SMC announces new parking lot, policy

By NELLIE WILLIAMS

After four months of confusion with parking options, Saint Mary's has a new parking lot and a new parking policy.

The new lot is located next to Regina Hall, where the tennis courts used to be. "We're going to treat it just like the Lo Mans lot," said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration.

Policies for the new lot are "subject to modification," Dennis said.

The new policy extends the time students are allowed to park in the Le Mans Hall and Regina Hall lots by one-half hour in the morning. Students can use the lots from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The new parking hours begin immediately.

"The purpose of doing that is because student teachers and nursing students have problems getting out of the lot by 7 a.m. It creates a problem for them because they don't have [leave that early]," Dennis said. "This will make it more useful for students who have off-campus activities."

However, overflow parking at Angela is still a problem. "We're probably going to move some College vehicles from Angela to Regina," said Dennis.

When it rains, it pours

Recently, NewsCenter 16 acquired the high-tech Doppler 16 radar system to aid in predicting the South Bend's weather. Will it help?

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The toys are back in town

Disney's sequel to the computer-animated classic is both a big hit in the box office and with the critics.

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'Success Denied': Disabled students discuss challenges

By KATE STEER

Asisrant News

"I know I have power because I have been through this," said Przybyz. "Now when I see people with disabilities, I don't pity them, but I still don't recognize the power in them."

Przybyz has no trouble speaking, but she utilizes technology and the help of others to hear. In her classes, someone types lectures onto a laptop screen so she can read what is being said.

"When I go down the street or the sidewalk or when I am in the store, people don't see me as a white woman; they see me as a disabled woman," she said.

Yasmin Voglewede talks to a group of students about her experiences as a disabled student in a forum entitled "Access Denied."

The forum was sponsored by the Multicultural Executive Council.

"Everyone has something to contribute, and the key is to overcome the limits that are set. I have to find an alternative method or media to obtain information," said Miller.

"The key to maintaining satisfaction and happiness is being able to go where I want when I want," she said. Accessibility and accommodation.

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Student Senate

Senate elections date changed

By FINN PRESSLY

Assistant News Editor

Student Senate passed a flurry of amendments in a desperate race to keep quorum before adjourning for semester break.

At the heart of the agenda was a package of legislation aimed at smoothing the transition period for new senate members.

The first of the amendments proposed moving back the election date for senators to March 1 to allow more time for turnover procedure. "This is our way [to ensure that] when people walk in here they know what they're doing," said Welsh senator Brian Palumbo. "If they walk in here and they don't know what they're doing, it precludes anyone running for Residence Assistant," said Palumbo.

The amendment was tabled, however. "We need someone to take over," said Dennis. "I think some of the finest people we have in this community are those that apply for RA ... You're cutting out a huge portion of the University."

O'Donoghue also pointed out the relatively low representation of seniors on the senate.

Marcum, however, felt that senior representation had little to do with a choice between the senate and hall staff.

"A lot of people move off campus, and there's only one off-campus spot, so there's 40 to 50 percent of the class gone," she said. "Moving the election back isn't going to make anyone stay on campus."

She added that RA candidates are find out whether they have been hired two
INSIDE COLUMN

Retreating to euphoria

Like so much of what we experience here at Notre Dame, the NDE retreat is gold-encrusted and never to be experienced by the common man, not only here, but anywhere. Unlike many of the other aspects of Notre Dame — dining hall food, financial aid policies, diversity — this one actually lives up to its expectations. I am a veteran of retreats of all sorts: spiritual, leadership, environmental, and social bonding... you name it, I’ve gone on it. I even organized a one-of-a-kind retreat, something that could have been tailor made for my taste. It was very good but not spectacular. Lots of things that I’d never seen on a retreat before, when it’s your time. Everyone always says, “You go on an NDE and you’re not the same.” No kidding. If ever I’d had a time in my life that I wanted the NDE that was it, and I wouldn’t have known it if I hadn’t gone at the urging of friends. So now I’m urging you. As soon as I got back I decided I would write an Inside Column about it when it was time again for applications to be due. From the beginning, I professed to the retreat team that I was convinced it is better suited for upperclassmen and that it’s not “generalist” and “phenomenal” and “life-changing.”

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY’S

Thursday
- Lecture: “Urban Space/ Urban Culture,” Mauro Nolan, 614 Hesburgh Library, 3:30 p.m.
- Lecture: “Women and Holocaus Survivors,” Theodore Heschong, 5:30 p.m.
- Booksigning: Father Margaret Feinstein, 7 p.m.
- Haggar Parlor

Friday
- Recital: Student Chamber Music Recitat, Annenberg Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Conference: Celebrating “Dimensions in Jazz,” Notre Dome Jazz Band, Band Building, 3 p.m.
- Dinner: Annual Madrigal Dinner, Regina Hall

Saturday
- Conference: “Women and Audition, all day
- Performance: “Christopher’s Christmas,” O’Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Sunday
- Concert: “Phenomenal, No kidding. If ever I’d had a time in my life that I wanted the NDE that was it, and I wouldn’t have known it if I hadn’t gone at the urging of friends. So now I’m urging you. As soon as I got back I decided I would write an Inside Column about it when it was time again for applications to be due. From the beginning, I professed to the retreat team that I was convinced it is better suited for upperclassmen and that it’s not “generalist” and “phenomenal” and “life-changing.”

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Board of Governance

Eldred discusses issues with BOG

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

College president Marilou Eldred discussed the Master Plan and the smoking policy with Board of Governance members Wednesday night.

"Right now the biggest thing on my plate is the Master Plan," she said, explaining primary changes that will occur as a result of the campus renovation project.

"The first three major plans are the welcome center, the new clubhouse, and the Regina renovations," said Eldred. "I’m really excited about Regina."

Eldred stressed the importance of having students on Master Plan committees, which include members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students. There has been a lack of student presence on these committees thus far, however.

"The one thing I plea for is to have students on the committees for the Master Plan," said Eldred. "I would really appreciate seeing more students on the committees."

Eldred also spoke about the progress of the committee drafting a proposal on the smoking policy, which could prohibit smoking on all campus grounds.

"It is my understanding that the proposal will be ready by the end of the semester," said Eldred. "We will then need to approve it, and it will be implemented in June.

Finally, Eldred stressed the importance of the student voice at Saint Mary’s.

"I really want to hear from people. Whenever my door is open, please drop in," she said.

In other BOG news:

• This week is History Week. Margaret Feinstein will lecture on "Hannah’s Prayer: Jewish Women Holocaust Survivors in Germany after World War II" on at 7 p.m. today in Haggar Parlor.

• The last date for donations to Project Warmth has been extended because of lack of participation, said charity program volunteer Rose Lutzka. Coats and other winter clothing can be deposited in the donation box near the drinking fountain in the LeMans Lobby.

• Nine Saint Mary’s students plan to attend the Black Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University in College Station Jan. 20 through 23. Students have asked all departments for donations to help with expenses. The board tabled its decision to help students attending the conference until needs are further specified.

• Bridget Heffernan outlined the election dates for the 2000-2001 student body president and vice president. Platforms are due Jan. 24, campaigning starts Jan. 27 and a “Meet the Candidates” forum will be held in the evening on Jan. 27 in Haggar Parlor. Jan. 31 will be election day. Run-offs will be Feb. 2. All Saint Mary’s students, including seniors, can vote.

Eldred discusses issues with BOG
Senator Cimarron Gibson. Pangborn senator Deidre McInerney felt the meeting would be a good means of gauging a candidate’s commitment to the position.

“You’re considering Senate and you can’t make it to one meeting to find out what it’s all about?” she said.

Knott senator Ed Foy expressed concern that if a candidate has a schedule conflict the night of the meeting, it may keep him from running from office. Off-campus senator Pat Foy explained that the wording of the bylaw was deliberately left ambiguous.

“It says ‘shall attend,’ as in different from ‘must attend,’” he said.

Alumni senator David Zachry proposed simply getting rid of the bylaw and passing an order that Hall Presidents Council must disseminate the appropriate information with the residence halls. Stanford senator Curt Roberts highlighted potential problems that may arise if hall senators run for a second term. Incumbent senators may not be as inclined to deliver an objective presentation to his competition, Roberts said.

Sladek eventually pulled the resolution from discussion, as problems with quorum heightened the importance of other parts of the agenda. In less than two minutes, the senate debated and passed two more resolutions. One outlined the content of training sessions for incoming senators, while the other extended the deadline for declaring an intent to take a class pass/fail by another week to 14 days.

In other Senate news:

• The Oversight Committee presented an addition to the constitution giving the student president the power to appoint additional members to the Executive Cabinet with Senate approval.

• In practice, the president already puts people on [Executive Cabinet] to assist him in those duties,” said St. Edward’s Hall representative Paul Sladek.

• By requiring Senate approval, it can close off the possibility of “abuse of power,” Sladek said.

“Everyone gets a note under their door whether they got it or not. It happens in every election,” she explained.

The amendment narrowly passed, with chairman Michael Palumbo casting the deciding vote.

The senate also debated the addition of a bylaw that would request that all potential candidates for senate seats attend an informational meeting to explain what the positions entail.

Senators were divided on the issue, with some in favor of keeping the meeting process informal and within the dorms.

“I think we should keep it within the halls without institutionalizing it,” said Sorin senator Pat O’Donoghue. “That’s why it needs senate approval.”

He gave examples of representatives who are not explicitly provided for in the constitution, but who are nonetheless important.

“The Coalition Council is not represented on Executive Cabinet in any way, shape or form,” he said.

The resolution passed.

• The senate passed an order aimed at requiring the Judicial Board to set a definite date for elections next year.

“We don’t have these dates, and we need them,” said Fisher senator Phillip Dittrich. “We found some clause in the constitution that says we can force someone to do something with a two-thirds majority.”

The senate passed the order with the required majority.

Forums

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tion play large roles in such freedom.

Voglewede praised the University’s efforts to make the campus wheelchair accessible. “Snow is my biggest problem,” she said.

“There are people here who are willing to go out on a limb and make me as comfortable as they are,” she said.

Gilmore works on reducing attitudinal inaccessibility rather than physical barriers.

“Discriminatory attitudes are prevalent. The unemployment rate of the country is eight percent, but 70 percent of the country’s disabled population is unemployed,” she said.

All participants voiced optimism for the future of disabled persons. Technology promises greater accessibility to information, communication, and transportation. The goal of such advances are to provide equal opportunities to everyone.

“While society says we’re different, we’re the same as everyone else,” said Przybysz. The panel discussion was sponsored by the Multicultural Executive Council.

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U.S. to help Russia with Y2K

WASHINGTON

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson unveiled a high-tech, long-distance telecommunications link Wednesday to help Russia monitor its nuclear power plants for Y2K computer problems. Richardson invited reporters into the top-secret Situational Crisis Center at the Energy Department headquarters to witness an hourlong exchange with Yevgeniy Adamov, Russia's minister of atomic energy. "While we don't expect any major problems, there may be glitches. We have to be ready on both sides," Richardson said, referring to both the U.S. and Russian nuclear programs. Russian computer systems designed to shut down nuclear reactors in an emergency do not have the type of digital technology susceptible to the Y2K bug, said Richardson. But some other computer systems at the Russian plants could fail, he added.

Ireland joins NATO peace program

BRUSSELS, Belgium

Ireland pledged to maintain its neutrality as it joined NATO's Partnership for Peace program Wednesday, vowing never to join the Western military alliance outright. The Irish government signed on to the program in the face of opposition parties, who viewed the move as a step toward joining NATO itself. "So, do we not want to be a member of NATO now or forever," Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews told reporters at alliance headquarters. "There is no question of Ireland's remaining outside, or neutrality being put to a test. there is nothing sinister here." Ireland is one of the last European nations to sign up for Partnership for Peace, created in 1994 to establish cooperation with neutral and former Eastern bloc countries.

Austria to form new government

VIENNA, Austria

Chancellor Viktor Klima will be formally asked next week to try to form a new government two months after innumerable national elections in which a far-right wing party made significant gains, the presidential office said Wednesday. A statement from President Thomas Klestil's office said the request would probably be made following a meeting with Klima set for Dec. 9. Klima will report to the president on the results of exploratory talks with the Austrian Peoples Party and other groups. "It can be assumed that at this meeting, Viktor Klima, as head of the largest party, will be charged with the formation of a government," Klestil's office said in the statement. So far, however, Klima has been unable to persuade the Peoples Party to join a new coalition.

More bodies found in Mexico

Associated Press

QUIDAD JUAREZ

Working on tips from informants, Mexican and U.S. officials armed with sophisticated technology apparently located the remains of three more bodies south of the Texas border Wednesday, bringing to five the number found in a slow search for some of 100 people missing in the region.

"At this moment we have indications that we have the remains of five persons," Jose Larriera Carrasco, head of the organized crime unit for Mexico's attorney general's office, told reporters at the Ranchito de la Campana, some 10 miles southeast of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas. "We're trying to determine if there are more," he added.

FBI forensic experts worked with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police searching four desert ranches near the border, concentrating on two near Ciudad Juarez, the home base for the Juarez drug cartel, Mexico's largest and most violent drug-smuggling outfit of the mid-1990s. While U.S. officials say an informant told them as many as 100 bodies might be buried at the ranches, officials now say they don't know how many bodies could be buried there.

Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo has said in several broad- cast interviews that he has a list of about 100 people missing from 1994 to 1996 - 22 of them Americans. But he says he does not know how many of the missing might be buried in the desert.

The searches have been using techniques ranging from ground-piercing radar and DNA analysis to old-fashioned shovels and sieves to hunt for and identify the dead.

On Wednesday, reporters saw investigators in hospital-type masks and gloves sifting sand and gravel over a screen near one of the compound's buildings.

Mexican officials say some 500 soldiers and 174 federal anti-drug agents are taking part in the operation. U.S. officials say some 20 FBI personnel are also involved.

"There is a skull, some bones, some teeth, including some that are small," Madrazo told the Radio Radio network in Mexico early Wednesday. He said the remains would undergo DNA and other analyses by FBI and Mexican experts.

"At this moment, nobody in the world could tell you who they belong to," he said.

South Africa

World AIDS Day focuses on children

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Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

While AIDS activists handed out condoms in city buses in Bangkok and dropped them from a helicopter in Pretoria, much of the attention of World AIDS Day on Wednesday focused on the children - 11 million of whom have lost their parents.

"I have no idea of what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like," Andrew Okrut, orphaned son of AIDS victim Sheila Okrut, told a U.N. symposium in New York, which was attended by First Lady Hillary Clinton and about 300 other dignitaries and experts in a report released Wednesday. "I have no idea of what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like," Andrew Jackson Okrut of Uganda told L.A. Times reporters.

Clinton took up their appeal, saying these children of a lost generation must not be left as orphans.

"We call upon all countries, all leaders, all businesses, all organizations, all communities to take responsibility for these children and to ensure that the disease that robbed them of their mother and fathers does not continue to lay waste to their futures," she said.

Still, Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, predicted that "things will not get worse before they get better."

Developed countries have largely ignored the plight of AIDS orphans. "Had they lived in wealthy parts of North America or Europe, their fate would already have been declared a human tragedy," said Namibia's Foreign Minister Theo-Ben Greirub, who is president of the U.N. General Assembly.

SOUTH AFRICA

World AIDS Day focuses on children

Mexican army troops cordon off the Tiro del Norte Ranch near Juarez City at the U.S. border where some 600 Mexican and FBI agents are investigating a mass grave containing some 100 bodies. The victims are believed to have been killed by drug traffickers, and some may be U.S. nationals.
Raimo Vayrynen, a senior fellow at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies and professor of government and international relations, received the 1999 Urho Kekkonen Prize Oct. 18 from the University of Tampere, director of the Kroc Institute in Helsinki, Finland.

"It [the award] encompasses achievements primarily in the field of national security questions," said Raimo Vayrynen, professor at the Kroc Institute.

Vayrynen has also made many contributions outside his native country. In addition to serving as a consultant for various foreign governments, Vayrynen is a permanent member of the Palme Commission. "The Commission focused on disarmament and security issues, and developed a strategy for common international security," Vayrynen explained.

Since arriving at Notre Dame to serve as the director of the Kroc Institute in 1993, Vayrynen has helped the University become more involved in world politics. In 1997, he organized the Canadian Notre Dame conference on globalization and global governance.

"[The conference] brought together leading Canadian scholars and the Kroc Institute fellows to explore the prospects for governing the increasingly globalized world," said Vayrynen.

This collaboration resulted in the recently published book, "Breaking Cycles of Violence: Conflict Prevention in Intrastate Crises."

Vayrynen served as director of the Institute through 1998. The Urho Kekkonen Prize is a highly prestigious award given by the Kekkonen Memorial Foundation, established in 1970 in honor of Finland’s former president, who served from 1951-1981.

Youth Day, 2000

Dear young people, I invite you to undertake with joy the pilgrimage to Rome...

-Pope John Paul II

Campus Ministry and the Congregation of Holy Cross are sponsoring a pilgrimage to World Youth Day, 2000 for Notre Dame students from August 13 to 21, 2000. The availability is limited to 24 students. Some financial assistance will be provided for those students selected.

Please note, World Youth Day will be the weekend of Freshman Orientation and Registration at Notre Dame. Students may need to make arrangements to move into the dorms in mid-August.

More information and applications are now available at the Campus Ministry Office in Hesburgh Library. For more on XV World Youth Day, 2000 see the official Vatican webpage at: http://www.vatican.va/
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By KATE STEER
Assistant News Editor

In a study based on her dis­
sertation research, Ann Power found that not only are extracurricular activities a nec­
essary part of attaining post­
secondary education, but they are also determining of desire to do so.

The three goals of education are to provide occupational structure, prepare for citizen­ship and to enable social mobili­
ty, said Power. Extracurricular participation increases the chances of attaining these goals.

Power defined extracurricular activities as those outside formal academic and vocational structures, not usually bearing credit. Her study looked at school-sponsored activities, though she acknowledged that many non-school-related activi­ties also play a role in the corre­
lation between participation and education.

"In the extracurricular, the student-teacher relationships are more egalitarian," said Power of the additional benefits of involvement. Relationships in the extracurricular setting are vital mentor-student relation­ships that motivate and prepare students for education. These benefits often lead to an increased awareness of people and the world, which lead to a desire for further educational opportunity.

"In schools with separation by ability, students are more likely to encounter disparate others," she said. Such exposure has the same effect as does more inter­personal relationship with teachers and sponsors.

The drop-out rate of those who participate in extracurricular activities is less than their non-involved counterparts. Power's theory is that the more time-intensive the activity, the more involved the student and the less time he or she will spend on activities that distract from academic obligations.

"Students are constantly being evaluated publicly," Power said. "They develop certain degrees of tolerance for educa­tion, where education is the ability to cope with stresses of school." Participation in extracurricular activities increases incentive because it is a source of affective support and interpersonal relationships.

Extracurricular activities not only increase interest in continu­ning education into college, but they also increase the likelihood of the actual pursuit of such education. Athletes, because they are more involved in schools than non-involved le­ettes, are more likely to attract career and academic attention and counseling. High school students are often influ­enced by their peers to the extent of adopting their friends' student-teacher relationships are more egalitarian," said Power of the additional benefits of involvement. Relationships in the extracurricular setting are vital mentor-student relation­ships that motivate and prepare students for education. These benefits often lead to an increased awareness of people and the world, which lead to a desire for further educational opportunity.

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"I found a positive and signifi­cant relationship between the extracurricular setting and student performance and satisfaction with the school," Power said.

In an A/P Letter that the ordination of women as priests is no longer an issue. Several months later, Sister McEneny was among 1,500 people who signed a petition to consider these issues, par­ticularly the postilions taken by the campus community," Power said.

"My lawyer is prepared to take this to the U.S. Supreme Court," Sister McEneny said Monday. She is rep­resented by Ron Shefer, an attorney from Henderson, Ky.

"The sun taught Roman Catholic theology and doc­trine for 14 years at St. Meinrad, where she was a tenured professor. In 1994, the pope declared involvement in one or more extracurricular activities and friendship's interest in education."
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Clinton speaks on WTO protesters

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

SEATTLE

As arrests mounted and National Guard troops patrolled outside, delegates from 135 nations tried today to reassess global trade talks that thousands of protesters had brought to a standstill.

President Clinton condemned the violent demonstrations. But he also warned that the World Trade Organization would have to listen to the concerns of the masses of peaceful protesters who insisted that workers' rights and environmental protection be taken into account in trade agreements.

Determined to project a business-as-usual air, Clinton stuck to a schedule that had him touring Seattle's busy port facilities and delivering a speech touting the benefits of open trade to Washington state apple farmers.

Late Wednesday, he was addressing delegates from around the world who had come here for a world trade group's meeting.

His motorcade traveled on city streets that had the air of a war zone — boarded-up windows, trash on sidewalks and other remnants of Tuesday's clashes.

Clinton said the peaceful protests, including 35,000 union workers and their families parading against the WTO, were in "the best American tradition."

"For those who came here to peacefully make their point, I welcome them here because I want them to be integrated into the longer-term debate," Clinton said in his speech at the Seattle port.

"To those who came here to break windows and hurt small businesses, or stop people from going to meetings or having their say, I condemn them," he said.

Seattle police, stunned by the chaos in the streets on Tuesday, called in 200 unarmed National Guard troops and 160 state police to help keep calm Wednesday — and to enforce a no-protest zone in the downtown area.

Authorities also had declared a state of emergency and imposed a night curfew.

On Tuesday, which was to have been the opening day of WTO activities, demonstrators had rampaged through the downtown area, breaking windows in dozens of buildings, vandalizing patrol cars and buses and setting fires.

Police dressed in riot gear fired tear gas and plastic pellets into clumps of demonstrators who were blocking streets around the downtown theater where the WTO had planned to hold its opening ceremonies.

In contrast to opening day, the WTO meetings got under way on schedule on Wednesday with more than 1,000 delegates filling chairs in a giant auditorium at the convention center to listen to trade ministers give speeches in support of the negotiations.

Meanwhile, the real work of the meetings, which are scheduled to end Friday, was going on behind closed doors. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and other trade ministers haggled over exactly what items would be included in the new round of trade negotiations the WTO hopes will be launched this week.

Clinton is pushing to have the WTO include in the new round of talks environmental and labor issues, which make up two major constituencies of the Democratic Party.
This article is for all men. It’s for women, to tell them how we misinterpret some of your signs.

In their relationships with women, men come in two kinds: the pig and the good guy. The pig only thinks about how to get a girl into bed. The good guy has a strong sexual drive, but he knows what is important: He looks for a person, because he wants to spend his life with her.

Imagine a pig walking into a dorm party. He wants sex, so he looks for the most pleasure for the least effort. Who will be the easiest to get into bed? You might think, “It’s impossible to know who is easy and who’s not.”

But there are ways of telling, and everybody knows them. Is it the girl wearing tight, revealing clothes? Is she very physical, touching us constantly? Does she dance sexually? Can you tell she has been drinking? What kind of party is this: a clean one or a dirty one? All she wants is a good time and a little bit of attention. Or she may want sex. The pig doesn’t care. He wants to seduce you. If you look and act easy, you must be easy. Once you have been classified, if you say “no”, you’re just playing hard to get. Because all the pig wants is pleasure, he doesn’t want your fertility or your family. Don’t expect him to be understanding or caring (unless it is part of the game). Don’t expect him to commit, and don’t expect him to be faithful.

Now, suppose the pig sees her instead coming out of church, wearing beautiful clothes that don’t reveal anything except that there is a person who values herself and expects men to value her. The pig thinks, “She’s good-looking, but to get her I would have to make too many sacrifices.”

But suppose there is a good guy coming out of church with her. The good guy thinks, “She doesn’t look like dozens have handled her. She doesn’t look like damaged goods. She looks like the kind who would make a good girlfriend, a careful mother and a faithful wife.” To this kind of woman, he is willing to commit. By the signs she sends to men, she shows that she values herself and that she will not choose a few years of dirty fun and a lifetime of bad marriages.

The good guy wants to make you happy. If you look and act worthwhile, chances are you are worthwhile – because the good guy wants a good life, he takes all of you: your bad days and your good days, your children, your ideas, your relatives, your friends, your past and your future. Expect him to be genuinely understanding and caring. Expect him to commit. Expect him to be faithful.

Of course fun and happiness are not opposites. Of course being holy does not disqualify having fun — hey, being holy almost requires having fun! But sometimes you have to choose what kind of fun you want to have because some kinds of fun lead to a bad life.

This article is for all those good women who want good relationships and a good marriage. This is for all who think that to catch a good man they must dress provocatively. What they get is a pig and they make good guys into pigs. Mr. Right will not marry a slut-tish-looking girl. He has learned what self-control means, he expects you to know it too.

If I had it my way, I would hope that all of you women of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross will be like my own sisters: They know their dignity is worth more than a few sordid parties. They show that they demand respect by the way they dress and act. So choose, and know what you choose.

Gabriel Martinez is a graduate student in the department of economics. His column runs every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Doppler 16: not just a promotional gimmick, really!

As you all learned in high school English and journalism classes, the media's job is "to inform and educate," the public. And since those folks at The Observer are crazy enough to GIVE me 10 inches of white space in which to rant and rave, you'll just have to put up with me. So this week I thought I would actually take my job seriously and try to "inform and educate" you, the public, about an exciting new development in the field of weather forecasting.

NewsCenter 16 now has Super Doppler 16, a weather radar, providing you — yes, YOU — with the latest up-to-date, up-to-the-second weather coverage. The other stations don't have it, and you have to wait for the official reports.

Appropriately, the only way to get around that is to build your own weather station. And the quality folks at NMC have done just that to serve us and bring us up-to-the-second weather info.

Now, this might want to know, how much more quickly Super Doppler 16 brings you satellite pictures to us? When do we get to be the first to find out what's brewing in the cloud fronts over South Bend, Ind.? Well, folks, this may be unbelievable, but we, the privileged people who exclusively watch NewsCenter 16, get our weather images an average of two minutes faster than everybody else. And why has NewsCenter 16, get our weather information this way? To serve you better. No.

So, this week I would like to address the issue of how to get the latest in new technology at your fingertips. First, you might be thinking that getting your weather news at 6:30 instead of 6:20 is not a big deal. Or you might even, heaven forbid, think this is all a bunch of unmitigated hype and nothing is going to come of it. But I am writing about my own experience here. I am actually writing on behalf of another woman sitting in her yard that day. She was not among the graduates. She did not receive a degree that day. She was in the audience. She was there as a friend. She was there as a member of the community.

I have a goal you have worked so hard for and to achieve that goal, I wanted to be there. I wanted to be a part of this day. And why was I there? Because Super Doppler 16, as we just saw, is a completely useless promotional gimmick playing on our anal-retentive need to dissect every bit of information on the state of the air and precipitation levels outside. No. Super Doppler 16 fulfills a deep-seated need we have to know about the weather, and to know about it NOW. We should thank NWOU for fulfilling this need.

Meanwhile, make sure to check out Super Doppler 16 before heading inside.

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CORRECTION

The letter to the editor, "Wild Women Encounter Restaurant Ruins," that appeared in the April 1 edition, attributed ownership to Cristobal Saldana. The Observer regrets the error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University employees deserve our appreciation

I know we all have our gripes and complaints about this university, but I think, when it comes right down to it, a lot of us (definitely) LOVE Notre Dame. I, for one, am happy to be here, and I think others feel the same way. Every time I hear how disorganization does not always make us happy, our professors don't always give us the grades we want and this is no unusual University, we should have some appreciation for the hard work and time that people put in to making Notre Dame work. From the grounds crew and the housekeepers to the officers of the University, people care about Notre Dame and make an effort to do their best in order to make it a great place for us students.

As the end of the semester approaches — even in the midst of stress — we can all take time to communicate our appreciation for the people dedicated to this place. Saying "thank you" takes less than a second, but lasts much longer in the minds of those to whom you say it.

Maria Feinmeyer
Junior
Welsh Family Hall
November 30, 1999

'Sense of family' not felt in SMC financial aid office

On May 15, 1999, I sat in the LeMans courtyard with 300 of my fellow classmates as we made the transition from Saint Mary's students to Alumni. As with many college graduations, there were speeches given that day, and each of these people spoke of the sense of community at Saint Mary's that makes it such a special college. They spoke of the commitment Saint Mary's has to each student. That day, as I sat among the women I had been privileged to know, I felt two things. First, I felt that none of this really needed to be said or commented on; after all, we had gone to Saint Mary's for four years and we already had a profound knowledge and respect for the sense of community and sense of community cultivated at Saint Mary's.

Second, I entered the ranks of its alums with an unparalleled sense of pride. But I am writing to you about speech after speech about how Saint Mary's pride itself on its commitment to students, its sense of place, the sense that an institution so small and undergrad- ated-focused can offer a student. She was there as a member of the community. She was there listening to speech after speech about how Saint Mary's prides itself on its commitment to students, its sense of place, the sense that an institution so small and undergraduate-focused can offer a student. She was there as a member of the community. She was there listening to speech after speech about how Saint Mary's prides itself on its commitment to students, its sense of place, the sense that an institution so small and undergraduate-focused can offer a student.

When she found out her parents wouldn't pay her to stay, she was upset, but she was calm. She believed that the family — the community of Saint Mary's and Mary's had prided itself on — would be there to assist her. She didn't expect a free ride; she only expected support, assistance and a loan. Once again, she was wrong.

Since all of this happened, Saint Mary's has only responded with a dismissive attitude and a complete lack of concern. She suspected, as did I an alum, that Saint Mary's would see that she has been a responsible and conscientious student, that she has only one semester to go, and if she would find a way, any way, to help her through this final semester. The fact that Saint Mary's could complacently stand by as a student who has given these three years to them is forced to withdraw in the midst of this financial lose. She was right to be so close to being a Saint Mary's student. She is the closest thing you will ever see in the midst of stress — we can all take time to communicate our appreciation for the people dedicated to this place. Saying "thank you" takes less than a second, but lasts much longer in the minds of those to whom you say it.

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The Observer
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Scene Movie Critic

Alas, put all hopes aside, because if Schwarzenegger's newest extravaganzza, "End of Days," is representative of the way Hollywood is going to treat the coming of 2000, then the thinking public is going to feel cheated.

With such a film opens with the birth of a child who has been "chosen" to be the mother of the anti-Christ. If she is imprisoned between the hours of 11 p.m. and midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, she will give birth to that which will "bring about the end of the world." Satan must discover her, so the forces of darkness embody themselves in human form, taking the form of the Man, played by Michael Byrnes.

However, along the way Byrnes has to face Arnold, who plays a security worker named Jericho who has a daughter named Christine. Jericho takes it upon himself to protect the girl (named Christine, played by Robin Tunney), after an encounter with Thomas Aquinas — a former Vatican priest who understands what's about to go down on New Year's Eve.

Viewers also get a glimpse of the Vatican's response and handling of the situation (which they understand through the book of Revelation, which is amusingly also Jericho's method of figuring out what's going on). One cardinal wants to kill the girl, but the pope insists that they simply "must have faith."

Jericho doesn't like this. He had lost his faith when his wife and daughter were murdered a couple of years prior to his meeting Satan. As a result, he insists on taking the militant route to protecting Christine, even though the Man is completely invulnerable to any physical harm. And even though Jericho acknowledges the Man as being Satan, he still refuses to have any faith in God.

Prions are introduced along the way, as are the parents of Christine and others who are involved one way or another, the Man does some bombing along the way, scaring people in Manhattan. And of course, there is even a scene in which one woman is diagnosed to be a stigmatic. ("Stigmata," another member of the millennium-movie club, looks like a cinematic wonder compared to this.)

Viewers also get a bonus dose of Kevin Pollack, who assists Jericho with his attempts to fight off the Man. Byrnes has fun with the role (although not as much fun as Pacino had when it was his turn to play Satan in "Devil's Advocate"). He enjoys the opportunities to sadistically grill his at lowly human targets. He plays the part with merciless, ironic wit, and it is the best part of the film. Arnold, however, is anything but witty, and is too creased up in his melodramatic, all-too-serious mode of thinking that he is at all credible as a dramatic actor.

What "End of Days" is, then, is a movie that drugs and has nothing intelligent to say about its subject. It wouldn't be as bad if, instead aiming for substantive tension and drama, the film aimed more at being witty and showcased its actors' talent for being in on the joke.

Only Byrnes touches on this, and even he hits the right notes fleeting.

Video Pick of the Week

Don't swim past 'Rumble Fish' at the video store

by John Crawford
Scene Movie Critic

Francis Ford Coppola hasn't been the same since the making of "Apocalypse Now." Sure, the director of classics such as "The Godfather" trilogy and "The Conversation" has made other films since the 1979 war epic, but he's lost his stature as one of America's premiere filmmakers. Perhaps the many problems associated with the long production of "Apocalypse" - a flirtation with bankruptcy, a typhoon that wiped out the film's sets, the heart attack of leading-man Martin Sheen - took too much of a toll on the Oscar-winning director. Coppola himself has said that the man who made "The Godfather" died in the jungles of the Philippines while making the war film.

Since that production, one failed or overblown effort has followed another for Coppola. Nowadays, he's reduced to being a gun for hire, directing such uninspired "Rumble Fish" and "The Raising of Jack." However, one of Coppola's post-"Apocalypse" films, 1983's "Rumble Fish," has been undeservedly overlooked. Featuring a strong ensemble cast of young actors, many of whom went on to become stars, it's an original and intelligent film about gangs and two brothers dealing with their memories of the past and a future rushing towards them.

One of two adaptations of novels by juvenile writer S.F. Hinton directed by Coppola, the other being 1963's "The Outsiders" (the director actually shot the two films back to back), "Rumble Fish" stars Matt Dillon and Mickey Rourke as the story's two brothers, Dillon plays Ructive James, who lorgs for the old days when gangs were kings, when rumbles were fought on battlefields full of glory. Rourke plays his older broth­er Motorcycle Boy, a street hero who used to lead the gangs but now wonders about what they were doing. It seems prob­able even the makers of "End of Days." would under­stand the criticisms made against it.
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SWIMMING

Irish aim for double in Notre Dame Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Fall semester work will culminate next week in the classroom, but the men's swimming and diving team will face its true test this weekend in the water.

Entering three days of competition at Rolfs Aquatic Center, the 1-3 squad will put its full training efforts to the test to close the first half of their season.

"If this is a make-or-break class, this meet is the final exam," said head coach Tim Welsh. "The next two weeks get us that much emphasis on a meet will be the Big East Championships."

Men's competition will be fairly tight this weekend, with a mix of 10 returning and new teams competing in Irish home waters. Michigan State, Western Kentucky, Toledo and Wyoming all pose strong competition for the Irish, but show no clear-cut frontrunner.

Welsh said, "If you look at the entry, you can't run down it and say, 'This team wins. It's going to make life very competitive.'

The Irish are relying on consistent standout swimmers. Ray Fitzpatrick, butterfly specialist, and symmetrically-powered freestyler Ray Fitzpatrick, butterflier Spencer North, as well as standout per­formers like Ryan Verlin and breather Alex Dutzer will pull in points.

"We're looking to others on the team, and we'll really be looking to people to step up and add leadership positions," Welsh said.

Welsh's group will look to several athletes to emerge in the meet, including freestyle middle distances and sprint freestyles, one of the team's weak­nesses, Welsh said.

"We can do that, the points will take care of themselves. It's that bulk and consistency that will be key for those points because of the championship environment.

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Several nights ago, I had a dream. I dreamt that it was several months into the future, January 1st, 2000 had come and gone. I was walking down a busy city street. Buildings were still standing. Cars still honked for attention. Planes were still flying overhead. Office workers were still happily surfing Gamesville.com on company time. All was well in this post-Y2K future. So or so seemed, that is, until I turned the corner. There they were, much to my horror. Dressed in what looked to have once been well-tailored suits and dresses, a line of them stood in front of me, stretching for city block after city block. Each held a sign that explained their plight all too vividly. One read “Y2K Computer Debugger. Will work for Internet Access.” Another had scribbled on her sign, “Y2K Survivor. Need Shelter.” Another explained, “Y2K Complacency Officer and Crisis/Contingency Plan Manager. Help.” Another’s simply asked, “Why, 2K?” Hundreds, maybe thousands, more like them stood waiting for their turn outside the unemployment office. I began to run, looking for the end of this line of humanity. I ran and ran and ran... I jumped up in bed, in a cold sweat. Listening to my bedridden breathing, I tried desperately to get the faces and signs out of my head. But it was no use. I had seen the future and its images were seared into my mind. What had we done to these people? They had seemingly done their jobs well, right? Prepared us for the new millennium? Everything in the future seemed to be working the way it always hadn't. Nothing had changed from the way we live our lives right now, before Y2K, so what happened? Hadn’t we focused our pre-millennium attention on all the right places?* Maybe. Maybe not. If we consider whether or not we’ve been getting ready for the arrival of the first days of the year 2000, then the answer is yes. Yes, we have, indeed, been focusing our pre-millennium attention in all the right places. Just make a mental list of all we, as individuals and as a society, are doing in preparation for the turn of the century. Fix computer bugs. Check. Withdraw cash from ATMs. Check. Stuff under mattress. Check. Stock batteries and candles. Check. Make New Year’s Eve party plans. Check.” It’s all getting done by all the right people. But, if we consider whether or not we’ve been getting ready for life beyond the first days of the year 2000, the answer has to be no. The distinction is subtle, but one that can make a lifetime of difference. Little attention has been paid to what this new millennium has to offer our lives beyond a flip in the calendar. Sure, we’ve looked back on the century and, to a lesser extent, the millennium that are abound to end, mostly in the form of a pat on the back for a job well done. But, how often have we stopped to think about how the shape of our lives could be different in the new centuries to come. It is our natural tendency to look back when we celebrate an anniversary, to take stock of what has been accomplished, but only one in 50 generations gets to experience what it means to get the chance to live a whole new millennium. So how can we make Y2K mean more to us? Churches around the world have declared the year 2000 to be a Jubilee Year. Pope John Paul II calls it the “Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.” The tradition of Jubilee is rooted in the Old Testament (Leviticus 25) and sets forth a blue-print for hope and renewal in our lives and our communities for decades to follow. In scripture, God declared every 50th year to be a Jubilee year, or a “year of favor from the Lord.” During the Jubilee year, debts would be forgiven, prisoners and slaves would be set free, property would be returned to its original owners, land would go unreclaimed, and a great feast would be held. For many, it was a year of rest, a year during which relationships were reconciled, and a year of new beginnings. In our modern context, the principles of the Jubilee can be translated in many ways. Personally, we can ready ourselves to live in the third millennium by identifying wounds in our relationship with ourselves and with others that need healing and reconciliation. We need to ask ourselves what might we be holding captive in our hearts that could be set free during the Jubilee Year. Through God’s grace, reconciliation will lead to renewal in our lives, our friendships and our faith. The Jubilee year promises to usher in a new season of hope and justice. Will we be a part of it? The Jubilee 2000 is also the context for renewed relationships around the globe in the form of the campaign for international debt forgiveness. Many of the world’s poorest countries are being crushed by unmanageable debt burdens, often paying several times more in loan payments than for the health care or education of its citizens. Support for this Jubilee campaign is beginning to grow, especially in the United States, where President Clinton has promised to lobby Congress for 100% forgiveness of debts owed to the U.S. by more than 30 of the world’s poorest nations. This Sunday many of you will be asked to take a Jubilee pledge during mass in your parish. The pledge is an invitation to all to reflect on how we might choose to live our lives, with re-engendered faith, hope and love, in the new millennium. The pledge calls us to make concrete what it means to be called Christian 2000 years after the birth of Christ. You are also invited on Tuesday, December 7th, at 9:45 p.m. to a special Jubilee prayer service outside the Basilica’s Holy Year Doors. These doors won’t be opened until Christmas Eve, but will serve as our backdrop on Tuesday night for a meditation on reconciliation and renewal 15 minutes prior to the Advent Penitance service, which begins at 10:00 p.m. in the Basilica. It is not too late to fix the “real” Y2K problem.
NCAA FOOTBALL

Williams replaces Saban as interim head coach at MSU

By MATT MYFTIU
The State News (U-Wire)

EAST LANSING, Mich. Michigan State football players' mood changed from somber to excited Tuesday afternoon with the announcement that MSU associate head coach and running backs coach Bobby Williams has been promoted to the position of interim head coach.

Williams replaces Nick Saban, who accepted a job as football head coach at the University of Louisiana State University early Tuesday morning. Saban, who is no longer affiliated with MSU, announced his decision to players Tuesday morning. He then flew to Baton Rouge, La., where he will immediately take on his new position.

In his Baton Rouge news conference, Saban said he did not leave MSU because he was unhappy.

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Williams will lead the No. 10 Spartans in the Jan. 1 Florida Citrus Bowl while the search for a permanent head coach continues.

"He's a fun guy who brings a lot of excitement to the team," Duckett said. "He gets you going and keeps you motivated. I think he'll bring that attitude to the whole team, and we'll be ready to play."

The biggest obstacle the team must overcome is adjusting to its coach in time for the Florida Citrus Bowl. MSU will most likely face the loser of this weekend's Florida-Alabama game, so the 9-2 Spartans will have to be at the top of their game to pull out a 10th win on New Year's Day.

Senior corner back Amp Campbell said the team has faced adversity all season, and this most recent dose will give the players a chance to show they can still be successful.

"A lot of people will count us out and say we're not the same football team," Campbell said. "But we have to prove them wrong. We have to come together as a team. We're going to see what kind of family we have here."

MSU men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo was also on hand to lend support Tuesday. He told the players they hold the fate of the bowl game in their hands.

"I've watched some of you guys for four or five years, and there's one thing I want to tell you," Izzo said. "The coaches can do a good job, but it's the players that play the game. And it's the players that will determine whether you win or lose."

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"I have the opportunity to stay on as head coach, that would be great," Williams said. "I've the opportunity to stay on as head coach, that would be great," Williams said.

Williams will start preparing his troops for the bowl game when practices begin this weekend.
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CLEVELAND

It's no secret the Cleveland Indians are in the market for some pitching help. Now, their shopping list may include a center fielder. Leadoff man, base stealing threat and Gold Glove winner, too.

Kenny Lofton will likely have surgery on a torn rotator cuff in his left shoulder that could sideline him until next season's All-Star break.

"This hurts. It's a setback. Indians general manager John Hart said Wednesday, "It's a tough blow. But not a devastating one.""

John Hart

Indians General Manager

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into first base, kids? Sox. Last week, Lofton was
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Keppler's diagnosis and also
needed surgery.

Hart said of Kamieniecki, who pitched for Baltimore last sea­
son. "He's a swing guy who can pitch out of the bullpen
and start. That's something we were missing last year."

The Indians are also now without a closer after Mike Jackson signed a one-year, $3
million deal with the
Philadelphia Phillies.
Hart let Jackson walk
because the GM has never
been willing to pay big money
for a closer, preferring to a balanced bullpen instead. As
for next season, Hart said he
would expect the team to find
its closer on the current roster,
with Paul Shuey or Steve Karay likely to get the job.

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As for imme­
diate pitching help, Hart said he has expressed interest in several
free agent
pitchers, including Scott Kamieniecki, Graeme Lloyd,
Allen Watson and Rich Rodriguez.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cone seeks long-term contract from Yankees or trade

Associated Press

NEW YORK

David Cone, trying to get the Yankees to re-sign him to a two-year contract, may force New York to make a decision by Tuesday.

A clause in Cone's expired contract gives the 36-year-old right-hander the right to prohibit the team from offering him salary arbitration, a baseball lawyer familiar with the contract said Wednesday, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

If Cone exercises that right and doesn't sign by Tuesday, the Yankees would be ineligible to re-sign him before May 1. If Cone allows the Yankees to offer arbitration, he could negotiate with them through Jan. 8.

Steve Fehr, Cone's agent, wouldn't address if the pitcher intends to exercise his no-arbitration right. Cone, according to a person familiar with his thinking, hasn't made a decision.

"Obviously, we're aware of the time frame that we're under," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Wednesday.

If Cone, speaking Wednesday after receiving an award from the March of Dimes, said his preference was to finish his career with the Yankees.

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scoring 13 on the night.

"I thought Ruth Riley and Nicole Ivey played particularly well tonight. Both of them shot the ball well," said McGraw.

Ratay, who appears already to have found a comfort zone in just her third collegiate game, looked confident on both ends of the floor, and for the second time this season led the team in scoring.

"I really don't feel any pressure," Ratay said. "I just try to go out there and play well."

A 46-22 halftime advantage proved beneficial for McGraw, who was able to rest her starters and get her young bench some important game action. Riley played sparingly in the game's second half as she rested a nagging ankle injury.

"Ruth said at halftime that her ankle was really bothering her," said McGraw. "With a big game against North Carolina coming up this weekend, it's important that we have our starters rested."

McGraw has been especially enamored with the play of her bench.

"I'm really happy with this year's freshmen class," noted the Irish coach. "I think Monique Hernandez has really sparked us."

The Bulldogs saw their record fall to 3-2, but they did get a game-high 17 points from forward Kelly Kubal.

The Irish will enter a weekend tilt against the North Carolina Tarheels on a high, coming off of what was easily their sharpest game of the season.
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NFC

Smith warns fans his career isn't over

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

Emmitt Smith says those who have written him off as an aging back on the downside of his career are mistaken.

So what if he's 30 years old, in his 10th season with the Dallas Cowboys and playing with a broken right hand. Smith is still fifth in the NFL in rushing, just 22 yards from his ninth straight 1,000-yard season.

"To try to tie in my age with my physical condition and my injuries, that's the variable right there that they got them wrong," Smith said Wednesday. "They failed to look at the overall picture. They just wanted to look at one segment."

"I feel like I've got a good four or five more years in me. They jumped the gun, and never took the time to really look at the game and dissect the game."

Maybe 30 is considered old in the NFL, where the average career lasts only a few seasons. But players the caliber of Smith and Deion Sanders can't always be defined by numbers for average players. "They are saying the same thing about Deion right now, that he's on the downside of his career ... all because statistics have shown and indicated this happens when you reach a certain age," Smith said. "You are dealing with today's athletes now, people that train year-round."

In Sanders' case, he sometimes plays professionally almost year-round. He has played baseball and football in the past and has indicated that a return to the Cincinnati Reds is possible.

Smith concedes that it takes more effort to stay in playing shape. He doesn't recover from the wear and tear of games as quickly as he did when the Cowboys were winning three Super Bowls in four seasons.

That hasn't diminished his desire.

"To win another rushing title, another rushing title and another Super Bowl, and another Super Bowl, that's all in me," he said. "That's what's it's all about. That's my motivation."

"Why would I go out here and beat myself up to take chances on breaking hands and breaking bones and everything if I didn't want to be a champion all over again?" Smith said, showing the swollen right hand and its accompanying pink cast.

Smith has had consecutive 100-yard rushing games since having six screws and a plate surgically inserted into his broken hand on Nov. 9.

He had rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, the best rushing total in a half in his career, before fracturing the hand in the second quarter against Minnesota on Nov. 8.

With receiver Michael Irvin's immediate and long-term future still in doubt because of a neck problem, Smith has been counted on to carry the offensive load for the Cowboys (5-5).

Dallas is a game behind Washington in the NFC East. "If that game, I've been in that position before. It's nothing to me," Smith said. "I want to go out and do whatever I can do to help this team win. If they're putting it on my back and letting me carry it, that's what it is."

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welcoming atmosphere and support at Saint Mary's is the most important part of her transition.

"The first thing that made me happy was the support I'm getting," Hildebrandt said. "The swimmers and student workers alike really reached out and said, 'Is there anything I can do?' They didn't say it, they did it."

Now that Hildebrandt has settled in at Saint Mary's, she is setting goals for herself and the swim team.

"I feel that the team is an untapped resource of really talented swimmers," she said.

"My goal is to top that," Saint Mary's swim team's reputation in the MIAC as a major concern of Hildebrandt.

"We want to make a statement in the league that we are not a joke," Hildebrandt said. "We are a hardworking team."

This past season both Hildebrandt and Kachmarik believe teamwork and teambuilding will be invaluable.

"I want to continue to get the commitment and dedication that has already started," Hildebrandt said. "The word 'team' and the support unit of a team is really important to me. I want everyone to do their part."

"Kachmarik agreed that teamwork is indispensable in a sport like swimming.

"She's trying to build a team," Kachmarik said. "I think it's important in a long season like swimming, the team aspect. Building that team unity, maybe putting somebody else first is important."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Auburn extends home win streak despite poor shooting

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. - Mack McGadney had 12 points and 10 rebounds as No. 7 Auburn overcame poor foul shooting Wednesday night to beat Belmont 65-56 for its 19th straight home victory.

Chris Porter added 12 points, 12 rebounds and three steals for the Tigers (3-1). They lost at No. 3 Stanford on Saturday.

Wolfpack beat 18 points and 12 rebounds and three blocks for Auburn. After being in foul trouble much of the game against Stanford, he finished with five points and three blocked shots.

Wolfpack 63,

Boilermakers 59

Justin Gainey hit a 3-pointer from Jay Lannin, who was 7-of-12 from 3-point range. He had 12 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and three steals for Auburn. Scott Pohlman had 10 points.

The Boilermakers had won 42 of their previous 43 non-conference home games at Mackey Arena. Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

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N.C. State was only 3-of-19 from 3-point range until Gainey's shot gave them a 60-59 lead.

Reserve John Allison missed a wild hook shot for Purdue and Mike Robinson fouled Kelley battling for the rebound. Kelley made one of two free throws with 5.6 seconds remaining to cap the scoring.

Carson Cunningham then tried to drive and the attempt turned into Purdue's 26th turnover of the game.

The Boilermakers led 52-41 with 9:54 remaining. However, the Wolfpack refused to wilt as they capitalized on Purdue's turnovers and poor shooting when the Boilermakers had just one field goal for the rest of the game.
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Sports

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Irish outpace Bulldogs behind Ratay, Riley

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team is clearly ecstatic to be home. Playing in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center for the first time this season, the Fighting Irish scored an impressive win, caging the Butler Bulldogs 77-57.

The Irish women bounced back from last week’s loss to the Fighting Illini by mounting a first-half charge which saw them lead by as many as 24 points. Led by junior All-American Ruth Riley, who tallied 14 points in the first half, and sharp-shooting freshman Alicia Ratay, who added 16, the Irish had little trouble improving their record to 2-1.

Motivated by their poor play against Illinois, the Irish came out extremely sharp and pounced on the Bulldogs from the opening tip. The Irish bolted to a 26-9 advantage behind the strength of Riley’s solid two-way play. After missing six of her team’s first 10 points, the Irish center turned to her defense, blocking three Bulldog shots in just more than a minute. Flustered by Riley’s imposing play, Butler struggled to mount a first-half attack.

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By MOLLY MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Balance is the key to Gretchen Hildebrandt’s coaching style and career. Hildebrandt, who replaces Jim Cook as Saint Mary’s head swim coach and assistant athletic director, said either could be a full-time job in itself.

“Being the head swim coach is a full-time responsibility,” Hildebrandt said. “It’s a challenge trying to balance that with being assistant athletic director because sometimes it feels like I just don’t have enough time.”

Hildebrandt’s ability to look past her hectic schedule to the players she coaches is what distinguishes her as a coach, according to first-year athletic director Lyon Kachmarik.

“I think her ability to care about people is her best quality as a coach,” said Kachmarik, who coached Hildebrandt in swimming at Bucknell University. “She’s putting individuals first, being an honest and compassionate person.”

Hildebrandt’s experiences at Bucknell help her to be an effective coach at a college like Saint Mary’s, Kachmarik said.

“Coming from an institution very similar to Saint Mary’s where she was a student athlete and academics was most important will help her greatly,” Kachmarik said. “Swimming is very demanding; it’s a huge time commitment. I think she can bring her background to this program as she’s trying to build it and give her swimmers advice on how to make both academics and swimming work.”

After graduating from Bucknell in 1998, Hildebrandt taught language arts at a Massachusetts grade school. She then served as assistant swim coach for the men’s and women’s swim teams at The College of the Holy Cross, a Division I school in Worcester, Mass.

This fall, she came to Saint Mary’s. Hildebrandt called the

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