McCaín disputes old politics

By COLLEEN MCArTHY

Bidding his campaign bus, the "Straight Talk Express," across the country, Republican presidential candidate John McCain has made it clear he doesn't play within political party lines.

Known for arguing with Republican colleagues in Congress, the Arizona senator holds many characteristics of traditional conservatives but bucks the GOP on various issues. This hasn't earned him many points among the Republican party faithful, and could hurt his chances to win the Republican presidential nomination.

Leading the fight for campaign finance reform, which most Republicans bitterly oppose has distanced him from some conservative voters, said Patricia Fays, communications director of the Alexandria, Va.-based American Conservative Union.

"Although his chances in the New Hampshire primary are fairly strong, conservatives have taken issue with McCain over his amendment rights related to campaign finance reform," Fays said. "He is, in effect, alienating conservatives with his stances on same issues." McCain, who co-sponsored a campaign finance bill with Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) addressed the issue in a Dec. 7 Republican debate.

The McCain-Feingold bill called for banning unlimited contributions that corporations, lobbyists and unions can give to national parties. In the debate, McCain argued that campaign finance reform is the only way to clean up the political system and make sure American citizens' best interests are represented over those of special interest groups.

"You take away the big money, you're going to take away their power, and you're going to break that iron triangle of lobbyists, big money and influence over the legislative process." John McCain, presidential candidate

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By ERIN PIROUTEK

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Tumbling Down

Laura Patelle
assistant managing editor

I fell down the stairs in DeBartolo. There's nothing quite so embarrassing as falling down stairs. It's like screaming, "Look! I don't know how light switches work either!" I felt like I was back in high school, being punished on the senior stairs. 

But in my defense, the stairs were slippery with all the melted snow carried in on people's boots. Anyway, it was at 3:15 on a Tuesday afternoon, when the halls were full of masses of students rushing to get out of DeBartolo. I slipped, my feet went out under me, and I took a beautiful fall - arm-flying, hip-banging, arm-wracking sort of fall. It hurt. It startled me. Why was I suddenly on my butt when seconds ago I was walking down the stairs like a normal person?

The stairs were packed with people, a veritable sea of humanity bound in one minute to get reoriented, to regain my feet (and my dignity) and to rejoin the race toward the exit. A couple of my fellow students snickered at my plight. But everyone else hurried on to the next stage. Not a single person handed me a hand up. Not a single person asked, "Are you all right?" Not one of my fellow Domers could be bothered to take a minute out of his busy day and offer me a hand or an arm. Only when I was just another obstacle in the day, just one more thing to be hurried past and stepped around. Most people didn't even bother to look at me.

Now, granted, this is a small incident. If I had seen me fall, I probably would have laughed. It was funny. It's a natural human reaction to laugh when someone falls. But it's also a natural human reaction to ask. "Are you all right?" "Help!" Please, not one of my fellow Domers could be bothered to take a minute out of his busy day and offer me a hand or an arm. Not one of them. I was just another obstacle in the day, just one more thing to be hurried past and stepped around. Most people didn't even bother to look at me.

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Senate: Mass campaign e-mail violates bylaws

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Candidates for student body elections cannot use e-mail to directly communicate with voters, dorm representatives decided at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Judicial Council president Kelly Folks presented her committee's bylaw regarding e-mail abuses to the Senate. Folks presented her bylaw regarding e-mail abuses to the Senate. Folks said, "My personal opinion is that if people want to sit around and type in each individual address and waste that much time, they should be allowed," said Welch Family Hall senator Candice Marcum. "People then have the option to click on it, delete it, and never have to even read it."

Other senators disagreed, saying e-mail should not be used in political campaigns. "I hack Kelly," said Brian O'Donoghue, Keough Hall senator. "It is the senate's responsibility to ensure that abusing e-mail does not happen."

It is not fair that people who don't want these e-mails still receive them," said off-campus senator Pat Foy. "This is abusing people and thus this issue should be made black and white. It must be clear because even eliminated all e-mails, there will still be issues. We have a committee assigned to this issue, and I support their opinion."

Overall, almost all senators agreed with Foy and O'Donoghue and the resolution was passed.

The senate also discussed Saint Mary's reaction to The Observer's role as an independent publication.

"Since this is not a black-and-white issue, the Saint Mary's student government was hesitant to comment until we had some clarification as to how the College's administration viewed our position on this issue," said Saint Mary's Notre Dame liaison Maureen Donovan in a prepared statement.

The College administration receives Saint Mary's role as a second source of information and contributor to the newspaper. Donovan explained. "But the Observer's declared independent newspaper is never totally independent because it exists because the University is there. A college newspaper is more of a laboratory of those who wish to practice the craft of journalism. Therefore, it is not without the need for supervision to some extent." Donovan explained that Notre Dame has a different relationship with the Observer than Saint Mary's, whose role will remain secondary because it does not provide the same resources as Notre Dame.

"In response to the restrictions being placed on The Observer's advertising policy, the Saint Mary's College administrators told our student government that they would not discourage the student body to exercise their personal rights to express their views, as subscribers on this issue in the form of editorials, etc."

Donovan said, "However, the administration did not feel that it was their responsibility to comment on an issue that defines the Observer's relationship with the University of Notre Dame."

In other senate news:

• Vice president Michael Palumbo noted that student government lacks a SafeRide coordinator. As soon as one is hired, SafeRide will be up and running, he said.

"If we could get a coordinator and get drivers trained, we could be up and running next week; but that is ideal," Palumbo said. "To give you our honest opinion, it's really in the preliminary stage."

• Palumbo also said the online book sale is awaiting help from the Office of Information Technology. "It is a little stage," he said, "but we're trying to get it started up again.

• Emily Todd, Hall Presidents' Council liaison to the senate, announced that HPC's date week will be Feb. 21 through 27. "This semester we have extra money and we are asking dorms to sponsor separate events," she explained. "Thus, these will be held on campus and more students will be able to attend."

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"I thought the rule was a little overboard," said assistant Board of Trustees report chairman Mark Donohue, left. The student senate's decision to ban using e-mail for political campaigns was passed in the past, and if a candidate abused it, he would not win any favor with the voters. Donohue plans to run for student body vice president with John Osborn (right) this spring."


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Latin American program creates new understanding

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

In a reception Tuesday celebrating the Program’s inception, Father Tim Scully, vice president and senior associate provost, talked about how the LAASP will “form a community of people who are willing to share experiences, scholarship and ideas.”

“I am convinced that the United States — especially among educated people and Catholics — should get much more involved with our Latin American neighbors.”

Father Patrick Gaffney
anthropology professor

In Mexico and Chile. “We can celebrate and help one another understand the life of another culture,” Scully said.

Fran Haggopian, acting director of the Kellogg Institute, found it “a real pleasure to have faculty and students interested in this program. “Every university should have a program like LAASP,” she said. “It is exactly the type of thing we should be doing.”

LAASP will look closely at all Latin American countries, including Brazil, where, unlike most Latin American countries, Portuguese is the national language.

“If I’ve always thought that what’s best for the country is best for the party,” John McCain presidential candidate

It appears New Hampshire conservative voters would vote for McCain with only 33 percent voting for rival Bush.

Senator John McCain leads George W. Bush in the New Hampshire polls. McCain followers hope that if McCain can win the New Hampshire primary, his campaign will gain more momentum.

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**UNITED NATIONS**

I Hans Blix, the retired chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, is slated to become the new lead U.N. weapons inspector for Iraq — a compromise appointment that raised questions Wednesday even before it was formalized. The Security Council gave it unanimous approval to the Swede after a tortuous month of negotiation to find a candidate all 15 members could agree on. After consultations on Wednesday morning, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said that an agreement has been reached and Secretary-General Kofi Annan formally nominated Blix. "Let those who are interested in this appointment know that I am speaking now on behalf of a united, unanimous Security Council," said Holbrooke, the current council president.

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Mexico receives upbeat drug evaluation**

Citing improvements in technology, safety and coordination, top Mexican officials gave an upbeat evaluation Wednesday of their fight against drug smuggling and said they were more than doubling their spending on the battle. But it was unclear what effect their struggle has had on the availability of drugs. For the first time in years, Mexico doesn't have to worry much about getting "certification" in the United States' annual evaluation of countries' cooperation in combating drugs. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said this month that cooperation has been "at a very good level." So in the Mexican community, an annual report on the progress of anti-drug efforts, officials delivered a barrage of figures and plans they said showed they have come far in 1999.

**British lawmaker dies at age 82**

Former lawmaker Willie Hamilton, a Dirty Républican who missed few opportunities to lambast the royal family, has died at 82, funeral organizers said Wednesday. Hamilton died at a hospital in Lincoln, eastern England, early on Sunday, funeral director Danny Dechart said. The cause of death was not given. Hamilton represented the Scottish districts of West Fife and the Fife Central for the Labor Party in the House of Commons from 1951 until his retirement in 1987.

**SWEDEN**

French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, professor Elie Wiesel, Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima pose for the traditional family photo at the International Forum on the Holocaust in Stockholm, Sweden, Wednesday.

**Holocaust memory stays alive**

**Associated Press**

In Stockholm in the first such international gathering of its kind, world leaders and activists came together Wednesday to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive in the face of rising neo-Nazism.

Prompted by a lack of awareness among youth, the Swedish government organized the forum as part of a Holocaust education campaign in its own country. Six million Jews and 5 million others — including Gypsies and homosexuals — were killed during World War II at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters.

"In another few years, the generation of the Holocaust, the living witnesses, will be gone," Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak told 600 delegates. "Even now, Holocaust deniers and neo-Nazis ... are operating in the open."

As he spoke, three neo-Nazis were on trial in the southern Swedish city of Helsingborg, charged with distributing racist videos and compact discs.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said that education was imperative "so that ordinary people shall never again turn ordinary places into execution chambers."

Schroeder, speaking in German, warned against the spread of Neo-Nazism in Europe and said increasing international cooperation and the use of police and the judiciary were needed to fight racism.

The three-day conference opened with Holocaust survivor Tana Ross, who read a poem about the need to speak out.

The meeting was the first of its kind to bring together world leaders and activists to discuss the Holocaust, and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel suggested Sweden make it an annual event.

"Why not declare that once a year the forum is to be held?" he said. "From now on have an annual Stockholm conference on humanity and conscience."

**Gonzalez reunites with grandmothers**

**Associated Press**

In Miami, Elian Gonzalez was finally reunited with his grandparents Wednesday at a "neutral site" that had to be arranged by the U.S. government because of the personal and political passions swirling around the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

Elian was driven to a nun's house in Miami Beach to see his grandparents, who had flown from Washington and were then brought to the home in a helicopter.

The grandmothers came to the United States last week to appeal to the American people and Congress to send the boy back to his father in Cuba. Elian's relatives in Miami want him to stay and are fighting a U.S. government order sending him back.

The grandparents were to see Elian privately, with the boy's Florida relatives nearby in the house. Elian's father, in a letter printed in the Cubans' Miami newspaper Granma, asked to be included in the reunion by telephone. Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Flierman said the women would not be allowed to take the boy home with them afterward. A lawyer for Elian's relatives, Spencer Esguiza, said the visit was expected to last two hours.

A few people tossed flowers at the car that brought the women and the helicopter to the house, where about 200 demonstrators waited outside.

Some cheered and others booed as the grandparents were driven to the house. The grandmother who had flown to Miami on Monday but left town without seeing Elian. The Miami relatives insisted that any reunion take place at their home in the Little Havana neighborhood, but the grandparents said they were uncomfortable going there. Anti-Castro Cuban immigrants have been holding protests around the home.

*After long negotiations, the Justice Department ordered Elian's relatives to bring him to the nun's house. The agency said it had the authority to do so under the 1966 Alien Refugee Act.*
Simplicity is key for Renner/Nagle campaign

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Presidential candidate Emily Koelsch and vice presidential candidate Rachelle Rodarte want to stay away from big ideas. “Board of Governance has done a great job doing new things this year,” said Koelsch, who has served as the commissioner for women’s issues the past two years. “The big ideas have really come out. Pride Week was bigger and better. We’re planning a new Winter Carnival. What we want to do now is take things that are already on campus and take them to the next level.”

The duo seeks to improve the basement of Le Mans Hall. The Koelsch/Rodarte platform contains a proposal that would redefine the center, potentially integrating it into the ongoing Campus Master Plan.

“As a women’s college, something is missing if you don’t have a place where you can go, as a woman, and ask for help,” Rodarte said. “It seems like we need an area to promote that.”

The ticket also hopes to expand the alumnae-endorsed application process, extending the idea of a student-endorsed application.

“We want to have a way for students to go into the community and recruit,” Koelsch said. “When you have a student who has endorsed your application on campus, that’s a powerful connection.”

Retaining students was also a campus concern for the ticket, who looks to spin off September’s Senior Celebration and formulate class traditions to create a more cohesive experience during a student’s four years, including a junior ring blessing, sophomore abroad care package program and a first-year wrap-up event.

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Platform Highlights

Most feasible idea: add student-endorsed application

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The final word

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During her three-year tenure as the commissioner for Pride Week, Winter Carnival and other special events throughout the year.

“It is difficult for one person with other responsibilities to give 100 percent to Pride Week,” Nagle said. By turning over responsibilities to the programming commissioner, they hope to include an odds/evens class powder puff game, a campus wide prayer service, a battle of the bands, and potentially incorporate Midnight Madness into the week.

“The ticket has the resources, and we know how to execute things. Board of Governance has a huge impact on campus. We want to bring understanding about who we are to students.”

Koelsch/Rodarte fight to find delicate balance

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary’s Editor

Presidential candidate Crissie Renner and Michele Nagle carry extensive BOG experience into a field of candidates that lacks BOG exposure.

Crissie Renner and Michelle Nagle may not have included several years of service in their election platform, but as the saying goes, less is more.

Including the five objectives that span campus wide, the Renner/Nagle ticket’s goal is to increase campus-wide communication, starting with Board of Governance.

“When students look at our platform, they may only see five goals and ask why,” Nagle said. “Behind each one of these goals is an incredible amount of research. These are feasible. We know that we can make them happen.”

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Most feasible idea: adding programming commissioner to BOG

Least feasible idea: adding more Munch Money to meal plan

The final word

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Meeting with library directors, a trial period before midterm exams could clear up speculation that students aren’t interested in the expanded hours.

As far as including more on their platform, Renner and Nagle are careful to point out that their platform will continue to develop as the year progresses.

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Koepke/Hollis tackle needs of average student

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Jill Koepke and Desirée Hollis focus on the little things. Assembling their leadership experience from smaller leadership organizations, such as Le Mans Hall council, VISA (Volunteers in Support of Admissions), the Pride Week committee and junior class board, the Koepke/Hollis ticket prides itself on having a perspective that only the every day student can have.

"I am a normal, every day student," said Hollis. "I work in the dining hall. I don't have a car. I feel like it's an advantage to bring in the perspective of the average student."

Not having any previous experience in Board of Governance, Koepke said that new faces with knowledge of every day life at Saint Mary's is an advantage.

"It's not that we haven't been involved at all," Koepke said. "We are two new faces that aren't the typical BOG faces. While having BOG experience would be nice, it doesn't necessarily make us less qualified."

One of the key initiatives Koepke and Hollis seek to continue is to build on the tradition of Pride Week, which they say is symbolic of one of the key points of their campaign.

"One of the most important things is to be proud of the school you go to," Koepke said. "We want to do things to bring the campus together, to improve morale."

The ticket plans to support Saint Mary's enhanced intramural program and foster more inter-hall competition to increase pride, they said.

The ticket also targets increased communication, through e-mail access to BOG and more information distribution through the Web.

The ticket strongly emphasizes fundraising activities that will continue to foster spirit, but will also allow petty funds for BOG to use in the event funding is needed.

One of those proposals is an "Inner Beauty" Pageant, which raises money but also seeks to recognize involved students on campus.

"A Chili, organization, or dorm could nominate someone who is involved on campus, academics or in activities," Koepke said.

"They would have to demonstrate their inner beauty, ... something fun and something else. We want to recognize students on campus who aren't recognized," she said.

Among fundraising activities such as capture the flag competitions, snowball fights and a dating game to replace the discontinued date auction, the ticket also proposes a formal auction to raise money.

"Basically, seniors would donate their formal dresses when they were leaving and by silent auction, students could bid on them," Hollis said. "A lot of students don't have the money to buy new dresses, and no one wants to wear the same one twice."

The ticket also prides itself on activities that would bring the campus together, such as more twilight tailgates, picnics, on-campus movies and more programs with Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

"Our biggest concern is really bringing this campus together," Koepke said.

Overall, proposals that include using detex cards for laundry and vending machine use, expanding meal plan options, including intercultural courses in the core curriculum, and Christmas at Saint Mary's service projects are all goals that can be attained, the ticket said.

"Coming to college, you're like a rock thrown into a pond," Banahan said. "Some rocks make little ripples, others make large ones. We're here to make large ripples," she said.

"When we're gone, we want the good things that we started to shine on," Bittner said.

Bittner/Banahan illuminate with ideas

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

While typical candidates for student body president and vice president can boost years of Board of Governance experience, neither Missy Bittner nor Molly Banahan can include such credentials on their résumé.

But that, Banahan said, is their advantage.

"It's when you bring new people to the table, the greatest ideas come about," Banahan said.

Bittner and Banahan, who each hold positions on junior class board and Le Mans Hall council, have assembled a platform that includes more than 20 goals for the year, in areas stemming from Pride Week, multicultural development, spirituality and service and communication improvement, the candidates say.

They don't believe that the volume of proposals will hinder any of them from being accomplished.

"You could say that it's only a year, but you could also say that we have a year to get this done. A year is a long time," Bittner said. Bittner and Banahan have already set the ball in motion for several initiatives, one of which is enhancing Pride Week activities that have become central to celebrating Saint Mary's spirit.

Banahan continues the Oprah Winfrey show late in the semester to investigate the possibility of bringing the talk-show host in as a special speaker.

"Bringing Oprah, a woman who has clearly struggled in life and enjoys celebrating women, would be wonderful because she is a very powerful role model," Bittner said.

Winfrey, who has a summer home 10 minutes from South Bend, was interested in speaking at a women's campus, Banahan said.

"They said that we had about a 70 percent chance of getting her here," she said. "And that's incredible. Right now, we're just waiting to hear."

Other initiatives central to the ticket's campaign are to work to increase communication on campus, which the ticket said is central to keeping students involved.

Part of their communication package includes investigating a proposal for a campus cable network.

Other communication proposals include investigating a call waiting/integrated messaging option that would allow students to check voice mail, e-mail and faxes on any campus computer.

"There is a telecommunications switch that has to be replaced within a year," Bittner said. "We can replace it, or we can integrate a new system.

Call waiting/integrated messaging could be that new system."
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Senior Joline Cruz, whose family is of the San Juan Pueblo tribe of New Mexico, said students need to proactively seek experiences with various cultures and races.
"If you want to consider that a diverse university, you have to go out and find it, but it's there," she said.
The panelists spoke about the progress that they have seen in their college experiences.
"I think I've seen a lot of people learning from each other. People have different opinions about how things are on campus, but I'm starting to recognize the issue as an important one to people," said Jesse Dang, a junior MIS major, who is first-generation American born to Vietnamese parents.
Other members of the group have not had an opportunity to witness change within the University, such as freshman Scott Kelley.
Kelley was born in Korea and came to the United States at age 8 to live with adoptive parents after his father died. Despite the limited time that he has spent here, Kelley is aware of the problems in the community.
Citing his personal relationship, Kelley said communication between minority tribes is the key to overcoming the barriers.
Communication was the main element that the panelists pointed to as necessary and lacking in racial and ethnic relations.
Diversity is a valued quality of any setting and can be successful if there is an effort.
Brown, the University's first black leprechaun, said he faced potential problems in this role.
"He was encouraged to prepare for stereotypes that he might encounter, but he feels confident that he is prepared for other people's images of the way things should be.
"What I'm doing now to deal with stereotypes is what I've done in the past, to be myself," said Brown.
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interest paid on student loans and increases Work-Study funding by $57 million.
Additionally the maximum Pell Grant, aimed to aid low-income families, would increase from $3,300 to $3,500.
Sue Brandt, associate director of Financial Aid at Notre Dame, applauded this move.
"They're increasing grant money to the neediest of students," she said.
The GEAR UP program, which targets middle school students from low-income families, would receive an additional $125 million.
The program enlists the support of colleges to provide students with opportunities to eventually receive post-secondary education.
Brandt noted that the proposals cover all phases of college education. The Pell Grants help students while they attend school.
Tax credits benefit students, parents, who often shoulder a large portion of educational costs.
Making interest tax-deductible helps students repay loans after graduation.
But students shouldn't rejoice yet. The measures, which will be appended to the administration's fiscal 2001 budget proposal, need Congressional approval — a formidable hurdle in this election year.
"Major things will have to wait on the next president and the next Congress," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) told reporters last Wednesday.
Despite apparent benefits, Brandt stressed the need to be cautious about approval of the plan.
"Right now we don't have enough information," she said, noting that other programs could potentially be cut to pay for the proposed increases.
The proposal will expand upon currently available education tax credits. The lifetime learning tax credit is now a $1,000-per-family credit that is applicable for any year of post-secondary education.
The Hope tax credit — which remains unchanged in Clinton's plan — provides up to $1,500 per student during the first and second years of college. Family income determines eligibility for the credit.
There is little that student aid offices at universities can do to influence Congressional votes on Clinton's proposal, but they are able to help students make the greatest possible use of existing aid programs.

Where is the money going?
When President Clinton's "College Opportunity Tax Cut" plan becomes operational in 2003, the money will be divided as follows:

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"Our mission at Saint Mary's is a role of leadership and connection to the rest of the world. How can our students, as intellectuals, as thinking women, make a difference for good."

Patrick White
director, Play of the Mind

"I think it helps give our students an opportunity to meet students from other women's colleges — there are only about 80 left," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, conference director since 1994. "It also gives them an opportunity to see what happens on other campuses."

Intellectual cooperation

Play of the Mind has always been about intellectual life and leadership.

"When it was started it was to help students practice ways to be leaders and have an affect on this institution," White said. "I think in the United States we're still nervous about the term intellectual and what it might mean. We accuse intellectuals of being dry and not fun, but we're trying to break out of that here."

The interactions throughout the weekend are especially important.

"There is a great deal of energy and sense of flow from the participants," White explained. Play of the Mind helps give people a sense of encouragement and new ideas to plant on their campuses.

Rosenbush remembers a shy student who attended the conference.

"She came as a shy girl, but Play of the Mind gave her confidence to get up and out and do things," Rosenbush said. "She later got a job for CNN and was 'introducing all kinds of people'."

White believes everyone can benefit from Play of the Mind.

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Guests from other colleges arrive today, and the conference kicks off tonight with the keynote presentation, "Re-imagining the Intellectual: Facing the future. Seeing the World," in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 7:30.

Profs: Under U.S. law, Elian must go

By MARIEL MOREY

Since he was found floating in an inner tube off the Florida coast on Thanksgiving Day, controversy over Elian Gonzalez's fate has continued to rage. "The law is pretty clear... he needs to return to Cuba," said Barbara Szweda, professor of immigration law at Notre Dame. "Elian has been in the U.S. for two months, and concerns are beginning to surface that some type of decision needs to be made." "The longer he is here, the more difficult it will be to leave the world of Disney," Messina said.

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Coming this weekend to 101 DeBartolo
Palestinians refute newspaper's peace proposal report

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

A Palestinian proposal for a final peace settlement that includes concessions on Jewish settlements and Jerusalem was reported Wednesday in an Israeli newspaper — but it was immediately repudiated as unfounded by Palestinian officials.

According to Haaretz, the new Palestinian proposal has Israel recognizing the right of Palestinian refugees whose forebears left Israel during its independence war to return — but not actually allowing such a return in practice.

The issue of refugees' right to return to Israel proper is largely symbolic because Israel is not expected to allow it in practice. However, the refugees are expected to be allowed to return to territories of an eventual Palestinian state as part of a final peace deal.

Palestinian officials said there was no basis to the report, insisting that no proposals with the Israelis. This is not true at all," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, one of the two lead Palestinian negotiators. "We didn't submit such a plan to the Americans, or to others, and we didn't even discuss those proposals with the Israelis. This looks like an Israeli trial balloon."

Still, two of the proposals — land trades that would allow some Jewish settlements to remain under Israeli sovereignty, and shared administration of Jerusalem — date back to informal talks held by Israeli Yossi Beilin and Palestinian Mahmoud Abbas five years ago. Both men are now in influential positions. Beilin is Justice Minister and Abbas is a top aide to Arafat.

Netherlands

Tribunal reaches final verdict

Associated Press

THE HAGUE

The first war crimes trial since the post-World War II prosecutions at Nuremberg and Tokyo came to an end Wednesday after nearly four years of hearings, appeals and cross-appeals.

U.N. judges concluded Dusan Tadic's case by shaving five years off a 25-year sentence given to the Bosnian Serb police reservist for torturing and murdering Muslim and Croat prisoners.

U.N. Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte welcomed the ruling, despite the show of leniency to the 44-year-old nicknamed Tadić's conduct "was incontestably heinous" but the original sentence was overly severe given his limited responsibility.

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With our recent leap into the 21st century comes news that China and the Vatican are at odds over the installation of Catholic bishops. China, without Vatican approval or consultations, ordained bishops of their political liking into the Catholic Church. In an obvious and blatant disregard of the Holy See, politics is driving the Asian country's agenda. Yet the Vatican has remained paralyzed in this outrageously disrespectful assault on the Church.

Such blatant actions against the Church have historically triggered more than just a luke-warm condemnation as in this instance. Some wonder if the loathsome inaction is an indication Pope John Paul II is unable to keep pace with the rigors necessary to lead the Church against major assaults from powerful government officials.

Critics cite one paradox that immediately comes to mind as a slowing down of the pope. While the Vatican has not formally expressed opposition against China, last year the Holy See took swift and heavy-handed action against Sister JeanneGramick, a school sister of Notre Dame, and Vatican priest Robert Nugent, who ministered for 29 years to the gay community. The Vatican permanently withdrew the two "from any pastoral work involving homosexual persons" and declared them "ineligible, for an undefined period, for any office in their respective religious institutes."

In defending the Vatican's actions, Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston said that while Sister Gramick "offers the opinions of others, she does not mention the church's teaching" that homosexual activity is intrinsically disordered "and she confuses theological opinion with authentic church teaching." The pope went on to say that Sister Gramick offered the opinions of moral theologians who hold that, like heterosexual acts, homosexual behavior "is good and holy in God's sight when it is an expression of special and unique love which one person has for another."

Swift and harsh sanctions were issued over how the rank-and-file religious carried out Church dogma regarding what is intrinsically evil versus intrinsically evil persons. Bishop Fiorenza seems to be supportive of swatting a fly with a bowling ball in an effort to maintain discipline within the Church ranks. Yet the seriousness of the bishops' elevations in China is met with silence. Not since the days when popes sold cardinalships to raise crucial funds has such perplexing behavior come from the Vatican.

Pope John Paul II was the right man at the right time when elected pope. His roots in oppressed Poland tied into a global movement to crush communism and eliminate the Iron Curtain. He energized oppressed peoples around the world and greatly contributed to the new world order steamed in freedom. In light of the pope's falling health, some question why cardinals are required to retire while a pope is infallible for life. Is the policy another of those "corrected" details, like establishing Christmas in late December to coincide and compete with the pagan holiday, that were defined during the early days of the Church? Does anyone really believe that the next pope miraculously somehow changes on the day of his election, or is he, as some contend, the same today — maybe years, months or maybe just weeks before he ascends as pope?

Many wonder why the current pope cannot retire. Modern demands of 21st century society upon the Church, like the current China situation, the AIDS crisis in Africa or starvation in overpopulated Third World countries, dictate that the pope be more responsive. Was it Jesus or a pope who decreed that popes serve until death? Wouldn't it strengthen the Church to have a pope emeritus to advise a sitting pope?

We need not abandon our values while moving towards bold, imaginative responses to world problems. A vast majority of Catholics in the 1970s, along with political leaders like Ronald Reagan, opposed both abortion as well as the use of fetal tissue research. Yet today, through fetal tissue experimentation, scientific research, without intrinsically supporting abortion, is close to curing the very disease that will soon claim Reagan's life. Fetal tissue research is now seen by many Catholics as a valuable tool in the fight of disease. Each journey into a new millennium carries with it a new set of demands along with a new set of opportunities. It is easy to rewrite scripture so the congregation may better understand it. However, increasing the ranks of our religious may depend upon relying the rule of celibacy. Thwarting AIDS, hunger and overpopulation in underdeveloped nations may demand the use of contraception.

The Catholic Church's survival in Asia may rely on the retirement of a pope. What some view as words of a heretic may just be bold, successful answers in a difficult, fast-paced global society.

Gary J. Carson, Notre Dame '73, is serving in President Clinton's administration as a Congressional and public affairs director and is currently assist­ing Vice President Gore's Empowerment Commission.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I came to the University of Notre Dame to continue to grow in my faith. I'm here to learn and pray, but also for the person having sex. Isn't that everyone's ultimate goal? Believing this, I was shocked by the words of one of my peers. A freshman, Jeff Eyerman, wrote Tuesday that marriage is an outdated and unnecessary sacrament. According to him, marriage is a tool used to legitimize sex as long as two people are "in love." For the moment, let's set aside the idea of what constitutes being "in love," because frankly, that whole line sounds like a Jim Carrey movie come-on. Instead, let's look at the other side of this argument, from the doctrine of the Catholic Church. Sex is sacred. Maybe you are one of the many who have never heard that particular phrase used before and maybe even find it a bit trite. That's because you haven't thought much about it. Sex is the act by which ordinary human beings become co-creators of new life with God. As a result of the importance of this act, God has created a safe, nurturing environment for sex within marriage. Sex unites two people in the act of creating new life, new soul and body from two individual people. Remember that Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one flesh." Also, Mark 10:6-8, "But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." God-and-white, clear as crystal. Sex is reserved for the holy union of marriage with the blessing of God. God intended marriage to be a source of comfort for the children, the formation of a family and the strengthening of the relationship between husband and wife. This relationship is important enough that it is used to mirror the relationship of Christ to his church. Even in the bedroom, Christ is His bride. Starting a family is not something to be taken lightly; therefore, neither is sex. If one does not choose to have sex outside of marriage, there are serious consequences. The first is that the two individuals have sinned against God and against His laws for man. The second consequence is that the two individuals have cheapened something very sacred. And no amount of "love" can erase that sin. only the sacrament of Penance can do that. But sex in marriage isn't just for the procreation of children, it's also for strengthening the bond of love between a man and a woman committed to the marriage. Sex, as Mr. Eyerman doesn't seem to understand, makes each partner extremely vulnerable. It's supposed to: that is the way God intended it, so that the husband and wife may truly become one. The vulnerability that sex creates is by no means viewed with approbation, but sex in marriage isn't just for being with someone you love and accept the morals, ideals and teachings of the Catholic Church and the values of this place where you have chosen to be educated, then do you really belong here?

Elizabeth Bauer
Fredericks, Lyons Hall
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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Girl, Interrupted’ delivers it all

By JILLIAN DePAUL
Scene Movie Critic

When Susanna Kaysen spent a year in a mental hospital, the author of the resulting memoir, ‘Girl, Interrupted,’ was 20 years old. After attempting suicide, she was diagnosed with a borderline personality disorder. Even after reading “Girl, Interrupted,” the memoir Susanna wrote during her time in the infamous McLean Hospital (it’s the same hospital in which Sylvia Plath spent a few of her teenage years), and seeing its movie representation, it is still unclear what is actually wrong with someone who suffers from a borderline personality. What borderliner is she crossing exactly? Is it madness and sanity, or is it merely adolescence and adulthood? This is the question at the heart of “Girl, Interrupted.”

Making “Girl, Interrupted” was a labor of love for its star and executive producer, Winona Ryder. Ryder, who said she read the brilliantly poignant and concise memoir by Susanna Kaysen and was inspired not only to see it adapted into a film, but to see it done right. The result was several years in the making, since Ryder shopped it around to several different screenwriters and directors before finally settling on James Mangold, an unlikely choice, who also wrote and directed the 1997 police drama “Cop Land,” and “Heavy” in 1995. The film version of “Girl, Interrupted” succeeds because it does not adhere to the unspoken and often incorrect rule that a good adaptation is a strict adaptation. The book is simple a collection of the author’s memories and thoughts of that time in her life, which, despite being extremely provocative, does not translate well directly into film. Therefore, the film injects the necessary elements of plot and direction into the bare-bones story, while maintaining the essence of the book. This essence is the desperation, confusion, and eventual strength of the main character, conveyed in an honest and compassionate voice.

In the tradition of the rather specific mental institution genre of filmmaking, including “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” “Girl, Interrupted” was a terrific, fast ensemble. The other patients, nurses, doctors, and even orderlies collectively gave the film a sense of place. And consequently, the hospital itself becomes a touchingly funny character at times and a frightening one at others. Whoopi Goldberg is as solid as ever playing Valerie, the tough but caring head nurse of their ward; an antithesis of Nurse Ratched. Usually indecisive, Ryder understands the girls better than their doctors. Vanessa Redgrave is radiant as the only one of Susanna’s doctors who has a clue, challenging her to re-engage with society on her own terms instead of withdrawing from it completely.

But the real prize of the film is a group of patients who form a camaraderie that is in some way demoted, but mostly gone. There is Georgina, Susanna’s roommate and a pathological liar, played by Clea Duvall. There is Polly (Elizabeth Moss), a sweet, young woman who happened to burn off half of her face when she was a girl and is affectionately called “Torch” by her ward mates. You cannot forget Daisy, played by Brittany Murphy, who you may recognize from “Clueless,” the aloof member of the ward who eats whole chickens which are supplied by her father and stores the carcasses under her bed.

Finally, Angelina Jolie is in a class by herself as Lisa, the heartless, snipipating ringleader of the group. Jolie gives one of those rare electrifying performances that absolutely ignites the screen. She has already won a Golden Globe for her performance, which is without a doubt worthy of an Academy Award. The success of the film hinges on the validity of her portrayal of Lisa, the alternative to readjustment in society for Susanna. Lisa tells the truth to her truth but anchored in the reality external to the hospital walls, even if it is false. Jolie captures simultaneously the seductive and the destructive qualities of her character. The chemistry between Jolie and Ryder is a marvel to watch and “Girl, Interrupted” is definitely worth your extra holiday cash, if you still have any. It covers all the bases; it’s a smart, powerful film with a clever sense of humor, and it even has a good soundtrack.

“Everyone says” out of five popcorn bags

Director: Woody Allen
Starring: Alan Aida, Woody Allen

A romantic Woody Allen musical?

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

“Everyone says I love you” is a characteristic Woody Allen film: intelligent, funny, romantic, delightful, and set in New York. As an artist, Allen has tried to do films in different genres to challenge his talent; it was only fitting that he attempt a musical. Few modern films employ the classic musical format, only “Little Shop of Horrors” and “Evita” come to mind. “Everyone says” surmises them in both comedy and romance. All romantic comedies play on the belief that there is that “special someone for you.” We watch the boy meet the girl; and then they split up for 60 minutes, and then the resolution is solved usually by the two falling in love. There is something about Allen’s humbling character that makes you connect with him. We feel his frustrations — because everyone says “I love you.”

“Everyone says” opens with Ed Norton (“Fight Club”) singing “Just you, Just me” to Drew Barrymore (“Ever After”) next to a fountain in Central Park. It brings an immediate grin to your face as you remember what it’s like to be young and in love as these two most certainly are. The grin rarely leaves your face as you get looks at all the family member’s different feelings and confessions of love. The plot centers around the extended family and each individual’s search for love. The deepest love is the friendship between Joe (Woody Allen) and Steffi (Goldie Hawn). They were previously married and have one daughter, DJ, who is the narrator of the film. Steffi has remarried and had two children with a successful businessman named Bob (Alan Aida), who already had two children of his own. Bob’s children from the previous marriage are Skylur (Barrymore) and Scott (Luke Haas). Lane (Goldie Hoffman) and Laura (Natalie Portman) are the two middle-school-aged daughters of Bob and Steffi.

Also involved in the love game with a member of the family are Julia Roberts (“Notting Hill”) and Tim Roth. All of the actors use their own singing voices (except Drew Barrymore) whether or not they had any training. Goldie Hawn has a wonderful voice, Julia Roberts does not, but it doesn’t matter because they are both singing their feelings and that is why “Everyone says” is so memorable.

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**Movie Review**

‘Play It to the Bone’ lacks eye of the tiger

By JOEY LENISKI

Sports movies rarely concern themselves exclusively with the sport shown on the front of the promotional poster. Invariably the story goes beyond the confines of the gridiron, the squared circle, the diamond or the big green, into the conflicts and struggles of the hero’s personal life. See “Raging Bull.” “North Dallas Forty.” “Rocky” or “Slap-shots” for classic examples where this tactic worked.

Formulas, however, are fickle things. The modern manifestation of this convention, while adding depth to typically thin plots, is used primarily to sell sports movie tickets to women who could care less how many rounds Rocky Balboa lasted in his first fight against Apollo Creed.

By trying to form a well rounded story, film-makers will often make two entirely different movies which end up satirizing somewhere near the last quarter of the film. See “Gladiator.” “Blue Chips” or “Rocky V” for prime examples where this tactic fails. And for further reference on this disturbing trend, please see “Play It to the Bone.”

This film does not stray far from the sports movie formula. Two friends have one day to drive from Los Angeles to Las Vegas to fight each other for a chance at the championship match, but can they survive each other along the way? Chances are, yes, otherwise the movie would end halfway through. But let us suppress logic for now and give this movie the benefit of the doubt.

Vincent (Woody Harrelson) and Cesar (Antonio Banderas) are over-the-hill prizefighters who are offered the deal of a lifetime: a fight with one another as the story proves the film does have some redeeming quality. Unfortunately, the majority of “Play It to the Bone” is disjointed and rather disappointing. Writer/director Ron Shelton (“Bull Durham.” “White Men Can’t Jump.” “Tin Cup”) is no stranger to the sports movie genre — in fact he basically reinvented it in the late 1980s. But the staple of the typical Shelton film was a main character with one great character flaw that constantly caused him to screw up both on and off the playing field. By the end of the movie, the hero never actually changes but achieves a moral victory by sticking to his guns. The audience loves this character, who it both roots for and admires.

The two heroes in “Play It to the Bone” are convincingly flawed and pathetic, but neither Vincent nor Cesar becomes admirable to the audience. Their flaw seems to be that both are just plain mean and immature with one another. In fact, the only character that invokes a real sympathy from the audience is Grace, the girlfriend/player managed with refreshing relish by Davidovich. Besides character problems, the portions of the film involving the physical and psychological aspects of boxing are either too flippanant or extreme. The first half of the movie plays out like a typical buddy-drama with a twist of romance. But the fight sequence near the end is shot like a perverse nightmare, complete with unrealistic blood-bath and topless-women hallucinations, none of which has motivation or adds any important information to the story.

The thematic and formal schizophrenia in “Play It to the Bone” is ultimately confusing and unattractive. It will take its place with the other sports movie failures collecting dust on a video store shelf, while the more convincing titles will remain classics. Spend the money on renting “Tin Cup,” or, better yet, go play a round of mini-golf. Will you choose the right color ball? Can you avoid the troublesome windmill? We shall find out . . . dumdum dum.

**Box Office**

Ice Cube stars as Craig in this weekend’s No. 1 movie, “Friday,” more than expected success as sequel to the 1995 box office hit “Friday.” Craig’s trip in the suburbs proves to be a big hit with movie fans across the country, who find the ‘burbs even funnier than the hood.

**Top Ten**

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Woody Harrelson and Antonio Banderas are boxing buddies in “Play It to the Bone.”
NFL

Dorsets become first father-son duo to start Super Bowl

Associated Press

ATLANTA

He looks a lot like his dad, built like him, too.

The son is 5-11, 200 pounds.

The father was 5-11, 190 when he played in his first Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys.

Anthony Dorsett will play in his first Super Bowl this Sunday, trying to win the same kind of championship ring Tony Dorsett has worn since 1978.

But unlike his Hall of Fame father, the younger Dorsett isn’t one of the biggest names on the field. He’s one of the Tennessee Titans’ special teamers, and he’ll start against the St. Louis Rams only because free safety Marco Robinson broke his leg during last week’s AFC championship game.

But by getting the starting job, Anthony has put the Dorsett in the NFL record book.

They’re the first father and son to do so in a Super Bowl.

“I think someone needs to give us a commercial or something,” said the 26-year-old defensive back, who deliberately uses Anthony — without the Junior — to establish his own identity.

His proud father said he was “delighted as can be.”

“I don’t think anyone in America could be happier than I am,” said Tony Dorsett, who will be in the Georgia Dome come game time, cheering for his son.

“So, has Dad been calling with advice?”

“He’s trying to make sure I keep focused and keep my head in the game with all this media frenzy and people calling for tickets,” he said. “I’m doing what he says to keep my head on a level plane and just roll with the punches.”

Robertson’s been talking to him, too.

“He knows it’s going to be difficult, but his attitude is that he’s going to go out there and have fun,” Robertson said. “I keep talking to him about playing what he sees.”

Dorsett’s football genes were noticeable from the outset.

The first time he touched the ball in a Pop Warner game in Pittsburgh, he returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

“Immediately when I started playing ball, everyone was commenting on how we were doing things the same,” the son said.

“And everyone always remarked on how big our eyes got.”

He moved to Dallas as a teenager to spend more time with his father during the late 1980s. Being in the limelight as Tony’s son didn’t bother him, but he tried to limit comparisons to his dad by switching from running back to wide receiver and cornerback in high school.

Recruiters, however, didn’t beat down his door, so he chose Pittsburgh for sentimental reasons — Tony helped the Panthers win the 1976 national championship.

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First ‘Grand Slam’ winner dies of cardiac arrest

Associated Press

Don Budge, who swept all four major tennis tournaments in 1938 to become the sport’s first ‘Grand Slam’ winner, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest. He was 84.

He died at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, Pa., hospital spokesman Mary Leone said.

Budge was injured in a car accident in northeastern Pennsylvania on Dec. 14 when he lost control and drove off the road. He was hospitalized in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., until Jan. 8, when he was transferred to a nursing facility near his home in Dingmans Ferry. Budge was taken to Mercy Hospital on Jan. 17.

Budge had a complete game built around a whiplash backhand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever. He backed up a hand, which still is considered the best ever.

He was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in 1964, and selected one of Tennis Magazine’s 20 greatest players of the 20th century.

"I consider him the finest player 365 days a year who ever lived," tennis great Bill Tilden once said.

Nine years later, Budge beat Germany’s Baron Gottfried Von Cramm in what is considered to be one of the best Davis Cup matches ever.

That same year, 1937, Budge won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships. In 1938, he became the first player to sweep all four major titles —Wimbledon and the championships of Australia, France and the United States.

The feat, dubbed a “Grand Slam” by tennis writer Allison Danzig, has been equaled by only four other players since.

"In the recent light of Andre Agassi achieving a career grand slam, Dad’s accomplishment becomes all the more stellar," said David Budge, one of his sons, a music and film publicist in Los Angeles.

It was the only time in his career that Budge played the French or Australian championships.

After reaching the Wimbledon semifinals in 1936, Budge took five months off the following winter to change his game, taking the ball earlier and improving his forehand.

In 1937, he won Wimbledon easily, then on July 20, 1937, met Von Cramm on the grass courts of the All-England Club. While in the dressing room before beginning the match, Von Cramm received a telephone call. As Budge listened, Von Cramm, an anti-Nazi, listened, then ended the call by saying politely, "Ja, mein Fuhrer." It was Adolf Hitler.

By the time the two took the court, the best-of-5 competition was tied a two victories apiece. Budge triumphed 6-8, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 8-6, giving the United States the victory.

"Don, this was absolutely the finest match I have ever played in my life," Von Cramm told him. "I’m very happy that I could have played it against you, whom I like so much."

Budge received the James E. Sullivan Trophy as the nation’s outstanding amateur athlete in 1937 and was The Associated Press athlete of the year in 1938.

After his 1938 Grand Slam, Budge turned pro and dominated in an era when professionals were not allowed to play tournaments, including the major championships.

"I was the amateur champion for two years and then the pro champion for many years after that," Budge once said. "There was no one who could beat me. Just think of how many more Wimbledons I could have won."
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NHL

Belfour’s 36 saves leads Dallas to 3-1 victory over L.A.

Associated Press

DALLAS

Ed Belfour made 36 saves as the Dallas Stars ran their franchise-record unbeaten streak against the Los Angeles Kings to 22 games with a 3-1 victory Wednesday night in Dallas. Los Angeles this season, is 16-6-0 against the Kings since April 6, 1995. The Minnesota North Stars have beaten the Kings since April 6, 1995. The Minnesota North Stars have beaten the Kings since 1970-73.

Sergei Zubov scored the tiebreaking goal on a power-play chance as Dallas improved to 9-3 in its last 12 games. The Stars took a 1-0 lead at 11:30 of the first period on Modeano's rebound goal. Modeano's 19th goal of the season on an unassisted shot gave him one goal after the Kings killed a power play. The Kings tied it at 18:24 of the opening period when Craig Johnson scored his sixth of the season on a wrist shot from the right circle.

Devils 3, Panthers 2

Patrick Elias scored with 1.7 seconds left to give New Jersey a victory over Florida, extending his Devils-record point streak to 14 games. Elias intercepted Robert Svehla’s clearing pass to the right of goalie Mike Vernon. The Czech star skated in, faked, and slipped the puck past Vernon’s glove side for a dramatic victory. Elias has 20 goals in his last 21 games, and 15 goals and eight assists during the streak.

Only one penalty—a late second-period tripping call on New Jersey’s Brad Bombardir—was called in the game. It was the first time Florida has not been called for a penalty.

Roman Turek made 29 saves for the victory. Allowing only one goal, Turek is 1-3-2 in his last six games. Young’s goal was his third of the season.

Chris Pronger also scored as the Saints went on to win.

Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 2

Sergei Fedorov scored his first goal since Dec. 20 and Chris Osgood made 30 saves as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Pat Verbeek, Nicklas Lidstrom and Kirk Maltby also scored for the Red Wings, who’ve won two straight after an 0-3-2 slide. The victory also snapped a four-game winless streak (0-3-1) against Toronto and gave Detroit a 269-268-92 edge in the series.

The Red Wings lead the Western Conference with 65 points, while Toronto is tied for second in the Eastern Conference with 63 points.

Malbry’s goal, on a breakaway with 4:15 remaining in the third period, was his first of the season. He’s missed most of the season after hernia surgery in October.

Fedorov, who hadn’t scored in his last 11 games, gave Detroit a 3-1 lead in the second period.

Fedorov missed Detroit’s last three games because of a neck injury.

Steve Thomas and Mats Sundin scored for Toronto. Osgood who played his best game in 10 since returning Jan. 2 from missing 15 games with a broken hand. He made close-range saves on Bryan Berard and Sundin.

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The Associated Press

The St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans just started creating excitement in their own cities this season. They sure haven’t built a national following yet.

That’s the challenge facing ABC this week, getting the entire country interested about two teams most people haven’t seen play until the last couple of weeks.

“This game is perfect for the fans tired of seeing the Packers, 49ers and Broncos every year,” ABC announcer Al Michaels said, trying to put a positive spin on this matchup. “This is probably the most improbable Super Bowl matchup of all time. Looking at it in the preseason, this would have been an almost inconceivable pairing.”

While the networks were pumping up Miami, Green Bay, Denver and Dallas throughout the season, St. Louis and Tennessee played in the relative obscurity of regional TV coverage.

The Rams didn’t make a single prime-time appearance on either ABC and ESPN, and their 14 games on Fox were shown, on average, to about 20 percent of the country. The Cowboys attracted about 2 1/2 times that exposure.

The Titans, who played twice on ESPN, were beamed, on average, to 12 percent of the nation on CBS — less than one-quarter of the coverage area of the Dolphins. “There hasn’t been a Super Bowl between two outsiders like this since Cincinnati played San Francisco in 1982 — the only other matchup of teams that didn’t have winning records the previous year.

The silver lining for ABC is that the Bengals-49ers Super Bowl was the highest-rated ever, having been watched in 49.1 percent of American households.

“This is a very challenging matchup for us,” ABC director Craig Janoff said. “These are two teams we haven’t even seen on Monday nights. I don’t think anyone would have predicted this.

“Certainly the NFL schedule makers didn’t think that Tennessee and St. Louis would go from a combined 12-20 last season to the Super Bowl this season. Or that Atlanta and Denver would go from the Super Bowl to a combined 11-21.”

If they did, the Rams or Titans would have made an appearance on “Monday Night Football” down the stretch, instead of San Francisco, Atlanta, Denver and the Jets. That’s why the NFL is considering a proposal for next year to hold off deciding which late-season games will be shown on Monday nights and nationally on Sunday afternoons until a few weeks before, instead of a few months.

“Clearly as our schedule evolved this year, it didn’t turn out great,” ABC producer Ken Wolfe said. “San Francisco, the Jets and Denver falling apart makes for a difficult time for all of us. I don’t think the league was entirely happy. If this comes to pass, it would be a great thing for the us and the fans.”

That won’t help ABC this week. So instead, the four-hour pregame show will mix in an emotional feature on Walter Payton with a national introduction to the two teams playing this week.

“We can’t take for granted that everyone watching is totally familiar with these two teams,” said John Filippelli, the vice president of production for ABC Sports. “It’s incumbent on us to find the right balance between letting people know the players and doing what’s emotional.”

ABC also isn’t helped by the fact that St. Louis and Nashville are the 21st- and 31st-largest markets, respectively. That means there aren’t enough fans in those cities to offset any lack of interest in the rest of the country.

“Because there aren’t big markets involved, there’s bound to be some fall off. How much is anyone’s guess,” said Ron Frederick, an advertising executive at J. Walter Thompson.

The small-market effect wasn’t that dramatic in the league championship games. Fox’s coverage of St. Louis-Tampa Bay was 2 percent higher than last year’s late game between Denver and the Jets, while CBS’ telecast of Tennessee-Jacksonville was 6 percent lower than the Atlanta-Minnesota game a year ago.

Frederick predicts that the small markets, the lack of exposure, and even the elimination of the bye week all could contribute to ABC falling short of its goal of a 42 rating.

However, even if that happens, enough people will still gather around their TV sets Sunday night to make the Super Bowl the highest-rated show of the year.
The last time Tyson fought outside the United States, he lost the undisputed heavyweight title. He was knocked out in the 10th round by James "Buster" Douglas in 1990 in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history.

But Francis is 35 years old and does not possess the boxing skill or punching power of Douglas. And while Tyson has slipped at 33, he's still a dangerous fighter.

Certainly against Francis, who has a record of 21-7, Tyson carries a record of 46-3, with 1 no contest and 40 knockouts, into the bout at MEN Arena.

Tyson worked out in London on Wednesday before being driven three hours north to Manchester.

Tickets for the 10-round fight at the 20,000-seat arena went on sale in December and were gone within two days.

If the purpose of this journey to England was an ego trip for Tyson, the mission has succeeded.

Despite the controversy over allowing Tyson into Britain because of his three-year prison term on a rape conviction and the protests of a women's organization, Tyson has received star treatment from the public and much of the media.

It seems almost every utterance by Tyson is reported, often in headlines.

Consider his statement, "I think I'm going to kill Julius Francis," in which he was merely trying to say that he was going to knock out Francis. But the British tabloids regarded the remark as if Tyson were speaking with criminal intent.

Since arriving 10 days ago, Tyson has mounted a public relations campaign to soften his image. He recounted how he had been humiliated recently in California.

"My wife and I were in Hollywood and we went to a wax museum," he said. "We went into the Chamber of Horrors and there was a wax dummy of me in a cage. It devastated my wife. They humiliated and degraded me in front of my wife. All my life I have been humiliated."
PHOENIX OPEN

Duval is favorite in field without Tiger

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — David Duval wasn’t have to think about Tiger Woods at the Phoenix Open. Woods, the only golfer hotter than Duval the last three years, is skipping the raucous event.

Last year, a fan heckling Woods with the restrictions on drinking, but the commotion from last year did not determine Woods’ decision. He simply does not like to play four consecutive tournaments, and is expected to enter four next month.

That leaves Duval to deal with the rest of a deep field — and with the TPC of Scottsdale course itself. He has had 31 top finishes since 1996, but none like playing here, and I’m looking to improve his putting. He wants everybody there to think about Tiger Woods at the Phoenix.

NCAA BASKETBALL

NCAA reduces Purdue penalties

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue will pay about $50,000 in penalties rather than $800,000 for violating rules against recruiting, extra benefits and ethical conduct in its men’s basketball program, the NCAA ruled Wednesday.

The NCAA’s decision leaves unsettled the fate of former assistant Frank Kendeck and Purdue’s 1995-96 Big Ten championship. Purdue officials said Wednesday it’s too early to tell what will happen in either case.

It’s been a long haul. A lot of different people have been involved,” Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke said. Purdue had challenged the NCAA’s committee on infractions, which said in June that Kendeck arranged contacts that led to $808,700 earned in three tournaments.

Duval wishes Woods — who has never won in Phoenix — was teeing up this week.

“When I win a golf tournament, I want everybody there to feel like they have played as well as they can,” Duval said. “That’s kind of my attitude about it.”

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"Power box" needs to cheer on Irish basketball team

Once upon a time there was a king and his jester. This king had power over a vast empire of students, alumni, and rabid fans. And wherever the king went, his jester was by his side.

The king and his jester enjoyed being entertained and thus attended many sporting events. If at all possible, such as at football games, the king stayed far from the townspeople in the comfort of luxury boxes with other members of the aristocracy, sipping the finest drinks and dining on the best food. Most importantly, he was protected from the masses by tinted windows and locked doors.

Not all sports offered these luxuries though. The king enjoyed basketball very much, stemming from his days as a player. If he was to enjoy a basketball game, though, he would have to grace his subjects with his presence. And so he attended his beloved game sitting near the court in the finest seats in the building. His loyal subjects sat behind him with his jester by his side.

And so the king and his jester came faithfully to nearly every game. One would think that this sort of enthusiasm and support would be appreciated by his subjects for it isn't often that a king would lower himself to being that close in proximity to the proletariat.

But there was something wrong with the king and there was something wrong with the jester. At least it appeared as if there was something wrong.

For the king and his jester simply sat and stared, arms folded, eyes glazed, looking as if they didn't want to be at the game. Looking as if they didn't want to be near their subjects. The team competed, occasionally looking unbeatable, occasionally looking incompetent. The subjects cheered, celebrating the good times and roaring their encouragement through the bad times. But the king and his jester refrained and simply stared ahead.

After the game, the loyal subjects filed out of the arena, some days smiling, some days shaking their heads in disapproval. But the king and his jester didn't change their expressions, they just picked up their coats and left. They didn't even clap.

Something strange happens at every Irish men's basketball game. To the left of the remarkably loud student section and in front of a group of children loyal to the Dome, who scream for their heroes, is what has affectionately become known as "the power box." "The power box" is filled with a majority of the decision-making power on campus — Father Mark Poorman, Father William Beauchamp and even Father Edward Malloy. star in this box. Other two prominent figures, Malloy and Beauchamp (his jester) appeared more lively than the statue of Moose Krause lounging outside of the Joyce Center. They just sat there staring ahead, arms folded, chins tucked down, nearly asleep.

Troy Murphy threw down a thunderous dunk and they sat there in silence. The results of the game didn't matter. They just sat there. It baffles me that two such prominent Notre Dame figures sit and be so apathetic toward their team. No, they aren't just apathetic. They are rude.

At one point, Beauchamp shoved the leprechaun, who was trying to rouse the alums in the box, out of the way. The leprechaun stood in earshot of the crowd and said, "I'm the newest member of the power box." Beauchamp, by his jester appeared lion-ly than the statue of Moose Krause lounging outside of the Joyce Center. They just sat there staring ahead, arms folded, chins tucked down, nearly asleep.

Malloy refused to acknowledge group of students chanting for him to stand up and join them in rooting for the school he runs. He just ignored them.

As a player for Notre Dame from 1961-1963, Malloy should have an idea what the players are enduring on the court and how beneficial a loud crowd is to creating a tough atmosphere for opponents to play in. He should also know what it's like to play before a crowd that looks as bored as he and his executive vice president have looked this year.

Beauchamp, on the other hand, should know the importance of success of our teams. His primary responsibility is to act as a link between Malloy and the athletic department. Their successes reflect upon the quality of his job. Why would he be so casually at the game? At what point in becoming important did these two men forget how to have fun? The games are played so that spectators can enjoy them, not endure them. We can all agree that it's admirable for the two of them to attend games with the regularity that they do. But attendance is not enough. Anyone can attend a game, but it is only those who listen that get anything out of it.

If acting like you're enjoying the game is too much of a chore, then I urge you to leave. Leave those seats open for the kids behind you. At least they look like they're alive.

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Langhi’s last-second free throws give win to Vandy

Associated Press

Dan Langhi’s two free throws with one second remaining in the contest lifted the 25th-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores past the South Carolina Gamecocks, 61-60, in an SEC clash at Frank McGuire Arena. Langhi finished with 23 points and 11 boards for the Commodores, who moved to 13-3 on the season and 4-2 in the conference. The Gamecocks (19-10, 1-5 SEC) have lost five straight.

With Vanderbilt leading 57-56, Chuck Eidson drilled a jumper to give the hosts a one-point edge with just under three minutes to play. The Gamecocks would up their lead to 60-57 on an Aaron Lucas basket with 39 seconds remaining, but the Commodores scored the final four points of the game to steal the victory.

Anthony Williams’ putback with 23 ticks on the clock pulled Vandy within one, 60-59. South Carolina then turned the ball over to give the Commodores one last chance. Williams attempted a shot that was blocked by Herbert Lee Davis, but Langhi picked up the loose ball and was fouled by Lucas with just one second left. The senior forward calmly drilled both free throws to help the Commodores snap a four-game slide in South Carolina.

Cowboys 75, Wildcats 69

Tayshaun Prince scored six of his 14 points down the stretch Wednesday night and No. 16 Kentucky continued its domination of Georgia with a 73-69 victory, the Wildcats’ 13th straight over the Bulldogs.

The Vanderbilt Commodores earned its No. 20 ranking by winning the close ones. Last night Vanderbilt beat South Carolina 61-60, and in December it beat Notre Dame 87-85 in overtime.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Arizona wins cross-state rivalry over ASU

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Fifth-ranked Arizona, led by freshman guards Gilbert Arenas and Jason Gardner, routed Arizona State 82-55 Wednesday night, one point short of the most one-sided road victory ever for the Wildcats against their archrivals.

Arizona scored a career-high 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting and Gardner added 16 as the Wildcats (17-3, 6-1 Pac-10) broke the game open in the final six minutes of the first half, then turned it into a full-fledged blowout in the second.

Arizona had 26 turnovers and its 101-73 win in Tempe was the state rivalry over Arizona State's third in a row and shot just 33 percent, while the Sun Devils, who feature six freshmen in their regular rotation, made a free throw, missed the second, then grabbed eight rebounds seven turnovers, and shot just 40 percent in the first half to take a 29-22 lead, then went on a 22-7 run to start the second half and made it 61-29 on Michael Wright's inside basket.

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Australian Open

Agassi, Sampras to face off today

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round too soon in the Australian Open semifinals.

It is the final before the final, a match that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

This one was much, much easier.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ivey up for St. Louis honor

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior guard Niele Ivey, has been named a finalist for the College Sportswoman of the Year award.

Nominees for the award are those from the St. Louis area who have distinguished themselves in the community and the athletic arena.

Ivey is a co-captain on this year's 1999-2000 Notre Dame women's basketball team which ranked fifth nationally with a 12-2 record.

She is a three-year starter on the Irish team, currently is one of four players averaging double figures with an 11.4 scoring average.

As a junior, she led the team in assists and steals and currently ranks ninth nationally with a 7.0 assist average. Ivey was a third-team all-Big East selection in 1999.

Ivey was a four-year starter at her high school, Cor Jesu, where she averaged 28.0 points per game and 8.0 rebounds per game in her final scholastic season. She earned USA Today Missouri player of the year honors in 1996.

She finished her four-year career owning school records for points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocked shots.

As a junior, she led Cor Jesu to the 1995 Class 4A state championship as her team finished with a perfect 31-0 record.

Missouri player of the year honors in 1996 and is a three-year starter on the Notre Dame basketball team in assists and steals.

Senior Niele Ivey is a finalist for Sportswoman of the Year in the St. Louis area. Ivey, a senior guard, leads the Notre Dame basketball team in assists and steals.

Fencing

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Unlike most schools that rely on experienced fencers who have converted to sabre fencers, members of the Irish squad had never fenced in NCAA competition before last weekend.

Last year the Irish only competed in a few exhibition matches against schools with women's sabre teams. "(Last year) we were just excited to have any fencing time we could," McCullough said. "At the time we had never competed at all as opposed to some fencers who came to school and had already fenced in a lot of competitions. We had never even seen competition until we got on the strip against Northwestern and other schools that have women's sabre."

While the sabre group trained everyday just like every other squad, it did not travel to away meets. Missing out on some of experiences last year was difficult, according to Flanagan. "It was disappointing when they came home from away meets and had all their stories," Flanagan said. "But we knew going into it that we weren't going to be doing anything last year and it was all for this year."

Brian Banas is a big reason for the strong start by the Notre Dame fencing team. Banas, who fenced sabre on the men's side from 1996 through 1999, helped coach the women last year and has continued to lend a hand this year.

"Brian Banas really taught us everything about the basics of sabre last year," McCullough said. "He really took us under his wing. Our squad was kind of like his baby, I guess."

Banas' "baby" is all grown up now and faces a stiff test this weekend when defending national champion Penn State comes to town. After such a strong showing against St. John's, Notre Dame just needs to stay upbeat, according to McCullough.

"We need to keep the spirit that we had last weekend," she said. "We had unbelievable spirit on the strip. All of us watched everyone's bouts and were constantly cheering. We just have to keep practicing hard. Attendance has never been a problem for the women's sabre team. We are pretty much putting all of our heart into it."

No matter how the rest of the season pans out, the opportunity to be a part of the first women's sabre team in Irish history is special, according to Flanagan. "Right now I don't think anything of it," she said. "I am just trying to do my best. But later on I will look back and be like 'Wow, I was part of the first sabre team at Notre Dame.'"
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FOURTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY

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ACROSS

1 Graphic
2 Exceed
3 Prepares
4 So... "me!"
5 Single singer
6 To 11-Down, "Queen's last words"
7 Hold in check
8 Begin's co-Nobelist
9 "Do you come in, sir?"
10 "Let's get wavy..."
11 See 7-Down
12 Completely surrounding
13 Preparers
14 "Let's get wavy..."
15 Tellers
16 "How the Other Half Lives" author
17 "You have made a mistake..."
18 "Don Giovanni"
19 "Street" pal
20 "Fawkes"
21 "Sitting Pretty"
22 "Dream House" owner
23 "Columbia" owner
24 "The phrase used to introduce the real me..."
25 Stead
26 They're involved in pageantry
27 Admonition to a child
28 Fortune 500 chemicals company
29 "Candle in the Wind"
30 "I've heard of some clicking"
31 "Ireland"
32 "Columbia"'s owner
33 "Dell's" owner
34 "Name"
35 "Singing a song to a dead child"
36 "Tooth"
37 Big name in daytime TV
38 Phys., e.g.
39 Honest...
40 "Suzie" street pal
41 "Cameo"
42 "They're not close"
45 "Morgan"
46 "Leporello, name"
47 "One"
48 "Taurina"
49 "Extremely"
50 "Sonata No. 30"
51 "Put"
52 "Deh"
53 Stingless bees
54 More crafty
55 Extremely
56 "Off-course"
57 "Kupferstich"
58 "Face"
59 "Big name in daytime TV"
60 "Cash in Capua"
61 "You need extra help."
62 "Adressa Daily"
63 B... the alphabet
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65 "The Observer"
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69 "Open sesame!"
70 "So me!"
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72 "Nobelist"
73 "Tale"
74 "Waltz"
75 "Annoy"...
76 "Tale"
77 "Giant"
78 "Family dog, for" (95¢ per minute). (April 20-May 20):
79 "In the phrase used by someone who may be a little underhanded."
80 "You can help others and receive rewards for your Good deeds."
81 "Taurina" (April 20-May 20): Moneymaking ideas will be more than valid. Look into the red tape involved in taking such venture to fruition. Sudden travel may be necessary. It is best to keep your ideas to yourself.
82 "Geminiani" (May 23-June 20): Don't even think about getting involved in financial schemes. You are not likely to make smart purchases today. Even the most astute, look, but don't buy. (600)
83 "Cancer" (June 21-July 22): You will have personal problems if you are ignoring complaints made by loved ones. You must learn to listen to what they say. Let go of the past. Your fear of change may be your biggest problem. You should prepare for a change and be ready for it. (100)
84 "Scorpio" (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Business opportunities will develop through the new contacts you make. You can get help from those who can make a difference. Changes regarding your career will likely be good.
85 "Virgo" (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): You can make extra cash through home product sales or mail order. Don't put too much cash into the project to begin with. (500)
86 "Gemini" (May 23-June 20): Your own direction and not allow the road less traveled this year. This is a period in your life where you must stand up for yourself and assert your needs. Your numbers: 3, 7, 15, 27, 31, 40, 46
87 "Leonardo" (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Romance is evident. Partnerships will make you happy. Your mating stage will control your popularity. You can help others and receive rewards for your good actions. (600)
88 "Taurus" (April 20-May 20): You may choose someone who may be a little underhanded. You may want to spend more of your free time with children. You will need extra help. Some creative abilities will be to the high cycle. (600)
89 "Gemini" (May 23-June 20): You should be able to reason with your loved ones. You may want to focus on business interests. (500)
90 "Scorpio" (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Consider traveling to countries that spark your interest from a cultural or philosophical point of view. Deal with relatives and friends who may have ways of getting you into trouble. (500)
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92 "Aries" (March 21-April 19):Your needs: Your numbers: 27,34,46
93 "Sagittarius" (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Financial schemes. You are not likely to make smart purchases today. (500)
94 "Capricorn" (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): For those of you who may have wrong perceptions. (500)
95 "Aquarius" (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romance is evident. Partnerships will make you happy. Your mating stage will control your popularity. You can help others and receive rewards for your good actions. (600)
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3 "Double story"
4 "So... "me!"
5 "Rifle attachment"
6 "By grace"
7 "With 11-Down, 3-Down's last words"
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27 "Say "Lili Alone!,""
30 "Violinist Stern"
31 "Goldfinger!"
32 "Rugged rock"
33 "Crack"
34 "Pluck"
35 "Open sesame!" sayer
36 "Tellers"
37 "Money transfer"
38 "Bee"
39 "Candle in the Wind"
40 "From The Observer"

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Irish extend win streak to 12

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish defense refused to let St. John's have their way last night as Notre Dame handedly defeated conference foe St. John's 69-49. The Irish have won their past 12 games, and remain undefeated in the Big East.

Control of the court in the first half, registering 11 points and putting on a solid defensive performance. With tight Irish defense on the floor, the Red Storm had trouble finding the basket in the first half, connecting on just six of 32 for a 19 percent shooting margin.

Despite poor shooting, the Red Storm stepped onto the court ready to play in the opening minutes of the game. Freshman Alicia Ratay scored nine points last night as Notre Dame won with 16 points apiece. Green took control of the court in the first half, registering 11 points and putting on a solid offensive performance.

The Irish defense refused to let the Red Storm extend the lead. Instead, McGraw's squad went on a 12-1 run to lead 25-15 with eight minutes remaining in the half and extended the margin to 33-19 by the buzzer.

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