in March 1998, Notre Dame has continued to share information with the NCAA enforcement staff.

While ESPN reported last week that Dunbar took former Irish players Jarvis Edson and Allen Rossum, along with Rossum's girlfriend, on a trip to Las Vegas in 1997, Moore said that is not a new development in the case. It is one of the incidents the University reported to the NCAA.

While ESPN was bending over backward to give the impression that it was something new in the case, but there wasn't," he said. "Nothing that has come out is that big of a hit to us or to the NCAA, we've given it all to them."
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stress of finals and enjoy the relationships they have built over the past four years. Everyone admitted that nervousness was the feeling sweeping the campuses as seniors counted down four years.

"I don't think four years have come and gone," said Notre Dame senior Tricia Swinnerton, who's felt like one packed year with all of the changes on campus and events we've had so far."I'm definitely nervous," said Saint Mary's senior Kelly Curtis. "It's a scary thing to leave a place that you've become so comfortable in.

When the fall semester started, I knew that my life was about to change. I had just finished my sophomore year with all of the classes and projects I had to complete. I was ready for a new challenge.

"It's so easy living here. (Notre Dame) kind of becomes home and you start thinking of this place more as home than your actual home," said Notre Dame senior Sean Leonard.

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position she chose over a full-time teaching assistant-ship in Korea.

She described the "gut-wrenching" decision of choosing ACE over the Fulbright as "probably the hardest decision of my life." She didn't want to get "caught up" with the Fulbright program, but instead of doing something she really wanted to do.

Ehren will join 46 other Notre Dame students as new members of the Fulbright program, where during the next two summers, she will attend classes on campus to get her master's degree in education. When the fall comes, she will head to Biloxi, Miss., to teach high school students.

Like many college graduates, Ehren admitted she didn't know where she'd be in 10 years.

"There's industry," she said, noting the possibilities for engineers in both environmental and pharmaceutical work. Most likely, she conceded, 10 years from now she'll be found in the process of pursuing her PhD to teach at the collegiate level.

Spiritual, people, and growing are words that came to mind when Ehren described her experience at Notre Dame. The University, she said, is a place for great growth, a student and an individual.

"I love that it's really easy to be spiritual here," she said, noting that above all, she loves the community aspect of the University. Among her many lessons here, Ehren has learned a great deal about responsibility and civic duty.

"We're all teachers and we're all students for our entire lives," she said.

Best wishes for a successful future!
# BIGGEST STORIES

of the 1995-99 academic years

February 8, 1999

**#1** Trustees reject Big Ten membership

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

**2** SMC appoints Eldred president

After an exhaustive year-long search, the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary’s College appointed Marilou Eldred as the new College president. The first female layperson to hold the job, Eldred came from a position as academic dean of the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.

Apr. 14, 1997

**3** Council sends clause to Malloy

The Academic Council voted to approve an amendment to add sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause. The amendment was then sent on to University president Edward Malloy. Malloy presented the amendment to the Board of Trustees, which rejected it Feb. 5.

Nov. 18, 1998

**4** Bridget’s closes after police raid

More than 1,165 patrons received citations for underage drinking at Bridget McGinley Station when local and state police raided the bar. Police cited Bridget’s for violations of state liquor laws and management voluntarily closed the establishment.

Feb. 2, 1998

**5** University adopts ‘Spirit of Inclusion’

President Edward Malloy announced that the University would not revise its non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation, arguing that the courts define homosexual orientation differently than the Church does. Instead, officials offered a statement entitled the “Spirit of Inclusion,” which accepts all people into the community.

Aug. 29, 1997

**6** Eldred denies The Alliance

President Marilou Eldred denied official club status to The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight Women and Questioning Women of Saint Mary’s College after six months of deliberation. Eldred claimed that other campus organizations were already meeting the proposed goals of The Alliance.

Feb. 27, 1998

**7** Garrick resigns to protest gay policy

Father David Garrick, assistant professor of communications and theatre, resigned in protest of the University’s approach to gay and lesbian students and faculty. Garrick said that the University’s celibate homosexual policy in an April 1996 letter to The Observer, he was suspended from Basilia ministry.

March 19, 1998

**8** Students, faculty rally for change

In the first protest of its kind, almost 400 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s faculty, staff and students gathered to express their support for the addition of sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause. Many students felt the change was necessary following the University’s January 1995 refusal to recognize G/L NISME.

Apr. 25, 1997

**9** University combats sweatshop labor

University officials announced plans to hire the independent accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers to monitor factory conditions in factories producing Notre Dame apparel. Notre Dame also founded a sweatshop task force and was an early member of the Fair Labor Association.

March 3, 1999

**10** Moore wins suit for discrimination

Former offensive line coach Joe Moore won $86,000 in damages from the University in a suit claiming that head football coach Bob Davie discriminated against him on the basis of race.

A court considered granting Moore additional damages but ultimately decided against increasing the award.

Aug. 25, 1998
Fires, debates over discipline and two big decisions in London highlight '99

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

Burning couches, flying squid and a declaration of institutional independence were among the highlights of Notre Dame's 1998-99 academic year — a year filled with much debate, little change and a string of minor controversies.

Perhaps the one issue which truly captivated the Notre Dame community was the possibility of the University joining the Big Ten athletic conference.

Citing the importance of Notre Dame's unique institutional identity, the Board of Trustees voted on Feb. 5 to not enter negotiations with the Big Ten and its academic arm, the Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC), but the debate leading up to that decision addressed a wide range of issues.

"The decision was complex," said University president Father Edward Malloy in February. "The decision transcends the many individual factors, academic and athletic. The ultimate rationale behind the decision lies in a loss of institutional identity."

Big Ten membership was widely considered to be one of the University's biggest decisions since its admission of women in 1972, and what began as an athletic issue came to symbolize a much larger debate about Notre Dame's identity.

When the Faculty Senate voted in December to encourage CIC membership and showed it. Banners such as one reading "Big Ten, Big Mistake," were hung from dorm windows and the Student Senate unanimously supported a resolution calling on the Trustees to reject conference membership. Among the concerns for many students was the threat to undergraduate education, regionalization of the athletic program and a loss of Notre Dame's independence.

Ultimately the decision was made by the Board of Trustees, which followed the Board of Fellows' unanimous vote to not enter negotiations with the Big Ten.

An inclusive 'Spirit'?

This academic year saw a continuation of Notre Dame's struggle with gay rights issues as the Board of Trustees chose not to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and another faculty member resigned over the issue.

In the wake of Father David Garrick's resignation in March 1998 and the Faculty Senate's call for the clause amendment that May, the non-discrimination clause was hotly debated for much of the fall semester. A number of campus groups voted to recommend the addition, culminating in the Academic Council's Nov. 17 vote, which sent the matter to the Board of Trustees.

Talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to speak at two campus rallies in support of the amendment and 120 students fasted for three days before the Trustees' meeting, hoping to influence the decision. However, a strong recommendation had already been made when the Board of Fellows unanimously voted against the proposal on Dec. 1.

While the Irish regularly meet up with Purdue and other Big Ten rivals on the gridiron, the Board of Trustees voted in February not to join the athletic conference. Debate over Big Ten membership dominated campus discussion for much of the winter until the board's vote on Feb. 5 decided the issue.

The administration kept this recommendation silent until the February meeting, where the Trustees "expressed their full support and affirmation" for the Fellows' decision. In their report the Trustees formally reaffirmed the goals put forth in the Spirit of Inclusion statement.

Since the decision, campus activists for the clause have been relatively quiet with the exception of the March resignation of Mark Jordan, an openly homosexual professor of medieval studies. Before leaving to take a chaired position at Emory University, Jordan harshly criticized Notre Dame administrators for their reluctance to legally protect homosexuals.

"This atmosphere allows the University to selectively get rid of whomever they want, or at least threaten them," he said. Jordan's resignation came a few months after Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business Administration, revealed at an Academic Council meeting that a candidate for a job in the College was rejected for being a practicing homosexual.

April showers don't douse fires

The Notre Dame Fire Department had a busy April as flames lit the night sky over campus on two occasions.

An explosion and fire at the Notre Dame power plant in the early morning hours of April 15 injured two bystanders and destroyed six cooling cells that provide campus air conditioning. Eleven days later, an unrelated power outage motivated students to take to the quads, where they lit six bonfires across campus. No one was injured in the disturbance, but disciplinary action was taken against a number of students.

No cause has been discovered for the power plant fire and both of the injured University staff members were released two days after the blaze. Early estimates set the damage at $1.35 million and officials expect that campus-wide air conditioning will not be repaired until the summer of 2000.

The disturbance during and after the blackout was criticized by administrators and student leaders at the Campus Life Council meeting that day. Disciplinary action will likely be taken.

ND alum and talk show pioneer Phil Donahue came to campus twice to speak in favor of adding sexual orientation to the University's legal non-discrimination clause. The rallies and other campus activism culminated in a three-day hunger strike, but no change to the clause was made.
NEW SWEATSHOP POLICY UNVEILED, TWO HURT IN POWER PLANT FIRE. STUDENTS SET FIRES ON QUADS.

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A Notre Dame Security official looks on as one of six bonfires set on campus during and after the April 26 power outage burned itself out. There were several confrontations between students and Notre Dame Security and Fire officials, and those involved who could be identified will be disciplined when classes resume in August.

Against involved students next semester.

"I had always held out this hope that students at Notre Dame were different, but I was very disappointed," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

The Dunbar plot thickens

As the school year comes to an end, Notre Dame prepares for a hearing before the NCAA Committee on Infractions over the gifts that former football booster Kimberly Dunbar gave to a number of former Irish football players.

The year began with the announcement that five members of the 1998 squad were to be declared ineligible, and then immediately reinstated, for taking a trip to a Chicago Bulls game paid for by Dunbar.

The hearing will be held June 4, and a decision will likely be reached by the Committee in the ensuing weeks regarding possible sanctions. While it initially appeared that the violation would be ruled secondary in nature, the Infractions committee said on April 21 that it may be major. Punishments for a major violation could include loss of television revenues and bowl appearances. Committee members gave no indication, however, of which way they would rule or if they would judge that Notre Dame lacked institutional control.

The University has hired the law firm of Bond, Schoenfeld & King to prepare for the hearing. This firm is experienced in defending universities at NCAA hearings.

No sweat for ND

As universities across the nation dealt with the issue of labor abuse in licensed apparel manufacturing, Notre Dame took the unprecedented step of hiring an independent monitoring firm to ensure that its licensees comply with the University’s code of conduct.

Notre Dame hired the accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers in March to conduct random spot inspections of factories for code violations. The University has also joined with more than 50 colleges and universities nationwide in the Fair Labor Association, a White House initiative to ensure safe working conditions in the manufacture of clothing sold in the U.S. and has entered into several other alliances to prevent sweatshop labor.

"We continue to seek ways to strengthen our code by improving accountability structures and by joining other universities seeking ways to more effectively oppose inhumane workplace conditions," said Father Malloy in a written statement.

Notre Dame has also formed a task force to study the issue of sweatshop labor and discuss further adjustments to the code. Two issues under consideration are payment of a living wage and full disclosure of factory locations.

Student activists have criticized the University on these two issues, and a number of rallies and teach-ins have been held in the hopes of influencing the administration. The task force will likely make a recommendation on these issues next year, according to its chairman William Hoey.

Removing SCM

A long-term study of renovations to the Saint Mary's campus conducted by the Performance consulting group completed in April when the Board of Trustees of the College approved the group's proposals for a range of campus facilities.

Plans include revamping the Angela Athletic Facility, the first floor of Le Mans Hall and the Noble Family Dining Hall. Overall, the Trustees chose to focus renovations on improving existing facilities rather than constructing new ones. They also decided not to build a free-standing student center.

The Trustees followed many of the recommendations of the consulting group, which had held a number of campus-wide forums to solicit opinion on the subject. "The Board of Trustees generally approved what Performa had proposed but they made some minor changes," said College president Marilou Friedl.

A messy football season

Flying squids and trash bags outside the Joyce Center marked an otherwise memorable football season as student behavior again drew criticism and controversy.

The traditional halftime marshmallow fights turned ugly during several football games this season as seniors flung a variety of marine life through the air, causing injuries and security problems in the stadium. Two non-students were hurt during the B羿 game, but conditions improved at the Louisiana State game after numerous warnings, ejections and widespread confiscation of marshmallows and other projectiles.

"This is really out of character for Notre Dame," said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security/Police. "Fun is fun, but when fun is getting people hurt, we have to reevaluate our definition of fun.

Another "fun" tradition reconsidered this year is the annual campout for football tickets. Campus security and residence life officials expressed disappointment in student behavior during the three nights of camping out and at the University Day of Parks and Recycles event that was held outside the Joyce Center in their wake.

"It was disgusting," said Kirk. "Just the mess was disturbing enough. It was something that was embarrassing for me to look at. It was just obvious that a lot of alcohol was consumed."

Administrators said they would study different options for next year’s ticket distribution, but no plans have been formally announced yet.

Busted...again

SUDS (Stop Underage Drinking and Sales) made its presence felt around campus this year with its second major bust in 1998.

The state agency, which cited 165 minors at Bridget McGuire's Family Restaurant in January 1998, issued 94 "minor in a tavern" citations at The Barn Connection on a Thursday night in November. Most of those cited were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students.

The University disciplined those involved, who were also fined by the city of South Bend.

A student rears back and prepares to throw a frog during halftime of the Baylor game. Two spectators were injured during halftime, which saw squid, fish and other projectiles catapult through the sky.

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Dole, Quinn to address ND, SMC grads

GOP presidential candidate will speak to ND Class of '99

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY

Antiochian News Editor

When Elizabeth Dole was chosen in the fall to give the commencement address to the Class of 1999, few political analysts expected her to jump into the presidential race like Al Gore, George W. Bush, Jr., and former Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, S.J., the campaign would receive in the presidential race.

Dole's January decision to step down as president of the Red Cross placed her name in political circles with other heavyweights in the race like Al Gore, George W. Bush, Jr., and former Notre Dame visiting professor Bill Bradley.

The buzz surrounding the support Dole's campaign would receive in the 2000 election, should she decide to run, has Notre Dame students curious and excited to hear her keynote address at graduation.

The invitation for Dole to speak was extended in a letter written by University President Edward Mansfield on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the officers of the University who expressed that Dole's service work with the Red Cross was ideal for the keynote address at graduation.

"We have every confidence that the speech will be directed at graduates and not on politics," Brown said. "Keep in mind that this decision was done last fall, and at that point the presidential election was not on the horizon."

Seniors agree that they want Dole's speech to be directed at their futures and not on the upcoming election for president.

"I've heard soundbites from her speeches at other schools and some of them have been campaign speeches," said St. Edward's Hall senior Sean Leonard. "I want to hear her address us, the graduates, and not her political intentions."

Author, financial commentator will talk at Saint Mary's

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Saint Mary's News Editor

Jane Bryant Quinn, a nationally renowned commentator on personal finance, will speak to Saint Mary's graduates at commencement exercises on Saturday.

Quinn, who has written columns for publications such as Newsweek, Good Housekeeping and The New York Times, was chosen because she exemplifies what we want Saint Mary's women to be," said College president Martinu Eldred.

"She was chosen for several reasons. One, because she is an expert in the field of personal finance, which is largely dominated by men," Eldred said. "Also, her public presence as a financial consultant will be helpful to individuals looking to begin careers."

Quinn's public experience ranges from books to television. Quinn is the author of the best-selling "Everyone's Money Book" published in 1978. She also wrote "A Hole in the Market" and "Making the Most of Your Money."

She is currently the co-host of the PBS program "Beyond Wall Street." Before PBS, Quinn worked for CBS News, including "CBS Morning News" and "Evening News with Dan Rather."

Additionally, Quinn hosted her own program, "Take Charge!" and has appeared on "The Home Show," "Good Morning America," and "Nightline," to discuss personal finance.

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

Quinn was named by the World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in the United States, and won an Emmy for outstanding news coverage. She is a three-time winner of the National Press Club award for consumer journalism.

"She can offer the importance of wise financial management and speak about developing one's career in the field of financial management or any other field," Eldred said. "She is a role model for Saint Mary's graduates because Saint Mary's women become experts in their field, and we hope that they will contribute to the larger society."

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Board of Trustees to consider Performa plans

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Plans for a new dining hall, bookstore, coffee house, mail center and study area will be presented to the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees during its June retreat. Under this plan, Havican Hall would be demolished and the Early Childhood Development Center would be relocated. If approved, the project is expected to cost between $65 and $70 million.

The Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees will be presented with the time frame and a detailed financial component for the projects included in the master plan designed by Performa Consulting at the board’s June retreat.

Performa Consulting presented a master plan to renovate campus facilities in order to improve student services and recreation spaces at a community meeting, which included some changes since it was presented to the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees at the end of April. The plan is the result of information gathered by the company during 1998 and 1999.

The cost of the total master plan will be between $65 to $70 million, said Carolyn Merrow, a Performa senior planner.

Changes to the plan include demolishing Havican Hall and creating a new multi-purpose facility to serve as a conference center and provide gathering space for large events.

“One of the things we tried to do throughout the planning was to find a use for Havican Hall,” said Merrow. “Our thinking is it doesn’t make sense to keep it because it is in an odd location in relation to the rest of the campus buildings.”

The Early Childhood Development Center in Havican will be relocated to another space on campus.

The proposed multi-purpose facility is one of the least defined spaces that wants to do the most, said Merrow. It will include gathering spaces for 1,200 people, meeting and break spaces for conferences, classrooms and seminar space for instructional purposes.

The proposals, approved by the Board of Trustees at their meetings on April 23 and 24, include building areas such as the first floor of Le Mans Hall, Angela Athletic Facility and the Noble Family Dining Hall.

“The board decided that the overall goal is to reinvest in existing facilities although this may include some new construction,” College president Murillo Eldred said.

More possible campus improvements approved by the board include the addition of a swimming pool and better recreational facilities to Angela Athletic Facility.

Haggan College Center will be renovated to house administrative offices. Renovations to the Noble Family Dining Hall will include the addition of space for campus retail facilities including a bookstore, travel agency, post office and a general store. Study space will also be included.

Although there had been a push for the construction of a student center, Eldred said the board decided that creating a single building as a student center went against its objectives.

“There are two reasons the reasoning shifted regarding building a new student center,” said Eldred. “First, we talked about the need to enhance a sense of community throughout the campus. The point of this is to try to build community on campus and you don’t have to have just one place to go to do that.

“The second reason is there is a great need for large and small gathering space all over campus. That is why we would disperse the space throughout campus rather than putting all the meeting space in one building,” she said. “This decision does not diminish the student center kind of space. Rather it enhances student space by having it throughout campus.”

The plan also includes creating apartment-style housing which would be built in phases to accommodate increased enrollment.

Other changes include renovations to classrooms and faculty offices in Madeleva Hall, Science Hall and Moreau Center for the Arts, updating residence hall rooms in Le Mans Hall, Regina Hall and Holy Cross Hall, centralizing shipping and receiving and improving lighting, signs and parking campus-wide.

The plans also calls for providing more green space for outdoor activities and channeling traffic to the perimeter of campus.
O'Hara to Leave Student Affairs, head Law School

By ANNE MARIE MATTLINGLY

American News Editor

For the past nine years, Patricia O'Hara has served as the University's vice president for Student Affairs. As such, she has overseen the development of the University system's Office of Student Life, now known as the Office of Student Affairs. As such, she has been a prominent leader in the development of Notre Dame's student life programs and has been instrumental in the creation of many of the current student life programs and services.

O'Hara's tenure has been marked by a commitment to excellence in student life programming and a dedication to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students. She has worked closely with the faculty and administration to ensure that student life programs are aligned with the University's mission and values.

During her tenure, O'Hara has overseen the development of many important initiatives, including the creation of the Office of Inclusion and Belonging, which was established to promote diversity and inclusion on campus. She has also been a strong advocate for the creation of new residence halls and the expansion of the University's student life programming.

O'Hara's leadership has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades, including the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals' (NASAP) Visionary Leadership Award and the University of Notre Dame's Distinguished Service Award.

O'Hara's legacy will be remembered for her commitment to excellence in student life programming, her dedication to diversity and inclusion, and her ability to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students.

ND Joins another sweatshop monitoring coalition

By TIM LOGAN

ND News Editor

Notre Dame has joined forces with Harvard University, the University of California, and several other institutions to create a new coalition of licensed apparel manufacturers.

The universities will work to identify and monitor factories that manufacture licensed apparel, with the goal of ensuring that workers are treated fairly and are provided with safe working conditions.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to promote ethical and responsible business practices in the apparel industry. By joining forces with other institutions, Notre Dame is able to leverage its resources and expertise to make a meaningful impact on the working conditions of workers in the apparel industry.

Working with other institutions, Notre Dame will use its expertise in monitoring and compliance to help identify factories that may be at risk of violating workers' rights and to work with those factories to improve their conditions.

By working together, the universities hope to create a more transparent and accountable supply chain for the apparel industry, which will ultimately lead to better working conditions for workers and greater accountability for companies that engage in irresponsible business practices.
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Four men will answer call to seminary life

By LAURA PETELLE

While most graduates are preparing for jobs or postgrad school, four Notre Dame men are pursuing a different postgrad avenue: the seminary.

Jeff Duba, Nate Wills, Chuck Witschorik and Michael Wurtz will enter the Holy Cross novitiate on August 10. The four men currently live in Monroe Seminary, as members of Notre Dame's college seminary program. They will spend next year, their novitiate year, in Colorado. After that, the men will pursue masters of divinity degrees here at Notre Dame.

"Being a public minister in the Church really excites me," said Wills. "I think I have some gifts and talents to share, and I really feel like a life of service and celebrating the sacraments is something I feel called to."

"It's kind of hard to explain to people (why I'm in the seminary)," Duba said. "It has to do with a sense of vocation or a call from God. To tell you the truth, I've realized that what I want to do with my life is basically introduce people to Christ. The priesthood is probably the way I can best do this, but if I don't become a priest, I'll still bring people to Christ."

The four men, if they choose to complete the seminary training, will become Holy Cross priests in about four years.

"What really attracts me to the Holy Cross fathers, is just that the kind of people in the order are fabulous men, really inspiring," Duba said. "These guys are incredibly well-rounded, and normal guys."

Because Notre Dame is a Catholic school with students who are active in literary and service and social and religious about their faith, the men found the community to be extremely supportive of their vocations.

"Notre Dame is just a vibrant faith community," said Duba. "It's a community that's open to and actively encourages the idea of religious life. I've never come across anybody here who has a problem with it. I've had nothing but encouragement from the community here."

"In general, I believe at Notre Dame have been wonderfully supportive," Wills said. "Coming here my freshman year, I expected people to cringe or give me a strange look when I said I was in a college seminary program, thinking about religious life and priesthood, but I've just got so many great supporters. It's allowed me to enter into conversations that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to."

In fact, Wills said, people talking to him about their faith is one of his favorite things about ministry.

"They've let me into their lives in such a wonderful way. It's an aspect of their life that they don't normally let people in, and they're kind of wonderful thing. That's been just a great opportunity and has really confirmed in me a call to ministry," Wills said.

Brother Scully to leave Keenan Hall

By COLLEEN GAUGHER

His presence and his stories will be missed the most, but the legacy of Keenan Hall rector Brother Bonaventure Scully's service and ministry will live on after he moves to Baltimore to work with the Xaverian Brothers.

Scully is stepping down after 14 years of service to the men's dorm. Formerly an educator in Memphis, Tenn., Denver and Baltimore, Scully came to Notre Dame in 1985 and began teaching a freshman seminar. The Class of 1999 is the last group of freshmen he taught.

"Brother is an incredibly smart man," said rising Keenan senior Billy Marshall. "No matter what subject is brought up, he has something to say about it; and it's not just an opinion, but an informed opinion."

Scully is a brother in the Belgian-based Xaverian order which emphasizes missions but has recently made advancements in education and prison ministry.

While the Keenan Undergraduate provides weekend social events from quiz bowls to swing dances, the Diversity in Human Rights Week in March, Keenan has been a consistently active dorm promoting service and ministry throughout the year.

"Promoting people of service is what I think is important," said Scully. "I see some needs and I push students to meet them. People say, 'Oh there's nothing to do here,' but I don't know if that's fully true. You can create your own things to do, and that is the notion of the [Keenan] Underground."

While the Keenan Underground provides weekend social events from quiz bowls to swing dances, the Diversity in Human Rights Week offers an opportunity for students to learn about diversity through knowing themselves.

We try to get one another to participate in a program where we would deepen our understanding and acceptance of other people," he said. "We all say we're not bias or prejudice, but in the end we are. And we have to see what we are. This week is for trying to provide opportunities to do that, and it's very difficult."

Scully has also been dedicated to serving at the Domus House, a South Bend halfway house, where he has cooked dinner every Monday night for the past 14 years.

"It's rumored that he's cooked a different meal every night," said rising Keenan sophomore Matt Kloser. "Brother is so flexible, and when he hears about a need, he meets it, like our 24-hour clothes drive for Hurricane Mitch and Indian reservations. He knows of so many needs out there."

The kitchen at Domus House was recently dedicated to Brother Scully.

"Even though I got fired now at night, I'll miss staying up and talking with the kids," he said.

Scully has earned students' respect and admiration, according to his peers.

"His door is always open," said Kloser. "He never stops working."

Scully does not see leaving as an end but as a beginning.

"I'm not retiring, I'm moving on," said Scully. "There are some other ideas we're working on, such as establishing our religious community for volunteers in Baltimore. We're working on Basic Christian Communities, a youth ministry concept from South America that has taken root in this country."

After working in Baltimore, the future could take him anywhere, he said. It's not yet decided and will be Keenan's next rector.

"It's going to be interesting to see what goes on in the dorm next year," said Marshall. "A big part of Keenan tradition is leaving with Brother."
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Feigl to receive President’s Medal

Special to The Observer

Dorothy Feigl, outgoing vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at Saint Mary’s, will be presented with the President’s Medal in recognition of outstanding community service and contribution to the life of the College at the Saint Mary’s commencement ceremony.

During Feigl’s 33 years with the College, she served first as a chemistry professor and in her current position for the past 14 years. She has overseen the work of 19 academic departments, as well as the Cushwa-Leightoon Library, the Center for Academic Innovation, the Freshman Office, the Registrar’s Office, the Office of Information Technology and the foreign language programs. Feigl’s colleagues had high praise for her.

“She is a delight to work with, always straightforward and direct,” said Teresa Marcy, assistant to the vice president.

Feigl will spend next year on sabbatical before returning to teaching in the chemistry and physics departments.

“She’s passionate about the kind of education students receive,” said Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs. “She’s very dedicated to this institution. I look forward to seeing her in a lab coat and goggles.”

Sarah Magnee contributed to this article.

Rioters to appear in fall Residence Life hearings

By TIM LOGAN

Approximately 12 students will have hearings with the Office of Residence Life for their involvement in the disturbances that took place during and after the power outage early April 26, according to Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life.

Students will be disciplined for obstructing police and fire officials, adding fuel to bonfires and disrespecting security personnel. Reports have been filed with Residence Life. Shoup said, but most hearings will not be held until next semester. Disciplinary action will be decided after the hearings are held.

It is policy of the office of Residence Life not to hold disciplinary hearings during final exams, and the reports were not completely filed or reviewed before classes ended. Any involved students who will be on campus in the summer or who live in the area may be called in to Residence Life, Shoup said.

Administrators will not release the names of students involved or discuss individual cases, but they have repeatedly emphasized that the behavior of some students that night was unacceptable.

“I hope our students recognize how inappropriate it was,” said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. “There’s just nothing attractive about this behavior.”

Shoup expressed hope that the disciplinary process will remind students of what their responsibilities are to the university community.

“I think you could say our process is a way to educate people of our standards,” Shoup said. “This is a way to re-educate people about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate.”

During and after an approximately 40 minute power outage at 1 a.m. on Monday, April 26, large groups of students left darkened buildings and flooded the quad. Six bonfires were lit in various locations across campus, which fire officials put out before any significant damage was done.

Some students harassed fire and security officials who were attempting to douse the blazes, and a few attempted to physically obstruct their efforts. The presence of the disturbances will have a hearing with the office of Residence Life.

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A small fire caused the evacuation of Regina Hall Saturday night as Saint Mary's Security and the Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) worked to control the blaze. A couch in the south lounge was ignited at approximately 7:08 p.m., and the fire was controlled by Security within minutes, officials said.

NDFD and the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) arrived on the scene at 7:13 p.m., extinguished the smoldering couch and removed smoke from the building. Students returned to their rooms at approximately 9 p.m. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Regina Hall director Melinda Brown said she noticed smoke coming from the lounge. She removed a couch cushion and realized the couch was on fire.

"The probable cause of the fire is a cigarette," said Marty Orlowski, NDFD crew chief.

"Saint Mary's did not ask for a fire investigation, so the cause will be documented as 'suspicious.'

"Saint Mary's Security chose not to investigate the fire because it was probably accidental," said Patti Valentine, director of Media and Community Relations.

"The fire department had said that the fire was most likely accidental due to an ash or a cigarette, and Security felt that no additional investigation was necessary," Valentine said.

"The fire could have been a serious danger because certain toxic materials are released when couches burn," explained Al Kirsch, SBFD battalion chief.

"Because of the material in couches, a simple couch fire is different," he said.

"Couches generate toxic smoke, and the fuel for the fire causes increased temperatures in buildings. Especially in old couches, if even a small hole is burned, it can smolder. When you think you've got it out, it re-ignites."

Saint Mary's prohibits candles and strings of lights in dorm rooms; however, smoking in selected lounges, like the south lounge, is allowed.

"This is one of the reasons that there is no smoking in dorm buildings at Notre Dame," Orlowski said. "Our primary concern is student safety. There are no candles allowed and no smoking allowed to practice fire prevention."

### Security Beat

**Police arrest man for vandalism**

By COLLEEN GAUGHEN

New Wine

The Notre Dame Security/Police arrested Michigan resident Joe Banda on May 6 for theft after receiving reports that several automobiles had been broken into in the C-1, D-2 and D-6 parking lots during the past few weeks.

The most recent of the break-ins occurred early Thursday morning between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., when stereo equipment and compact discs were stolen from a locked car in the D-6 parking lot.

"He's a known thief and burglar," said director of security police Rob Rakow. Banda was also found in possession of marijuana and other stolen material and is now in jail, according to Rakow.

The department is investigating the situation further.

Students whose cars allegedly were broken into included rising junior Pat Gilligan and rising sophomore Peter Baggenstos and Ann Batts.

"There hasn't really been much theft this year," said Rakow. "It's just been those last three weeks."

According to Rakow, there have been not as many reported break-ins since the arrest of Banda, but he still cautions everyone to be aware of what is going on and to report any suspicious activity.

"It's also helpful to check your car in the morning, Rakow said. "If you see anything sus-picious or out of place, call in and we'll check it out."

### Senior News

**Chiapetta's car was keyed, but nothing was stolen.**

"The thief had a device that knocked out the lock on the car door," said Chiapetta. "(Gilligan and Baggenstos) were on their way to storage and each lost about $1,200 worth of stuff. Chiapetta said. Battle lost his stereo.

Rakow said the break-ins are not necessarily due to students moving out, but that the probability of theft increases whenever there is a large gathering of cars.

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### Excited about Graduation?

**We a little**

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Kerry
“Maybe you’ll marry,
Maybe you won’t,
Maybe you’ll have children,
Maybe you won’t,
Maybe you’ll divorce at 40,
Maybe you’ll dance the funky chicken
on your 75th wedding anniversary...”
—Mary Schmich

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Independent of the University
Many graduates focus on service, spirituality

By CHRISTINE KRALY
School News Editor

While some seniors sign with Fortune 500 companies or plan road trips after graduation, many are preparing to spend months or even years living in different cities and countries working with the poor.

According to Andrea Shappell, director of the senior transition program at the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), approximately 170 seniors have committed to service projects upon graduation. That number is down from last year's group of 188, but Shappell added, it should raise to around 180 by the end of summer.

"Some students see service as a way of exploring career options," said Shappell, who said she noticed a trend for students to defer job offers or graduate school to commit to service opportunities. For most students, she said, "service is a natural transition."

"I didn't want to jump into the business world," said Melissa Matheny, who plans to spend two years working in Central America as a low-keeper in Latin America. "Making money is not what life is necessarily all about."

Making money is not what life is necessarily all about. MELISSA MATHEMY SENIOR

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Many students seek service opportunities to integrate "spirituality, community living" into one's life decisions, said Shappell. "I don't see it as a way of figuring out your life," she said, but noted that service "opens up a broader base of opportunities."

Bridget Holland might agree with Shappell. Holland is deciding between positions as a college program coordinator or as a member of Americorps in Northern California. She said she has spent the next year helping others.

"I really wanted to do service," said Matheny, who will participate in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. "I felt a need or desire to give to others," said John Infranca, who wants to "live simply" for the next year with Holy Cross Associates in either Portland, Ore., or San Francisco. "It will be at totally different experience than the rest of my life will be like."

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"Notre Dame instigated that goal or desire to do service," she said. Many students agree that Notre Dame's emphasis on service and giving to others has influenced their decisions.

"Notre Dame has influenced me think more of what it means to live a Christian life," said Infranca, who will graduate with a minor in theology. He chose to join the Holy Cross Associates because of its influence on community life, something he came to appreciate at Notre Dame.

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"I think about things differently," said Matheny. "The Holy Cross Associates helped me learn about the poverty of the world."

The CSC will host the Senior Service Send-off on Saturday, May 15, to celebrate the graduates committed to service after graduation. The event will honor the 170 graduates in more than 40 service programs in 15 countries, according to Father Don McNeill, executive director of the CSC.

Corporation awards financial support to ACE

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at Notre Dame has received two new grants and annual education awards totaling almost $1 million from the Corporation for National Service, the parent agency for AmeriCorps and other federal service initiatives.

ACE has been awarded $119,200 in funding for programming to support the program's summer teacher-training and service-learning institute, as well as on-site supervision of ACE teachers by University faculty.

Another grant will provide Notre Dame's Model Programs in Teacher Training and Education with $180,000 to recruit master teachers as clinical faculty members in the Master in Education Program, maintain program evaluation and support on-site mentorship of ACE teachers.

A portion of the latter grant will be used to fund two significant educational research studies — one by Michael Pressley, the Notre Dame Professor of Catholic Education and professor of psychology, who will examine the challenges for first-year teachers and a second by F. Clark Power, chair and professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, who will study moral educators.

Since the founding of ACE in 1994, the Corporation for National Service has served as the program's largest national benefactor. At that time, ACE was selected as one of 15 Higher Education Demonstration Programs in a national competition. Through the Learn and Serve America Program and Americorps, the corporation has provided grants, as well as $4,725 annual awards to all qualifying ACE participants, who are thereby considered full-time Americorps members. This year, 127 ACE participants will receive more than $600,000 in Americorps education awards, which the program's graduates can use to reduce federal student loans or to pursue further graduate study.
The Choices We Make Determine the End of the Story

On Feb. 10, 1994, I decided that I'd go for a jog. Unless you remember that far back, this should seem perfectly normal, but if you do, you probably live in the northeast of the country, you probably remember the blizzard of 1994.

You may remember it because you had to miss work or because you got to miss school, or because it shut down entire communities. I started thinking about it because it shut down my memory. The group there had never seen anything like this before. Hell, they had never "heard" of anything like this before. They called it pure amnesia, simply because the lack of a better term. The only other time this had happened was to someone who had a hemisphere of his brain removed.

For a moment, you put yourself in my parents' shoes. Their kid went from captain of two varsity teams and president of the student body to a walking, talking, no-memory-having vegetable. One second your pride and joy today, one of your seven prides and joys (has the world by the tail). The next moment, the best doctors in the country are telling you that he probably won't ever be able to recognize his own. College? Law school?
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Loving the Tarnished Dome

The last thing I expected was to graduate from the University of Notre Dame. The school in South Bend, Ind., was everything that was not holistic, conservative, Midwestern and football-obsessed. To almost everyone in my family, these images screamed inconsistency and nosiness for a Protestant, Southern girl like myself. This was a place where 90 percent of the population could never imagine having a woman lead a church service. The school was expected to snow, wind, showers and storms. Notre Dame was the epitome of everything I had experienced or imagined.

But I was determined. The more I read about Notre Dame, the more I was convinced it was where I could finally find myself. And after visiting, I felt that stereotypical sense of home — everything seemed to fit somewhere. Looking at myself walking in front of the Dome, meeting friends in the Basilica, singing in the Basilica, I could survive the frigid winters of the Midwestern town. This was the place.

To me, college offered an escape from the high school world I hated where perfectly tanned, gorgeous, sceney whores roamed the hallways in impermeable cliques and determined the fate of the mornings with the point of a manicured finger or the flip of straight, blonde hair. I was not one of them — too smart, silly and unremarkable to ever be considered popular. I signed the acceptance letter and started over. I joined clubs and went to mixers, flirted shamelessly and made sure that no one guessed I had never had a date in high school, had never been drunk before that party in 915 Hanner Hall. For about three weeks, I led the perfect life of a Notre Dame freshman.

But even nine days into my first semester could not quash the loneliness I felt as an outsider of community bathrooms and luncheons started to thin. I kept telling myself there was no reason to be unhappy with this place, this school where no one knew me. I used to binge on peanut M&Ms and stay up till 2 a.m. until the rest of my classmates were sleeping. I spent my days in a blur of football games and movies together. I had more conversations with animals and my preppy wardrobe 13 hours and 4 states north of Atlanta, but my mind had not yet left high school. I felt suffocated and overwhelmed by everything I thought I had been missing. No one had told me that sometimes the middle of the crowd is the loneliness place.

Blaming Notre Dame for my unhappiness was the easiest thing to do. Instead of admitting that being part of the crowd was not the magic solution guaranteed to erase any traces of life before arrival in South Bend, I used every little thing I disliked about Notre Dame as a reason to transfer: Partials. Gray skies. Catholicism. Conformity. Of course I knew that it was not those things before I arrived, but they suddenly seemed like the perfect reason to leave. I often sat alone in the kitchen and perhaps I was the only person responsible for the misery, that everyone else universal. No one had its own set of real and imagined faults just like the ones I saw when I returned from the Golden Dome.

There isn’t one particular moment that made me decide to give Notre Dame a second chance. It might have been the way the light fell on the water one lonely night around the lakes, or the way my voice floated in the Basilica during my first Good Friday or by the doors closed, my heart pounding. It couldn’t have been anything about Notre Dame, but I was not there to be perfect, it was there to help me discover the beauty of imperfection.

Some of the most important lessons a college can teach are those of independence, discipline and change. Ideas of infallibility can breed close-mindedness, and Notre Dame, far from infallible, will always be in the process of finding herself. She still offers us the narrow view that discrimination based on our orientation is intolerable. She is still overprotective of her children to a fault, even as they reach adulthood. But could we have ever learned as much about ourselves in a place we never fought with, a place that was always right?

I always used to roll my eyes when my parents told me that one day I would realize they were right. Sometimes I still do. But as I stand to leave this place, I finally understand what they meant, somewhere in the middle of every thing, between the tears and the laughter, the slow packed my bags and the moments I wished graduation would never arrive, the truth was right. All those things I disagreed with here made me a stronger person, a better student, a more religious.

At one of the daycare centers where I volunteered, I am the only male out of two dozen employees. When I started, parents often looked twice at me, and one even commented, “That’s nice of you,” as if I was doing mandatory service against my will. None of that bothers me. I sincerely love children, and we have a lot to learn from them.

I watch those kids of all different races, nationalities and religions interact as well with one another, recognizing everyone else as equal friends. Beyond name, every other characteristic is irrelevant. After attaining perfection at such an early age, something drastic occurs. They grow up. Those innocent, all-loving children become tainted in this world saturated with racial crimes, religious wars and discrimination. What happens to us between the ages of 3 and 23? We learn to look down on those different from us because we live in a world which contaminates our most important resource. Fortunately, “we do not apply to all of us, but does reflect much of the rest of the world.” Considerable progress has been made, but we still have a long road ahead before we recapture that perfect state we held as mere children.

Every time I consider this three-year-old’s attitude, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of hope. I also wear my heart on my sleeve. I am not the one to ask everyone as equals is not a new concept for us. It’s just one we’ve long since forgotten.

Mike Mirtza
Off-Campus
April 18, 1999
**Ricky Ramón**

I thought I had found a niche at this University where I could let off some of my frustrations and express myself any way I wanted. I’m a theatre major, so I figured I could either express myself through my writing or performance. Wrong again, ladies and gentlemen. Not only was it bad, but it was humiliating to work with some people in the film, television and theatre department. Everyone usually considers the theatre majors as the most open-minded of all students. Don’t be fooled, though. Some of my peers can be the biggest jerks and small-minded people at times. And let’s not forget those who teach us. I tried once of those professors who thought they were actually multi-cultural and felt that because they had two or three people of color in their class that they were down for the fight against racism. Time after time, I’ve been asked if color do not audition for plays. The answer is simple: People of color who do audition never get cast and if they do get cast, it is always a small role. And let’s not overlook the plays that are performed here. How many are written by people of color or homosexuals? I’ve realized that the only way one is perhaps not another person of color directs one. I have had my good intentions, though, along with my friends. That is one thing that I give Notre Dame credit for. It doesn’t take much to be my friend. You have to be open-minded and a good listener basically. My friends have taught me a lot, especially since they all come from different backgrounds. Religious traditions and activities. I pity those who went four years of being getting to know a person who is not a homosexual. I know there are many of you out there that have been misunderstood and have missed out on some wonderful friendships. So stop being depriving and get ready for a big slap in the face in the real world.

I won’t miss Notre Dame. I won’t miss most of the Domers either. People need to stop and learn to love one another. Remember that it is Jesus’ greatest commandment, Domers. Please learn how to dress and dance, too. I’m so glad I left this horrible place. I’m so glad I don’t have to deal with my friends. I pray that Notre Dame changes for the better.

Ricky Ramón is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in film, television and theatre and English.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Despite Creepy Traditions, Notre Dame is the Place for Me**

Today, I feel compelled to write this quick little letter that is, I am afraid, not at all controversial and lacking in all debate. It’s simply something I feel like sharing with my fellow Domers. Kind of a shout out to those who find Notre Dame amusing. Take from it what you will.

It seems someday there are a million little things that drive me absolutely insane about Notre Dame and make me wonder where the heck am I and what I have done to myself coming here. I read The Observer so I know others feel the same way. See, I am a junior transfer, or at least that was how I introduced myself until I survived my first semester without immediately failing out (which was nice).

Now I consider myself a fully actualized Domer and I am immensely proud of this fact. One of the perks of being a full-fledged Notre Dame student is that now I can write to The Observer and share my mundane views with you! And I am enjoying this privilege. I came here having gone to Saint Louis University my freshman year, then studying in Ireland my entire sophomore year. Yes, this is my third university in three years — buck off. Anyway, as the year is coming to a close, I have been asked on more than one occasion how I feel about my new school, what my impressions are having been to two other colleges and if I have any regrets.

Well, I am one of those people who openly mocks what seems to be all that is Notre Dame. Lots of things amuse me about the way things run here that maybe shouldn’t. If I am to consider myself a true Domer. I own very little Notre Dame apparel or paraphernalia, and you won’t see me wearing shamrocks on my face at the football games. I have no idea what the words to the famous Fight Song are or the Alma Mater, and don’t even ask me where our football team stands in the rankings. The fact that every local news television station seems to revolve around what’s happening on campus is creepy. The old-school relations between sexes on campus are entirely weird to me. I shouldn’t even go into the whole phenomenon of single-sex dorms and partisals. The fact that the RA on duty jingles keys every night as a code at partital time to get you bad boys out has put me over the edge more than a few times. I am not a regular frequenter of the famous Notre Dame SYB — or for that matter. The dorm mascot thing is old to me, too. I think I’m a Purple Weasell of some sort, but I haven’t really grasped the meaning of this yet. The list goes on and on. Don’t let my avoidance and occasional fear of these traditional Notre Dame characteristics fool you though; I consider this school mine and I regret nothing in transferring here.

Notre Dame is not partcular and sharrmack stickers to me, and these lit­ tle personal annoyances cannot ever truly change the bigger picture for me. While I may not seem to represent the typical Notre Dame student, and I may cringe at the sight of the ultra-Domers, don’t doubt that I have as much love for this place as the guy next to me in NIU wearing the full Notre Dame sweat suit. To me, and I imagine most, the Notre Dame degree embodies hard work, overcoming intellectual challenges and becoming a well-rounded person. Notre Dame will always have a special place in my life as a goal I had set for myself and I worked hard to achieve, and it will continue to be a source of confi­ dence as I seek to achieve new goals and face new challenges.

So while the obsessive outward war­ ship of Notre Dame by more than a few alumni and students may frighten me, I must say I still dig it here for all its bizarre...ness. So in short, even though I jest, I have no regrets and I love this whole crazy place.

And that’s all I have to say about that.

Nexa Daly
Junior
Pasquale, Wis
April 15, 1999

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**Why I Won’t Miss ND**

When I think about what the last four years have meant to me, I realize that I wouldn’t change a thing. Don’t get me wrong — I still had my share of bad days when I wished I had gone elsewhere, but I stuck with it. After all, if I had not stuck here, I would not have made the friends I have grown to love and call my family. Without these friends, I would not have been able to survive this pseu­do-community people call Notre Dame.

I came to Notre Dame with the intentions of being loved and respec­ted as I had been in my small town of Pearland, Texas. The people of our church, who happen to be primarily Mexican, treated everyone with love and respect. When choosing to come to Notre Dame, I declined to go to other prestigious universities solely because Notre Dame was the No. 1 Catholic school in the nation. I figured since my church Pearland was so loving and accepting of me, Notre Dame, being Catholic, would also be loving and accepting. Boy, was I fooled.

Not only being Mexican-American but being openly gay on this campus has been a nightmare. I have never been more insulted by people who consider them­selves to be followers of the Catholic tradition. Tradition is constantly being undermined throughout this campus and tradition is what I have received. The tradition of racism and hatred, that is.

I remember my freshman year when there was a racial war going on in The Observer. I am sure everyone can re­capture the words of Fred Ramsey and Ta-Nehisi. Likely and all the others who thought it would be nice to bash every race but their own. Not all Americans were referred to as "savages" and what were referred to as "white devils." I felt so em­barrassed to be a part of this university. I was mistaken to believe that coming to a Catholic university I would be living in a community in which people loved one anoth­er. I was wrong. I was wrong about every aspect of the race­tension my freshman year. It got worse. People began to hear that I was gay and felt that they could harass me whenever they felt like it. I would go away for a few days when people outside my room announce to others that the room I lived in was a gay room and I have not had much trouble from people outside my room since then.

I started receiving insulting and threat­ening phone calls. I ended up taking them to the police who harassed me to Residence Life. Nothing, of course, came out of it. To break the cycle I ended putting a sign on the door and told never to do that again. Go figure. At this University people can get away with just about anything if it is against people of color or homosexuals.
God, Canada, Notre Dame

As graduation draws near, the University has gone to unusual lenghts to tell the story of six particular students: Too, Christopher, Goran, Benezit, Emil and Nick. This is a special column, the first to be released (5 May 1999). I notified Anthony "Canada" Cervetti's story did not appear. Yes his story is one that must not go unot.

In the fall of 1995, as freshmen were arriving on a beautiful campus in northwestern Indiana to begin what would become the four most memorable years of their lives, Anthony (for Canada as he has been affectionately named because of his nationality) was beginning college at the University of Toronto. Of course, everyone in the United States, Canada, has always dreamed of attending Notre Dame. But like so many who have demonstrated high scholastic aptitude, dedicated community involvement and exemplary character, Canada was not afforded that opportunity.

It took another year before Canada got the chance to transfer to Notre Dame, but this whole experience, was enough to make his dream come true as the popular 1993 movie " Rudy" demonstrated. The story of Anthony "Canada" Cervetti sparks images of a kid who should have been at Notre Dame from the beginning and who resonates positively to negative circumstances and still realize his lasting dream.

When Canada finally got to Notre Dame the next year, he was presented with a new challenge: becoming part of Notre Dame while living off-campus. It was not until the following year that he had the opportunity to fully experience campus life as a part of the Notre Dame community. As a resident of Sorin College, he had to deal with the awkwardness of trying to assimilate into a small environment where deep bonds of friendship had been formed well before he had arrived at either Notre Dame or his dorm.

In the challenges of being a transfer student are great. How many of us have heard other students question whether a particular transfer student even deserves to be here? How many of us have assumed that transfer students must be "less" or they would have been here from the beginning? Yet while this constantly goes on, few stop to realize that the path of transfer students is perhaps more difficult than those who started their college experience at Notre Dame. For someone wishing to truly experience campus life it is to come to Notre Dame, being granted admission is only the beginning of realizing that dream. The biggest challenge is being accepted as a peer among the students who started here as freshmen.

After little more than a semester, Canada was able to earn the friendship, respect and trust of those who surrounded him. He was selected to be a Resident Advisor in Sorin which was one of the highest honors a transfer student can receive. A transfer student must be an outstanding student, a leader, and a role model who is able to get along with others and usually firmly early on against others.

To assume that the road toward success for a transfer student isn’t filled with many obstacles would be a mistake. As Canada would tell you, it is not easy to become part of Notre Dame when our own home is so close. It is even more difficult to become an insider in this community when being questioned as a " transfer." But he was able to do it while keeping a smile on his face and keeping his chin held high. The rewards and the memories for making such an effort will last Canada a lifetime.

Closing the gap between the campus and the local South Bend community has also not gone unnoticed by those who know him. This year Canada was one of the two highest awards given annually to graduates from Sorin College: the Sorin Hall Spirit Award and the Jay Kelly Memorial Award, which is given to an outstanding senior who exemplifies what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame and Sorin College community. Yet Canada is an unassuming individual who does not seek attention but naturally gains it because of his concerns for others — the kind of person that makes you remember why Notre Dame is different from Georgetown or Duke.

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As the Class of 1999 prepares to leave Notre Dame, Canada’s story reminds us that so many of us take our time here for granted. Few graduating seniors would be able to tell stories of more difficult paths that led to this moment. Too, Christopher, Goran, Benezit, Emil and Nick are proof that the experience of Notre Dame education when it would have been easier to simply be complacent and graduate from the university where he started.

The story of Canada is one that reminds us that it all reminds us of all of one clear reality: no matter what happens in the future, the Notre Dame experience will remain a part of us. For at least one more time in our lives, we were all students under the lady who lost the golden dome.
**Scene ASKS ...**

**DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NOTRE DAME IN THREE WORDS.**

“Alcohol. Parietals. Friends.”
Erin Evans
Farley Hall

“These are [the] days.”
Missy Tushak
McGlinn Hall

“Food. Folks. Fun.”
Brian Fremeau
Carol Hall

“Fat Shirley’s Truckers’ Special.”
Johanna Ward
Welsh Family Hall

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**THE UNFORTUNATE ADULT**

By MICHAEL VANEGAS
Scene Editor

Less than four years ago, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame welcomed the Class of 1999 to good of South Bend. This weekend, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame wave a long goodbye to the same students, who after four years are older (duh), smarter (hopefully) and wiser (depending on a student’s weekend habits).

When those graduating seniors were wee freshman, it was expected that they not know exactly what they were doing. Come Monday, however, those college graduates will have to face a shady future of solving the problems that life shoots their way. After four years of concentrating solely on getting decent grades and planning weekend extravaganzas, it is now time to enter the realm of uneasiness that all young people face: Adulthood.

Now it is clear that a vast majority of the Class of 1999 already has immediate futures planned. Some are continuing their educations at law, medical or graduate schools. Some have had jobs lined up since autumn. A certain militaristic sect of the student body hasknown its future since freshman year, and it will be continuing ROTC training in the real armed forces. Wherever the members of the Class of 1999 may be headed, they certainly have a whole life of adult-related situations to wade through, with hope that they reach the end of their lives with some degree of happiness and satisfaction.

Each and every graduate of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame’s Class of 1999 will be facing a few challenges along the journey of adult life. And though everyone progresses at different rates, it is inevitable that challenges will at least cross the minds of these graduates at some time throughout their lives. Just as maps of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s were presented so many times during freshman orientation, so must there be a guide to the segment of one’s life that is dauntingly titled adulthood.

The Freewheeling 20s

It is suggested that the next eight or nine years be spent trying to perfect a recipe mixing the seriousness of the real world with the craziness of college life. This time in a person’s life is perhaps the only time that this craziness is still accepted. At the same time, it is also expected that young adults try to establish an emotional and financial foundation that will aid them in their middle age.

To understand the importance of the freewheeling 20s, one must only look at the cultural phenomenon of Must See TV Thursday.

One of the main reasons why “Seinfeld” was so successful throughout its long run was that it portrayed the pathetic lives of four adults in their 30s and 40s. The quartet of Jerry, Elaine, Kramer and George exhibited, in its greatest form, the immaturity that is the college person.

But when it came to respect, Jerry and company commanded none. The combination of middle age and immaturity is not acceptable in American society. The fact that “Seinfeld” was a ratings success and its simple identity as a comedy suggest that the pathetic nothingness of “Seinfeld” is merely an object of American ridicule.

If the characters were transplanted into their 20s, say, as the sextet of “Friends” are, then the respect they would gain would be abundant. Because they are young and because they are still learning the little lessons of life, Rachel, Ross, Monica, Joey, Phoebe and Chandler prove that the freewheeling 20s define the transitional part of one’s life that falls between hardcore adulthood and late adolescence.

So don’t get too serious on Monday, as the fun will continue in this altered state.

The Definitive 30s

Some time during this decade of one’s life, a career should already be established. Thus, when the graduates of ’99 reach this point in their lives, the center of their thoughts should be family. After 10 years of sleeping around, practicing safe sex to avoid the “family way” and disregarding any serious feelings about spending one’s whole life with that special someone, the 30th birthday should be the first time that marriage and kids cross the minds of the Class of 1999.
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Of course, things could not possibly be right (i.e. morally acceptable) without marriage. So, one must prepare for years 30-39 by adequately finding a mate during the late 20s. During the 30s, it is necessary for one to commit to a relationship. Then, if desired, one can go through a courtship period in which one can make sure that the chosen mate is indeed Mr. or Ms. Right.

But there may be some out there who might want to marry their college sweethearts. Perhaps, since most of the graduates to whom this guide applies come from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, these college sweethearts also come from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. With the end of one's collegiate career requiring a transfer to some kind of life decision-mode, it might seem the perfect time for these couples to commit to marriage.

This is wrong.

A couple must realize that people change after college. If they changed after high school. So one must beware of the consequences of such quick commitment. One must wait for their 30th birthday until such commitment is plausible.

To get married, one has many options concerning their wedding arena and presiding officer. They include a courthouse wedding with a Justice of the Peace, a boat wedding with a captain, a church wedding with some kind of priestly figure or, of course, a Las Vegas wedding with an Elvis impersonator. Any of these will suffice when it comes to making that ball-and-chain official.

The best place to start manufacturing the kids that make a family complete is during the honeymoon, which should follow the wedding immediately. With a honeymoon, the happy adult couple can enjoy a weekend, a week, or a couple of weeks of steamy, insatiable love-making. One may also call this sex or consummation, but inevitably, it is procreation.

Nine months later, a baby should pop out of the female partner of the marriage. Considering that the Class of 1999 enters adulthood in the midst of what some people call "progressive" times, it would be wise for the male and female partners to share the duties of raising their offspring. This will ensure both security between the married couple and within the entire family, as the heavy responsibility of raising a child will at least be fair, and each child will know both mother and father as equal members of a family unit.

Pertinent references here would be "Mad About You" and "Home Improvement." The family situations presented in these shows are perfection.

"The Brady Bunch" and "Who's the Boss," on the other hand, are terrible models for the perfect family, as the unorthodox creation of the family situation — consolidating two families with different hair colors, and inviting a New Yorker maid with Alyssa Milano as a daughter to be a father figure — do not comply with this guide to life.

So graduates, look forward to getting married, having moral sex and making babies during the thirty-something decade.

**The Downward Spiral**

During the 40s, a person can look forward to watching his or her kids grow up into teenagers. This will cause stress. One must only remember one's own adolescence to realize the gravity of raising a teenager.

Then, one August afternoon, the Class of 1999 will drive down the Indiana Toll Road and into South Bend. After taking that reminiscent glimpse of the Dome or the Le Mans Tower, the legacy will continue as freshman orientation repeats itself, this time with the Class of 1999 on the other side of the emotional washing machine that comes during that weekend.

After this point of separation, parents become dual loneliness in a downward spiral through middle age, in which flashy red cars become central, and into senior citizenship where a dependence on Depends is an unfortunate possibility.

Then comes death, in which all remember the perfect life which each member of the Class of 1999 lived through with this guide to life. So read this carefully, and take each word for truth, as it is sure to bring about happiness and satisfaction throughout the entirety of 1999's graduating classes.
Fencers take second in NCAAs

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associated Press

Led by senior captains Stephanie Brown, Luke LaVallie, Tim Monahan, Nicole Mustilli and Paula Sydney, Notre Dame finished the regular season as the second-ranked men’s team and the third-ranked women’s team and went on the claim its fourth straight second place finish at the NCAA Championships.

The men’s team relied on a combination of young talent and experienced leadership to post a 12-0 record and a perfect 12-0 finish in the conference.

Freshmen Gabor Szelle and Andre Coury combined with captain LaVallie and senior Evan McQuade to form the top sabre team in the country. These four fencers combined for 172 points during the season, more than any other school.

Szelle and Monahan didn’t qualify for the NCAA tournament, but they gave their strong showing.
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led by Deke Cooper and Jimmy Friday came up with a stop that kept alive the Irish hope for a major bowl invitation.

"When you can stop a 1,500-yard rusher (Cloud) four straight times inside your own five-yard line, somebody is looking out for you," said senior receiver Malcolm Johnson.

"The 30-0 victory over Navy was the day Benson put his name in the record book. His 107 yards — the 22nd time he has surpassed the 100-yard barrier in his career — put him ahead of Allen Pinkett as the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame history.

"The greatest thing about getting this record is that it's a team record, something we can all share," said Benson. "I'm fortunate to have a cast like I do."

"Benson's" final home game of the season pitted the sixth-ranked Irish against a talented ESU Tigers squad. Although the Irish came back from a two-touchdown deficit to post a 29-36 victory over the Tigers, it was the final moments that were most memorable.

With three seconds remaining in the game, Benson was hit by Tiger linebacker Arnold Miller and strong safety Lawrence Ellinam while attempting to execute a safety in the backfield. The senior quarterback suffered medial collateral ligament damage in his knee that would sideline him the next week against USC and severely limit him in the bowl game.

"It's all about Jarious. That's what I feel. I just feel bad for him," said Davie following the game. "I mean, here's a kid who's a big part of the running backfield; draws and counters and all those things, and he gets hurt taking a safe-

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Portland boots Notre Dame from NCAA tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

After making four-straight NCAA semifinal appearances, the luck of the Irish finally ran out on the Notre Dame women’s soccer team this season.

The Irish repeated as Big East champions for the fourth-consecutive season, but came up just one win shy of yet another Final Four appearance. Portland came to Alumni Field on Nov. 24 and ended Notre Dame’s season, as well as its 43-game home unbeaten streak, with a 2-1 victory. The Irish had won the last five meetings between the two soccer powerhouses, but that day belonged to the Pilots.

"This loss was our turn," said Portland head coach Clive Charles following the game. "In the past few years, Notre Dame got the breaks. We have lost in nearly every conceivable way to them. Today, we got our foot on the ball at the right time and they didn’t."

Junior Jenny Jenk, who set the single-season record for goals scored with 28, had the lone score for the Irish in the game. Portland sophomore Vanessa Talbiot made the difference in the game, scoring the game winner with less than three minutes remaining in the contest.

While the Irish didn’t reach their goal of getting back to the NCAA Championship game, the season was still a success. The Irish suffered a disappointing 3-1 loss to top-ranked North Carolina early in September and had a midseason set back with a 3-2 loss to unranked Seton Hall, but still went on to win 20 games for the fifth-straight season. Notre Dame defeated top-seeded host Connecticut, 1-0 in the Big East championship game to claim their fourth-straight conference title.

Sophomore Anne Makenin scored the only goal of the game with less than 10 minutes left to play. She was named the tournament’s most outstanding player for the second-straight season and was later named a finalist for the Herman Trophy.

Senior Monica Gerardo enjoyed another successful season for the Irish, setting the school record for career goals (73) and points (190).

Seniors Gerardo, Shannon Baxx and Lasse Vanoelgeer will all be missed, but the Irish suffered its biggest loss when two-time national coach of the Year Chris Petrucci announced on Dec. 31 that he was leaving Notre Dame to accept the head coaching position at Texas.

"He took a fledgling program and built it into a national power," said athletic director Mike Quick. "We are grateful to him for the contributions he has made during his nine years at Notre Dame."

Those accomplishments include a 175-22-10 record and the 1995 National Championship.

Baylor’s Randy Waldrum has accepted the challenge of following Petrucci as the third Irish head coach in the program’s history.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and making the change," said Waldrum, who led the Bears to their first-ever Big Twelve championship. "Chris Petrucci did a great job and those are tough shoes to fill."

Waldrum recently named Tulsa head coach Amy Edwards to his staff. Edwards played and served as an assistant under Waldrum.

**Volleyball**

Irish spike Hoyas for fourth-straight title

By BILL HART
Associate Sports Editor

Heading into the 1998 season, the Notre Dame volleyball team had big shoes to fill.

The departure of four seniors, including two honorable mention All-Americans, would be a difficult loss for any team. The Irish, however, were able to return to their usual prominence, winning the Big East tournament and advancing to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

While the Irish had a tough time in a tournament-heavy first half of the season, the team got back on track when the Big East regular season approached. The Irish started off the season with wins over Seton Hall and Rutgers, but saw their 7-4 match conference winning streak halted with a five-game loss to Connecticut. The streak was the second longest in NCAA history and ended back to 1991.

Notre Dame quickly got back on track with conference wins over St. John’s, Providence, Seton Hall and Boston College. The Irish finished out October in style with a 3-1 win over Syracuse at the Joyce Center that gave head coach Dru Hopp Brown her 200th-career win at Notre Dame.

The Irish kept up their chase for the regular season title until late in the season, defeating Georgetown and Pittsburgh and later falling to West Virginia on the final day of conference play.

The loss pushed the team down to third place in the Big East, but they were able to finish off the regular season with a 3-0 win over Toledo. The team’s success during the season was reflected in the Big East regular season awards. Senior captain Lindsay Treadwell capped a spot on the conference first team, while sophomore Christi Girvan captured second team honors. Freshmen Marci Bomback and Kristi Kreher took spots on the Big East all-rookie team, more than any other school.

While the Irish were in the unfamiliar role of a three-seed in the conference tournament, they battled their way to an unprecedented fourth-consecutive tournament title.

Following an outstanding comeback from an 0-2 deficit against Connecticut, Notre Dame soundly defeated top-seed Georgetown 3-0 in the championship game. Bomback was named tournament MVP, averaging 3.3 kills and 3.3 digs per game over the weekend.

The postseason run gave the Irish a chance to continue their season at the NCAA tournament in Stanford, Calif. In the tournament, Notre Dame defeated Eastern Washington in the first round in four games, 15-2, 13-15, 11-15, 11-11, before falling to eighth-ranked host and defending national champion Stanford in the second round.

The loss finished the season off with an 18-13 mark.

"Overall the season was very good," Brown said after the game. "We had a lot of ups and downs, but the team persevered when others would have just folded. Hopefully, we’ll learn something from being here."

Treadwell capped off a tremendous senior year by being selected to the 1998 GTE Academic All-District V women’s volleyball first team as well as the AVCA All-District team.

Treadwell holds the Notre Dame record for career-kill percentage (1.293) and ranks in the top 10 in 11 other career categories.

While the loss of Treadwell and Audrey Duta to graduation will be a sad sight for many Irish fans, the guidance and aid they have given to a talented but relatively inexperienced squad should help the Irish reach new heights in upcoming seasons.
By TED BASSANI

During the 1998-99 college hockey season, Notre Dame put its name back on the map and into the national rankings, thanks in large part to six talented and dedicated seniors.

Benoit Coitnoir, Aniket Dhadphale, Scott Guiuliani, Craig Hagkull, Forrest Kurr and Brian Urick helped lead the Irish to its first winning season in eight years (19-14-5). By posting an impressive 15-11-4 mark in the CCHA, Notre Dame achieved its season-long goal of earning home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs and finished just one win shy of the first NCAA tournament bid in school history.

In addition to providing the on-ice heroes and off-ice leadership necessary to achieve team goals, this year's graduating class also set a new standard in Notre Dame hockey for individual achievement.

Defenseman Coitnoir became just the seventh Irish player in history to earn All-America honors, and the first since 1983. Coitnoir was also the first Notre Dame player ever given First Team All-Conference honors in the CCHA, in addition to earning Honorable Mention on the conference's All-Academic Team.

Left wing Dhadphale earned All-Academic Honors in the CCHA after earning Honorable Mention his junior season. Dhadphale also finished his Notre Dame career fifth on the school's all-time list with 25 power play goals.

Team captain Urick finished second on the team and eighth in the CCHA with 41 points, a season good enough to earn him Honorable Mention on the All-Conference Team. Urick leaves Notre Dame a member of the prestigious 20-goals/50 assists club, and his 13 career game-winning goals leaves him first all-time in that category along with current Irish head coach Dave Poulin.

Goaltender Kurr earned CCHA All-Academic Honors as well as being selected an Academic All-American. While logging the second-most minutes in school history for one season, Kurr's .926 goals-against average stands as the lowest single-season total in modern Notre Dame history. His career save percentage of 1.90 also stands first all-time.

In order to assess the importance of his first class in the overall scheme of his program, head coach Dave Poulin stated that it doesn't all come down to numbers and awards.

"I look at the on-ice factors, but I look at the off-ice leadership as well," Poulin said. "I look at a player like Scott Giuliani, who was able to play an extremely difficult role for four years, and that is of the support player who doesn't get a lot of the glory of playing in games. I look at Craig Hagkull, who played a lot early in his career and less later on, which is maybe even more difficult."

By season's end, these two role players each got their chance to contribute. Giuliani got a start at forward in one game, before returning to his defensive role, while Hagkull notched his first career goal in the single biggest win in Notre Dame's history against No. 1 North Dakota.

When these six seniors arrived four years ago, a goal of home ice in the CCHA playoffs or, of a possible NCAA Tournament bid would have been considered unattainable.

"It was a group that made the decision to come to Notre Dame when the program was at a very different stage, and yet they were able to meet the expectations that increased considerably," Poulin said.

Following up on two nine-win campaigns in their freshman and sophomore seasons, this senior class helped lead the team to four wins over NCAA Tournament-bound teams in their junior year.

Last season, the team managed four wins in five ties against teams that went on to the NCAA's, including a road tie versus [then] No. 1 Boston College and a road victory versus No. J North Dakota — the first win in Notre Dame hockey history against a top-ranked opponent. Following the win over North Dakota in early January, the Irish got back on track by going 4-1-1 in the next six games, before what would become the biggest home game in our four years: the Michigan game.

After taking a 2-0 lead into the third period against the defending national champions, the Wolverines clawed back to tie the game midway through the third. Then, with 4:42 remaining and the power play winding down, Aniket Dhadphale's rebound goal gave the Irish a huge 3-2 win over their rivals from Ann Arbor.

What this class will be remembered for most is for finally giving Notre Dame a national contender in the sport of hockey. However, as coach Poulin pointed out, their accomplishments as a group amount to much more than just wins on the ice.
**Best regular season in history ends in early NCAA exit**

By ANTHONY BIANCO

Associate Sports Editor

For a team that built a strong postseason in recent years -- winning a straight NCAA tournament berth, a first-ever Final Four appearance in 1997 and a run to the Sweet 16 in 1998 -- the 1999 Irish will be most noted for their regular-season accomplishments.

Despite amassing a 23-3 regular-season record, one of Notre Dame's best-ever squads was unable to realize similar success in the postseason. Needing an 11-2 run against 12th-seeded Saint Mary's in its final five games to win their first-round contest in the NCAA tournament, the Irish were unable to slip by LSU with days later.

Turnovers led the Irish to a 74-64 loss to the Tigers and forced their earliest exit from the tournament since 1996. After averaging 19 turnovers per game against ranked opponents and Muffet McGraw's squad amassed 27 against a quick and aggressive LSU defense.

"We hurt ourselves," McGraw said after the game. "We had too many turnovers and poor free throw shooting. We're one of the best free throw shooting teams in America and we were missing them."

But the story was just beginning as the Irish left Baton Rouge, La., the site of their first- and second-round wins. The Irish expected to be among the top 16 seeds before losing point guard Niele Ivey for the season-ending knee injury in the Big East tournament. Instead, the eighth-ranked Irish drew a No. 5 seed in the West entering into the championships. The Irish were more than pleased that LSU, ranked No. 18 in the AP polls at the time of the seedings, was given a spot above the Irish and hometown advantage for the first round.

"I don't think there is any question that the selection committee shows favoritism and we need to stop that," McGraw said. "If we're playing at home, we're moving on."

The early exit from another run to the Sweet 16 was made even more sour considering the road the Irish traveled. They set the tone with a stretch of non-conference wins, including a win against then-No. 6 UCLA (99-82), then-No. 6 Duke (84-57), and then-No. 25 Illinois -- all in a span of 10 days. The season was made all the more promising by the strength of Notre Dame's schedule and the early success. A 3-0 start pushed the Irish into the top 10 with a seventh-place ranking, tying the school's all-time record.

"We've looked at this season as a season of opportunity," said McGraw after the UCLA game. We looked at our schedule and every time we turn around we're playing another ranked team. We felt that for us to be ready in March we have to see these teams early. It gives us a chance to see how we stack up."

But the Irish were shaken up after amassing a 4-0 start in their first Big East conference game. Facing top-ranked Connecticut, Irish head coach Mike Brey was not surprised that the Irish were not as invincible as they had a 106-81 routing at the hands of the Huskies. The Irish fell to 0-9 all-time against the Huskies.

Unable to replicate their non-conference start, the Irish began the Big East season in a rut that saw Notre Dame barely get by a mediocre Villanova team (63-62) and then finished December with a 78-65 loss to Boston College.

The changeover into 1999 was like night and day for the Irish, as they raged out of the slump with an 11-game winning streak and refashioned the Irish picture of a run in the conference and national championships. McGraw said her team maintained that this was one of the best teams to take the court at Notre Dame.

But again, another top Big East foe foiled the Irish run, this time in the form of the Scarlet Knights. Rutgers halted the Notre Dame streak at 11 as the Irish were unable to take the two conference spots. Instead, the Irish entered the Big East tournament in February as the No. 3 seed behind Connecticut and Rutgers.

Villanova served as the warm-up for Notre Dame in its first game in the tournament. The Irish gave up a lead in the first half, giving the Irish a 43-37 lead that they never gave up, pulling away with a 68-61 win. But it was in this game that the Irish lost Ivey for the rest of the postseason when she suffered a torn ACL.

With three teams in the top 10 nationally -- Connecticut, Rutgers and Notre Dame -- it was still the Huskies who dominated the Big East. They defeated the Irish for the second time this season in the conference championship en route to their sixth-straight title, handing the Irish a 96-75 loss.

Despite the earlier-than-planned exits from the postseason, the best-ever Irish record speaks for itself, as do the individual accomplishments of several players. Sophomore Ruth Riley became the first Irish player to lead a NCAA statistical category with a 6.8-3 goal percentage while McGary and Ivey also were among the leaders in three-point and free throw percentages.

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**Women's Swimming**

By WES RICHARDSON

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team continued to dominate the conference by winning the Big East and NCAA championships.

While the Irish began with losses to Stanford and Miami, Minnesota, Notre Dame and Purdue, Pittsburgh and Miami, respectively, the team placed 23rd. Five Irish swimmers and divers went on to represent the United States at the World University Games.

During the next two months, the women competed in the Minnesota, Notre Dame and Rainbow Invitational, placing second, third and first, respectively.

The highlight of the season, however, was the consecutive Big East title win. Scoring a record number of points, the Irish picked up team records and six Big East records at the meet. In addition, head coach Bailey Weathers was named Big East coach of the year.

An unprecedented eight athletes went on to represent Notre Dame at the NCAA championships, where the team placed 23rd. Five Irish athletes turned in All-American performances. Although the Irish expected to place higher, they were not disappointed with their performances.

"A lot of people improved this year, and that's what it's all about," said senior Kathleen Kline.

"Our team was so close this year," senior Meghan Eckstein said. "We all came together, and because of that, we made so much progress both in and out of the water."

Aside from new records and improved times, an increased level of training in and out of the pool characterized the season.

"We really stepped up in our training as far as doing more weights and more dry-land before practice, and it all paid off," Kline said.

"The best part of season was watching everybody swim fast in the end and knowing it was all worth it," senior Linda Kline said.

At the start of their careers at Notre Dame, this year's seniors faced a challenge when Weathers was hired in 1995.

"The first year was almost chaos," Kline said. "We didn't even know we were getting a new coach, and we didn't know what to expect from him."

That year was also the team's first in the Big East conference.

"It was hard for our class when all of our goals and commitment levels hanged," captain Anne Iacobucci said. "It was hard for us when we came in as freshmen for different reasons than Bailey had in mind."

In the end, the team adopted Weathers' long-term goals of bringing the team into the national spotlight. According to Eckstein, it paid off.

"We've done a complete 180 since freshman year, and we know it has a lot to do with Bailey coming in," she said.

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By TRACY HARBOR

The next few weeks of conference play were tough. However, the arrival of good weather signaled the beginning of a better season for the Belles. They won doubleheaders against Calvin, Kalamazoo and Goshen, before splitting a doubleheader against Albion in a very close game.

"This season has had its ups and downs, but I think we have not only learned a lot from mistakes that we have made, but we have become a very close knit team," said sophomore pitcher Anne Senger. "We are going to try to end with a win and start looking ahead to the next season. We have a lot of talent on this team and we should be tough next year."

The senior leadership from Diane Andrews and Sarah Martin was especially important this season. Andrews played shortstop and led the league with a .342 batting average and has 13 hits, with five RBIs. She played her freshman, junior and senior year, hitting at almost every position at some point during her career.

"I will miss the sport a great deal and the girls even more," said Andrews. "Although we have had numerous coaches, which I have basically been a roller-coaster ride since freshman year, we have found a level of respect in each other and that is something I will never forget."

Martin played outfield throughout the season. Martin has been strong defensively and offensively. She had 14 hits with nine RBIs and a double for the season.

While the seniors were great leaders, the juniors also played a key role in the Belles successful season.

Ellie Hall, a junior who plays outfield throughout the season, batted .316 with two RBIs, four singles, one double and one home run for the season.

Trish Klockner, a junior, playing shortstop and second base has been strong offensively and defensively. Klockner had 13 hits including 10 RBIs, eight singles, four doubles and a home run. The sophomores and freshmen also had many highlights, including several league rankings in batting averages and pitching ERA.

Looking to next season, the Belles have many strong returning seniors, including both pitchers and a strong defense.
'98-'99 squad falters in Big East

By BILL HART
Source: Sports Editor

With the departure of first-round NBA draft-pick Pat Garrity and the arrival of a highly-touted freshman class, the Notre Dame men's basketball team began the 1998-1999 season as an inexperienced squad.

The Irish kicked off the season in up-tempo style with buzzer-beater results. Against Yale, a three-pointer by senior captain Antoni Wyche in the final minute followed by two free throws by freshman David Graves with 3.8 seconds on the clock gave the Irish their first victory, 64-62.

Six days later, two free throws with one second remaining gave Vanderbilt a close win over the Irish.

After three difficult games at the Carr's Great Alaska Shootout, an off-balance one-hander by junior Jimmy Hickey pushed a see-saw battle against Indiana into overtime.

Despite close games with almost every opponent, the Irish found themselves with postseason hopes beginning to fade.

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Doherty replaces MacLeod as men's basketball coach

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports

After eight seasons under the Dome, head basketball coach John MacLeod announced his resignation on March 9, making way for a long search process that resulted in the hiring of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty on March 30.

The Irish were just 106-124 with MacLeod at the helm and failed to qualify for postseason play during the past two seasons, which put the coach's job in jeopardy.

"I feel like we were able to make major contributions to the growth of Notre Dame basketball," MacLeod said. "I think everything is in place for Notre Dame to make a positive move. I appreciate the opportunity to work here at Notre Dame and I wish the best for the young men who are part of the program."

MacLeod's eight-year tenure was the fourth longest in school history. He led the Irish to the postseason twice during that span, with bids in the NIT in 1991-92 and 1996-97. The Irish advanced to the championship game in '91-92 and MacLeod was named Big East coach of the year for the '96-97 season. MacLeod played in influential season stint at Kansas, Doherty's career has its fair share of highlights. He played alongside Michael Jordan and James Worthy on North Carolina's 1982 National Championship team and helped lead Kansas to the 1993 Final Four as an assistant under Roy Williams. Aside from his seven-season stint at Kansas, Doherty was the fourth longest in school history.

"Matt brings to Notre Dame a tremendous basketball background," athletic director Mike Wadsworth said on the hiring. "He's extremely mature, he's very knowledgeable as far as the game is concerned and he has a proven track record as a recruiter."

John MacLeod resigned as head coach of the men's basketball team after eight seasons and only two postseason appearances. Athletic director Michael Wadsworth hired former University of Kansas assistant Matt Doherty as MacLeod's replacement. Doherty has already become a student favorite through his participation in Bookstore Basketball as a member of LeBo's Legends.

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SMC hires four new coaches

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's News Editor

Saint Mary's athletics hopes to find increased stability and recruiting efforts with the hiring of four new coaches for the 1999-00 athletic seasons.

Soccer, volleyball, tennis and softball will change leadership hands in '99-00, joining what athletic director Jan Travis calls "a top-notch coaching staff."

Dan Stevenson takes over as head men's tennis coach, bringing a history of national competition to the role. Stevenson, a member of the 1960 Notre Dame national championship team, currently holds national and regional rankings as head coach of the men's over-60 tennis division.

"I think we'll see this program move up a notch," Travis said. "Stevenson brings personal playing experience, so I think we will also see a change in strategy."

After several coaching shifts during the past season, the softball program will seek stability in returning head coach Joe Sperbrook, who created the Saint Mary's softball program in the 1980s. Sperbrook also began the Notre Dame softball program.

"We definitely will see a change in the level of ball that the girls will be playing," Travis said. "Since my tenure at Saint Mary's, we haven't had a coach with this knowledge of coaching and the knowledge of the game."

Jason Milligan will take over as head soccer coach for the fall season after contributing as the assistant coach for the 1998-99 season. Milligan's coaching experience includes coaching the junior Irish soccer club. He was also a three-year starter for Bethel College's top-ranked team in the NCCAA in 1998-99.

Recruiting efforts are expected to be his strongest contribution, Travis said.

"Milligan has the time for recruiting, which is important because we need to increase the squad size," Travis said. "He has enthusiasm, and combined with his recruiting, we should see him take the program to another level."

Rhonda Shields, 1998-99 assistant volleyball coach, will take over as head coach in the fall and is expected to continue the growth of the program.

"She has a wealth of playing experience, and with her enthusiasm, should continue to add to the program," Travis said.

Shields has coached the Louisville Volleyball Club and has worked with the Saint Mary's volleyball camp. She was also a four-year scholarship winner at the University of Louisville, where she was a four-year varsity letter winner.

The hiring of the coaches marks the end of a season-long process.

"It's a great way to end 1999-00," Travis said.

Irish begin new tradition of excellence

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

For a team in its inaugural varsity season, the women's rowing team competed with the grit and skill of seasoned competitors.

The varsity eight boat never finished lower than second place. The boat finished second to Wisconsin at the Midwest Championships on May 2.

"Our rowers experienced great success and improvement this past season," said head coach Martin Stone. "With all of them moving up to the varsity team next year, it will only help increase the speed of our varsity boats. Our novice team this year set the precedent for our future novice programs."

The varsity eight improved all season, advancing to the finals at the Midwest Championships behind two Wisconsin teams. The team placed third at the April 15 tri-meet against Ohio State and Michigan. The boat also finished second at the March 7 tri-meet against Michigan State and Creighton.

Another successful group on the team was the lightweight eight boat, which finished the season ranked 12th in the nation. The team placed third at the Midwest Championships.

"Having our lightweight eight boat ranked nationally gives a great deal of credibility to our program and is a tribute to how hard our athletes worked during the entire year to make themselves better," said Stone.

A testament to the success of the program, freshman Michelle Olsgard was one of 12 athletes invited to participate in a Freshman Rowing Developmental Camp at the ARCO Olympic Training Center this June.

"This is a great honor and privilege for Michelle," said Stone. "As a first-year program, this means a great deal to have someone with Michelle's talents selected for this camp. She worked extremely hard this season and I look forward to having her move up in the varsity level next year."

The women's rowing had an excellent inaugural season. Under the leadership of head coach Martin Stone, the team placed well at many top competitions.

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Larger Belles squad finds greater success in '99

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's track team had nothing short of a record-breaking season. Fielding one of the largest teams in recent history, the Belles broke school records and won their first conference meet ever.

"The entire season was an incredible one," said sophomore Kara Bergeman. "We had only six people last year and we still did very well. This year we had four times as many people as last year and we did awesome. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by the talent on the track team.

Their success in conference meets may have been partly due to the tough competition they faced from the start of their season. They began their season at the Wabash Invitational and the Huntington Relays where they faced Division I, II, and III schools. The Belles were very competitive and placed in the relays and individually.

Saint Mary's field team immediately was outstanding, led by junior Allyson Treloar in javelin.

Treloar finished the season undefeated in dual meets and finished second in the league championship. There, she not only qualified for nationals but also broke the school record with a throw of 123 feet, 10 inches.

The Belles ran very strong at this meet and beat Olivet soundly 90-60. As in all of the records and wins this season, Sarah Gallagher and Stacy Davis, both seniors, led the way for Saint Mary's.

"She was an excellent leader and inspiration for the team," said junior Sharni Lang of Gallagher. "She truly led by example and will be greatly missed."

Davis was named the scholar-athlete of the year by Saint Mary's this spring.

The Belles went on to finish their season on a very high note, beating Defiance in their last dual meet and finishing fifth at the MIAA conference championships. At the championships, freshman Erica Burkett and junior Ashley Dickerson also broke school records. Burkett placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and broke the record with a time of 16.22 seconds. Dickerson, another part of the field team, broke the record in discus with a throw of 107 feet, 9 inches, which earned her an eighth-place finish.

KARA BERGEMAN
Sophomore

As always, the short sprints and distance runners, who were consistent all season, fared well at the league meet. As in almost all seasons, Davis won the 100. Sophomore Genevieve Yavello, who was named the most valuable runner in the team, placed 10th in the 3000 meters and ninth in the 1500 meters. Freshman Melissa Coss also placed 13th in the 5000 meters.

"The track team had an outstanding season, performing very well in the conference," said Yavello. "We were led by our captains Stacy Davis and Sarah Gallagher, who made contributions to our team both on and off the track. We will really miss them both next year."

The seniors will surely be missed, but the team has a lot of young talent. Team members said they are confident that the youth will make next season as successful, if not better, than this one. Over half of the team was composed of freshmen and sophomores that will be called upon — under the leadership of the rising seniors — to lead the Belles in another record-breaking season next year.

"Stacy Davis is by far the greatest runner that I have ever gotten the opportunity to run with," said senior co-captain Sarah Gallagher. "Every time we got in those starting blocks, you knew you will see a great race and Stacy will always come out on top. She has a natural ability and works hard to remain at the level that she is at."

Even other athletic teams at Saint Mary's respect Davis' ability. "I don't think any of us on the bus, no one would sit in the very back seat, because it was Stacy," junior said. "I knew our team knew this, but when we had to ride with softball once, no one would sit back there and I couldn't figure out why. Then I heard someone say, 'Oh, that's Stacy's seat.' All I could do was laugh."

"Davis has run for the Belles for three years and her impact was felt every season. This season, she beat almost every one of her competitors in the 100 and carried that energy to the MIAA championships where she won the 100 again, qualified for nationals again, and was named first team All-MIAA."
American Jennifer Hall. "We just have to go out there and play to win. Everyone’s playing their best right now, so we feel like we can compete with anyone."

Florida State enters the NCAA Championships with an at-large bid on the strength of a 21-6 record. The Seminoles boast the nation’s No.1-ranked player, freshman Alida Gallivitis. She is also ranked 47th in doubles with sophomore Nanette Duxin.

In the team’s only meeting in 1996, the Irish beat the Seminoles 6-1.

Iowa comes to South Bend with a 16-8 record and received an at-large selection to make its first-ever NCAA appearance. Freshman Toni Neykova and junior Shera Wiegler are ranked 38th in doubles. The Irish beat the Hawkeyes 8-1 earlier in the year at home and they have won all four meetings with Iowa, who is seeded 33-48.

After Notre Dame’s exciting Big East championship win over Miami nearly three weeks ago, which advanced the team record to 22-6, the Irish have had the luxury of a long break. While it has provided rest for the players, it has also forced everyone to remain focused. "We’ve been practicing hard this week to get tournament tight," said sophomore Michelle Dasso. "If we stay focused, it will help us, because I think everyone needed a break."

No changes are expected in the lineup for Notre Dame when they take the courts on Saturday. Ranked No. 1, Dasso will remain as the No. 1 singles player, with Hall right behind her. Senior Marisa Velasco will occupy the No. 3 slot, and freshman star Becky Varnum will be at No. 4. Sophomore Kelly Zalinski will continue her strong play at No. 5 and Lindsey Green is expected to finalize the singles lineup.

Doubles will remain strong for the Irish, with 8th-ranked Dasso and Hall anchoring the lineup. Velasco and Varnum will follow, while Green and Zalinski will complete the impressive lineup.

This tournament also presents Notre Dame with the end of an era. Two stellar seniors will be taking the courts for the final time — Velasco and Hall. Hall has compiled a record of 115 singles wins and 90 doubles wins, making her Notre Dame’s all-time leader in singles and combined wins. She broke Mary Colligan’s 13-year-old record earlier this year. Hall became the first Irish player to reach 100 wins under head coach Louderback on Feb. 19, when she beat UCLA’s Amica Cooper 7-5, 6-3. Velasco currently stands one win away from breaking the 100-win plateau, with a 99-45 career singles record. "Right now, we have only one goal left to accomplish," said Hall. "The next two weeks really will define our season. Marisa and I want to go out winners."
**Baseball**

Sluggers split two-game series with Hurricanes

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's Alex Shilliday, Chris McKeown and Aaron Heilman earned a split with Miami's Hurricanes on Wednesday to record perhaps the biggest Irish victory in the history of Frank Eck Stadium.

After dropping a 5-3 game to the Hurricanes on Tuesday night, the Irish scored the game's only run in the bottom of the first inning when sophomore second baseman Alex Porzel drove in freshman Steve Stanule with a single to center field.

Shilliday, McKeown and Heilman threw a gem, combining for 13 strikeouts to lead the Irish to victory. The lone Hurricane hit came with two outs in the ninth, preserving Miami's 2,078-game streak of not being no-hit. Heilman pitched the final five innings to earn the win and improve to 11-2 on the season. The sophomore All-American, who struck out seven batters to break Frank Lugar's 41-year-old record for strikeouts in a season, Tom Farrow took the loss for Miami.

"I'm just so proud of our kids, particularly because of the way that they came back from a heartbreaking loss the night before to find in themselves a way to win a game like they did tonight," said head coach Paul Mainieri, whose team has now won 10 one-run games in '99. "We've played so many close games all season that our players have the confidence and experience to perform under tremendous pressure. Our pitching was superb and the infielders had a great game that [pitching coach] Brian O'Connor mapped out worked to perfection.

With the win, Mainieri's squad improved to 40-12, marking the 11th-straight season that the Irish have won 40-plus games in a season. Miami dropped to 36-12 and saw its scoring streak snapped at 248 games (sixth-longest in NCAA history). Miami rallied from a 3-2 deficit on Tuesday night with three runs in the eighth inning to defeat Notre Dame in the first game of the series.

Last season, the Irish dropped a three-game series to Miami by a combined score of 62-28.

Notre Dame will now prepare for the Big East tournament which gets underway May 19 in Trenton, N.J. The Irish are favored to win the tournament despite losing to Rutgers in last year's championship game.

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**Men's Tennis**

Notre Dame preps for NCAA tourney

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The 30th-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team will be competing in its ninth-consecutive NCAA championship on Saturday when they take on No. 19 Harvard in Terre Haute, Ind.

"They're a good team," head coach Bobby Bayliiss said. "They've been ranked between 11 and 20 all season, but I think they'll be a close match. I'd give them the edge in doubles and as at the top of the singles lineup, but we're good, if not better, at four, five and six."

The No. 1 singles match will be a showdown between Notre Dame's Ryan Sachire and Harvard's James Blake. Blake is the top-ranked singles player in the country, while Sachire is currently ranked third. Blake defeated Sachire 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) in this season's Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships.

"Obviously that will be the match of the tournament," head coach Bob Bayliiss said. "I think Ryan has a reasonably good chance if he plays well. He's been working hard all week and is really excited about the match."

Notre Dame received an automatic bid with a dramatic come-from-behind victory over Miami at this year's Big East Championships in Coral Gables, Fla. The Irish fell behind 3-2 late in the match before rallying with a pair of 7-5 first-set victories to beat the Hurricanes on their home court.

The Crimson earned a spot in the 64-team field by winning the Ivy League crown. Harvard has won three of the four meetings between the two schools. The lone Irish win came in the 1998 Blue-Grey National Classic.

Brian Patterson returns to the Irish lineup at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. Patterson was unable to compete at Big East due to a torn meniscus suffered at practice.

"Patterson's 100 percent now," Bayliiss said. "He hasn't played (competitively) since April 13, so he may be rusty early on, but I know he'll play hard."

Several other Irish players have missed practices over the past two weeks due to illness, but Bayliiss hopes to have a healthy squad come Saturday.

Host Indiana State and 10th-ranked Baylor will square off in the other first round match-up with the winners of both matches playing Sunday. The Irish are 8-8 in NCAA tournament play in the '90s.
Irish finish perfect in Big East, capture first title

**Softball**

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**Notre Dame wins tournament**

*Observer Staff Report*

The Notre Dame softball team captured its first-ever Big East Championship Sunday with a 5-1 win over Seton Hall in Storrs, Conn.

The win gives the Irish the Big East's automatic bid in the NCAA tournament. The Irish will be making their fourth NCAA appearance under head coach Liz Miller.

The Irish entered the Big East tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated fourth-seeded Connecticut 4-1 on the backs of Notre Dame pitchers Jennifer Sharron and Angela Bessolo. Sharron gave up just one run in four innings to pick up the win, while Bessolo yielded only one hit in her three innings of relief to earn the save.

In the second game on Saturday, the Irish rallied from a two-run deficit to defeat the two-time Big East Champion Boston College Eagles, 9-4. The Irish bats exploded in the fifth inning, as they scored four runs on three hits.

In the championship against Seton Hall, the Irish jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, while Bessolo pitched strong. She gave up just one hit while striking out seven, before being replaced by Sharron.

The Pirates managed to score their lone run to tie the game in the top of the sixth, but the Irish struck back with two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Jarrah Myers' two-run double put the Irish in front for good.

**ND sweeps Big East regular season, 16-0**

*By MATT OLIVA Soft Wire*

After finishing the regular season with a perfect 16-0 conference record and winning three straight conference games, Notre Dame softball won its first Big East softball championship, defeating Seton Hall 5-1.

The Irish finished the season 38-18 overall.

Sophomore Jennifer Sharron led the pitchers with 16 wins, giving up just one hit in three innings against Connecticut.

Notre Dame wins tournament

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No. 12 Irish set for rematch with No. 5 Hoyas

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Assoc. Sports Editor

After a one-year hiatus, the men’s lacrosse team returns to the familiar territory of the NCAA tournament to face a familiar opponent in the Georgetown Hoyas on Sunday in Towson, Md.

The Irish saw a six-year tournament appearance streak snapped last year when they compiled a 5-7 record and failed to earn a tournament bid. In 1999, however, a mixture of talented sophomores and senior leadership has led the Irish to a 9-5 record and a 12th seed in the NCAA tournament.

"Especially after last year, it was important for us to get back to the tournament this year," senior midfielder Brad Bishko said. "We didn’t make it as juniors. We had a really good team last year and everyone expected us to go far, but for some reason, everything didn’t come together. So this year, the team is really young and we wanted to prove to the NCAA that we could make it back."

The team has gotten stronger as the season wore on. The players adjusted to playing together and the victories have piled up.

"We play well together," Owen said. "In our first game against Penn State, we didn’t play well together because we were so young, but the young guys have really stepped it up and we have learned to play together."

Most of the youth on the team is found on attack and in the midfield. Attackman David Ulrich and Tim Glatzel rank one and two, respectively on the points list for the Irish, while midfielder Todd Ulrich finished the year with 22 points — good for fourth on the points list. Glatzel and Ulrich have each been named Great Western Lacrosse League players of the week this year.

Despite being called upon to play such a critical role in their first NCAA tournament game, the sophomores are not nervous.

"There are a lot of sophomores on the team and we have been put in pressure situations before," said Ulrich, who hails from Baltimore, Md. "I am a little nervous about playing at home in front of all my friends and family, but I am also deeply excited."

The pressure situations and game experience that the sophomores have faced this year make their youth no longer a liability, according to Owen.

"They are pretty much juniors now," he said. "They are really experienced. They have played in 15 games — including our scrimmages — so that’s not going to be a problem. They are going to be excited about playing in front of a big crowd in Maryland, but they will be ready.

The sophomores have received veteran leadership from co-captain Chris Dusseau. Dusseau has led the Irish in goals in each of his four years under the Dome. This year he set a new career high with 31 goals.

Dusseau has been especially deadly for goalies the past three games. After the team dropped three straight to Georgetown, Hofstra and Ohio State, the Irish needed to win all of their last three games to secure a bid in the NCAA tournament.

Dusseau stepped up his play to a new level, scoring a career-high five goals in the 15-7 win over the Army. Just one week after his career-high performance, Dusseau scored a new career-high six goals in the Irish’s first-ever win over Massachusetts. Dusseau earned his second GWLL player of the week honors of the year for his performance.

In the home finale for the seniors against Harvard, Dusseau added two more goals to give him 13 goals in his last three regular season games.

The hero of Harvard game, however, was another sophomore. Midfielder Steve Bishko scored two goals in the last three minutes — including the game winner with three seconds left — to give the Irish a dramatic come-from-behind victory. Bishko was named GWLL Player of the Week for his heroics against Harvard.

Against Georgetown in the first round of the tournament, the Irish will be looking for revenge after an earlier loss to the Hoyas. In their April 10 matchup, Irish jumped out to an 8-2 first quarter lead before being out scored 11-4 over the last 45 minutes.

"We have to concentrate on playing for 60 minutes rather than just one half well," Ulrich said. "Georgetown is a really good team so it is going to take a full 60 minute effort."

Despite being seeded behind Georgetown in the tournament, Notre Dame is confident that it can defeat Georgetown in the first round, especially since the Irish have faced the Hoyas already this year.

"We are more confident, but we are not overly confident," Ulrich said. "We know that they are an excellent team and they have improved since the last time we played them. So we know we have our hands full, but we are also confident in ourselves as we know we can beat them."
Samreta excels in the water

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Assistant News Editor

When junior Michelle Samreta heard her name announced as athlete of the year at the Saint Mary's varsity athletic banquet, she knew that she was stepping into some big shoes.

Following senior track standout and three-year winner Stacy Davis, Samreta wasn't sure she'd be able to fill them.

"I was extremely surprised," said Samreta, a three-year varsity swimmer. "It's an honor just to follow her — she is one of the most excellent athletes to ever come through Saint Mary's. To even be considered to be close to that level is amazing."

But following an athlete of Davis' caliber also gave Samreta a role model, she said.

"Stacy has shown all Saint Mary's athletes what hard work and dedication can do," Samreta said. "I just want to be able to follow her dedication."

The award celebrates an athlete who boasts NCAA rankings, regional rankings, school records, a high level of performance in the regular season and academic and extra-curricular achievement.

Winning the award above nominees Julie Norman (basketball), Joe Wagner (soccer), Erika Burkett (track), Suzanne Martin (volleyball), Angie Meyers (volleyball) and Agnes Bill (volleyball), Samreta's edge came from her overall achievement said head swimming coach Jim Cook.

"Samreta is a leader both in and out of the water," Cook said. "She has done a fabulous job with leadership both in and out of the water. She wants Saint Mary's voice to be heard both in the MIAA conference and nationally and that means a lot in Saint Mary's."

Samreta, who served as the vice president of the Student Athletic Council and the Saint Mary's 1998-99 NCAA student conference and representative, is also running for the MIAA national representative to the NCAA for 1999-00.

"The position gives greater visibility to Saint Mary's athletic- ices, as well as the MIAA," said Samreta, who will learn her status in August. "Having a national- al Saint Mary's representative shows that Saint Mary's is seri- ous about sports, which we need."

After breaking her own record in the 100-yard breaststroke twice and in the 200 breaststroke once, Samreta finished the sea- son with a national ranking of 39th in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the MIAA conference. She was also named co-MVP for the swim team.

Samreta, a junior elementary education major, was the class track stu- dent government for the past two years and is involved in Campus Ministry and the education club.

Samreta also co-sponsored the Indiana Make-A-Wish foundation this past summer.

Samreta will serve as co-cap- tain of the Belles swim team again next winter and looks to defend her school records for a third year. Breaking them, however, isn't her main goal.

"If I don't get athlete of the year, if I don't get MVP, if I don't make the papers, I don't really care," Samreta said. "They're great awards, but I just want to better my times. My goal is to keep my mental focus. If I can do that, I'll know that I did my best."
Holtz resigns
Notre Dame

After 11 years as head football coach at Notre Dame, Lou Holtz officially announced his resignation. His 100 career wins are second only to Knute Rockne's 106 victories.

Despite consistent success over the course of the 32 games he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz's only national championship came in 1988 when the Irish defeated West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl to complete a 12-0 season.

Holtz led the Irish to near misses in 1989 and 1993 but an loss to the Miami Hurricanes and a last-second Eagles final goal spoiled any hopes of a second title.

Holtz did not indicate any specific reasons for his departure and gave no sign that another coaching offer was imminent.
**Horoscope**

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** You need to get to know your prominent people. Networking clubs or organizations will help you meet more key players in your field. You can get ahead if you try a chance to show yourself. You will feel that you are secure.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** This is the time to actually get around you can't do that. Take a second look. There is probably an opening for you if you want to take a clear change. Don't tell yourself that you can.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Your almost way of looking at things will be mighty attractive to someone with vision. Don't hold back. Speak your truths, and don't worry about those who think you're ahead of your time.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** Depression regarding future affairs will be opening. Don't take on the family's responsibility by yourself. Enter the help of others even if there is a hard time. Holds out your hands, and you will be sitting in a pretty house.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your passion for good works is causing you to grow. It's not easy to live with the uncertainty that your love may not work out. Play the cards you are dealt or you may lose.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A new big start will be opening. The help you need will come in. Enter the help of others even if there is a hard time. Holds out your hands, and you will be sitting in a pretty house.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Your relationships are growing. It's not easy to live with the uncertainty that your love may not work out. Play the cards you are dealt or you may lose.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You need some time to yourself, but if you neglect your mind, you're likely to end up a diapause. Try to talk to others, and you will get others to do things for you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Choose your words wisely. Some family members will not agree with you. Gossip will create problems. Don't waste words around or exaggerate. You're not likely to win in the real world.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Expect promises to cause frustration. You can make things work if you don't rely on others to help you support your appetite. Listened financial news may turn you around.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may behave and cause your family to get upset. Don't let them know that you need a little time to yourself!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Relations will cause problems. You have to stick up for the core you love if you want to avoid a confrontation later on. Don't act impulsively. Avoid any situation where you publicly state your feelings.

**Of Interest**

Sabor Latino congratulates all seniors and invites all graduated students to join us on Saturday at 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is free. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

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Jackson leads Irish to Jacksonville

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Returning from a mediocre 7-6 season and an off-season marred with off-the-field controversy, Notre Dame faced a 1998 season full of questions about whether head coach Bob Davie and quarterback Juriom Jackson could handle pressure.

To make matters worse, the season began with a showdown with defending National Champion Michigan. The Wolverines returned nine starters from a defense that allowed a paltry 9.5 points per game on its way to a perfect 12-0 record. Ranked fifth in the Associated Press preseason poll, the Wolverines came into Notre Dame stadium confident that they could plow through the Irish.

Notre Dame, however, proved them wrong. From Autry Denson's 58-yard run on the first Irish offensive play to an improbable 35-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Riki Nelson that gave the Irish a 10-point lead in the third quarter, the day belonged to the Irish.

"At some point, you better step up and win a big game ... and this confirms to the players that this will work," said Davie following the 36-20 victory. "This is the biggest win I've ever had, right here."

The following week against Michigan State, the tides turned for the Irish. After a 45-23 loss to the 10th-ranked Irish, with 42 first-half points, the 0-0 Spartans, people questioned the strength of the Irish.

Dawie was noticeably distraught with his team's performance, particularly after letting up 42 first-half points.

"I'm embarrassed, this football team's embarrassed," said Davie after the game. "There's not going to be a whole lot of talk about it. I think we came in here expecting to play well and we didn't. We had no chance because of our execution."

The Irish responded from the defeat at Michigan State in a 31-30 home victory against Purdue. The win began a charge that would see the Irish record eight-straight victories.

Every game a different player seemed to step up his game. Against Purdue, Tony Driver's two interceptions in the final minutes put the Irish in position to mount a dramatic comeback.

It was the fullbacks' turn to shine in the next two victories. Jamie Spencer's career-high 80 yards rushing propelled the Irish to a 35-17 victory over Stanford. Joey Goodspeed gained 109 yards on four carries in sweltering heat and a hostile environment in a 28-9 drubbing at Arizona State.

"It was old fashioned Notre Dame football," said Goodspeed after the victory. "This is what we're used to playing and it feels good to just go out and dominate a team like that."

Saison proved to be the hero against Army. After a see-saw battle, his career best 48-yard field goal with 1:06 left on the clock clinched the 20-17 Irish victory.

The two mainstays on offense, Denson and Jackson led the charge against Baylor on Halloween. Denson turned in a stellar performance, tallying a career-best 169 yards in the 27-10 Irish win. Jackson utilized his multi-dimensional game with 199 total yards, including 66 on the ground.

The following week's 31-26 win against Michigan, the Irish victory. Jackson utilized his multi-dimensional game with 199 total yards, including 66 on the ground.

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By MIKE KESSLER
Sports Editor

While the Notre Dame women's basketball team wasn't able to make it back to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, Sheila McMillen led the Irish to their most successful regular season in history.

The shooting guard served as the lone captain on Huffie McGee's squad and set several school records on her way to earning second-team all-Big East honors.

McMillen was among the national leaders in two categories, finishing fourth in three-point field goals made and eighth in free throw percentage.

The senior standout constantly brought fans to their feet at the Joyce Center with her deadly jump shot. McMillen eclipsed Beth Morgan to enter the Irish record book for career three-pointers and most three-pointers in a season.

McMillen averaged 15.4 points per game in her senior season and was selected to compete in the State Farm Women's Three Point Shooting Championship during the Final Four. She has also been invited to attend the 1999 USA Women's University Games Trials to be held May 19-24.

Sheila McMillen set a new record for three-point shooting as she rewrote the Notre Dame to its best regular season in history.

McMillen sets standard for long-range excellence

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Denson rushes his way into
Irish legend, record books

Passing such greats as George Gipp, Jerome Bettis and Allen Pinkett, Autry Denson amassed 1,176 yards rushing to raise his career total to 4,318 yards and become the all-time leading rusher in Notre Dame football history.

The senior from Lauderhill, Fla., emerged as an offensive threat his freshman year when he picked up 695 yards and started three games. His sophomore campaign marked his first of three 1,000-yard seasons. In four years under the Dome, he scored 43 touchdowns, good for second place all-time. His 15 touchdowns in 1997 were the fourth most ever by an Irish player in a single season.

During his record-breaking romp, Denson picked up numerous awards. The Associated Press honored him as a second-team All-American while Football News named him an honorable mention All-American. He was also recognized as one of six semifinalists for the Doak Walker award as the top tailback in the country.