Bender: SMC needs openness about sexuality

By MOLLY McVOY
News Writer

Representing Saint Mary's long-term goal of diversity, Margaret Bender spoke Thursday evening as part of the College's identity week.

"In the long run, I believe any college will be unable to keep the progressive young faculty that students look for without an open environment," Bender said.

Bender also addressed how an open forum for discussion of sexuality and sexual orientation is necessary if a college is going to survive and serve its student body effectively.

"When it comes to sexuality, silence is not golden," Bender said. "Open discussion on sexuality and varied ideas of its nature are not an inherent part of the Western view of sexuality.

Bender said. She offered background of how the Western culture defines sexuality along with other cultures who have defined it much differently.

Bender addressed the issue of linking one's sexual orientation with one's identity. She explained how the Western binary model of sexuality, man or woman, homosexual or heterosexual, often limits the discussion or incompletely defines behaviors and identities. "It's sort of like the car dealer model of sexuality," she said. "Mixing and matching is not allowed."

Bender explained that the Western culture interlinks biological sexual gender and sexuality without leaving room for too much variation. "The problem is that our culture categorizes as black and white when our society is full of grey," she said.

She offered examples of Indian cultures in which homosexuality is not only accepted, but deemed necessary. There are also Native American cultures in which there are three — not two — genders which comprise society.

Connolly named editor

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

With two years of experience in the Observer sports department, Mike Connolly was elected editor in chief of The Observer for the 2000-2001 year by a vote of the newspaper's general board Thursday night.

"A sophomore from Sparta, N.J., Connolly has lived in Dillon Hall. He is an American studies major and plans to pursue a career as a reporter and possibly a newspaper editor.

"I look forward to working with a talented and experienced staff," Connolly said. "I hope to build on the high standards set for us by last Observer staff members."

Connolly joined The Observer staff his freshman year. He has covered football, women's soccer and fencing beats and has served as an associate sports editor since spring 1999.

In addition to his on-campus journalism experience, Connolly has written for the Michigan Football Weekly and the College Sports Writers' Network.

"Mike will do an amazing job," said Michelle Krupa, the outgoing editor in chief. "I've seen him give so much of himself to this place. He understands The Observer's tradition of excellence and what makes it work. I'm proud to pass on this job to Mike."

Connolly will assume the position after spring break.

Basilica gets new look for new year

By SCOTT HARDY
News Writer

With the installation of new carpet and a marble floor around the altar, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart is beginning 2000 in style.

Wear and tear resulting from 207,000 visitors last year coupled with a lack of replacement pieces to patch stained areas necessitated the replacement of the carpet. installing new carpet involved the removal of all the pews from the Basilica. It was necessary to map out the exact location of each pew before removal.

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SSP celebrates 20th anniversary

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

As students rushed to the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) last week to submit applications for Summer Service Projects (SSP), few may have realized the significance of the event. This summer marks the 20th anniversary of the SSP program at Notre Dame.

The SSP program has changed through the 20 years. Besides a dramatic increase in participation, the program has also developed financially and academically. Participants currently receive a $1,700 tuition scholarship and three credits in theology for eight weeks of service.

The project is typically in an area of geographic and academic interest for the students. Upon returning to campus in the fall, they followed-up with discussion groups or a 24-hour retreat.

"For the students, it is an intense eight weeks devoted almost totally to some social issue," said Sue Cunningham, director of the SSP program since 1986.

"Whether it's pregnant teens, homeless men, neglected children, or anything else, it provides students with the chance to learn from the clients themselves, their co-workers, the community... really an entire community. That education is just priceless."

But this sophisticated service program came from humble beginnings. In the 1970s, students often ventured to Latin America and areas of the U.S. to provide service during their summer vacations through the Community for the International Lay
Inside Column

Good publicity is not everything

I used to think that high-profile coaches wanted nothing to do with the fans. Sure, every head man at every major American university would tell the students that they were of paramount importance to the program, but who really believed them? Bob Devlin told us we were important. That’s right. He told us exactly how many people were in attendance at each pep rally when he was forced to comply with age-old Notre Dame traditions that mandated a pep talk from the coach.

Maybe it’s just me, but those “rah rahs” never seemed sincere. I still looked at them as being in his own world of 5-7 seasons. The rest of us dwelled in a far different universe. I just assumed all coaches were like that.

They told you one thing, whatever it was you wanted to hear. They would disappear into their offices and never come out of the student body as possible. Then I met Coach Doherty. I recently had the pleasure of listening to basketball’s new savior speak at Soris Hall. I emphasized “pleasure” because Doherty’s talk was really that enjoyable. He was sincere and he was speaking not simply because that’s what he thought he should do, but because that would be good publicity. Sorin was just the most recent stop on Coach Doherty’s ambitious campaign to visit every residence hall and get to know the student body. I mean every residence hall. Including every dorm and during the first round of Bookstore. He told every Michael Jordan story that he could remember and most importantly, made you believe them.

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Harvard student wins $1.1 million

Harvard Law School student Bahirah Oberholtzer became the biggest game show winner in television history two weeks ago — but NBC forced him to keep his million-dollar fortune a secret until Wednesday, the show’s air date. Over the course of two episodes of the primetime quiz show “Twenty One,” Oberholtzer amassed the record sum of $1.120,000. “It’s hard to think that it’s real until you actually see the check,” Oberholtzer said. Oberholtzer’s record-breaking win prompted fans to do the episode that aired last night. “You are the game show king!” host Maury Povich told him, as blue and white balloons filled around him. Oberholtzer, who is a third-year law student, defeated a series of competitors by answering multiple-choice questions with subjects ranging from Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet to the hit film Jerry Maguire — and expanding his winnings from $100,000 to his wallet-bursting total. The hardest question, Oberholtzer said, concerned landmarks in Greenwich Village in New York. “Since I had never been to Greenwich Village, it was difficult,” he said.

Outsides the Dome

UCLA exhibit draws attention to exploitation

Los Angeles

Students, faculty and staff at the School of Medicine are spending their lunch breaks this week trying to “draw the line,” between student abuse and the hardships of medical training.

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Gore gets mixed reviews at OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Presidential candidate Al Gore gets mixed reviews after he addressed the students at Ohio State University yesterday.

The coffee shop in the basement of LaFortune officially opened for business Irish unbeaten string reaches 10

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Monday, Feb. 7, 1977

Increasing its unbeaten streak to 10 games, the Notre Dame hockey team beat Minneapolis. Although the team won, the Minnesota Gopher team’s play belonged to Notre Dame’s seventh-place standing. "It was good skiing, good passing, excellent goalkeeping and a lot of hitting; but it was very cleanly played," Notre Dame coach Lefly Smith said.

Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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National Weather


The views expressed in the Inside Column are the sole opinion of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Late Night showcases dorm athletes

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

The Joyce Center will be parked tonight as hundreds of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross sacrifice their usual Friday night party routines to put their academic abilities on the line in the annual Reutch Sports Late Night Olympics. Now in its 14th year, the Late Night Olympics is a massive all-night sports fest sponsored by Notre Dame's RecSports. Created as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics, event sponsors estimate that this year's competition will generate close to $5,000 for the Special Olympics.

Over the past 14 years, Late Night Olympics has grown to be one of the biggest and most popular campus events of the year. "We've been preparing for this since last September," said Susie Koza, co-director of this year's competition. "It's a lot of work, a lot of chaos. But it always seems to run fine in the end," she said.

This year's competition is similar to previous years, but it will be a few marked differences. Last year's problem of too much interaction between and among the prompted RecSports to move in competition into the Joyce Center area, as a result of the reduced facilities. Men's and women's soccer has been combined in an even tournament. The rest of the 17 events, which include everything from volleyball to broomball, are unchanged. However, an obstacle course has been added. "Inspired by the upcoming special Olympics in Sydney, the theme is 'Join Us Down Under,'" Koza said. "We're really excited about this year's theme." "It's kind of becoming larger than life," however. Just like years past, tonight's competition will have some competition of its own. Many potential participants will attend the Keenan Review, another widely popular campus event.

"Late Night is always a lot of fun," said Steve Walker, Late Night representative for Kough Hall, the reigning Late Night Olympics co-champion. "We seem to have a lot of guys excited about participating. It's a great idea, you have fun and get to meet new people."

Alumni Hall's formal will also pull many potential athletes out of the competition. "We will be participating," said Lucy Maloblock, the Night representative for Alumni Hall, "just not nearly as much as we would have liked, or as much as we would have liked.

Zahm Hall had originally scheduled their decade Dance for tonight as well, but Koza said they could be free to compete in tonight's games. Despite such drawbacks, Alumna said she was not worried about any significant lack of participation. "I'm just looking forward to seeing people have a good time," she said. "I'm just looking forward to sleeping." The competition will last from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Schedules of times and times of home picks up at the RecSports office in the Rechts Athletic Center.

DOMINIC VACHON, PH.D.
DISCUSSION
MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN GRADUATE SCHOOL:
A WORKSHOP USING THE INSIGHTS OF SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY

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Prof researches home loans

By ERIN PIBOUTEK
Assistant News Editor

Home ownership is an integral part of the American dream. A loan, however, is often necessary to purchasing a home.

Recent research by Notre Dame sociology professor Richard Williams suggests that government-sponsored mortgage lending associations don't make mortgages available for low-income families.

"We wanted to find out just that disparities existed but why they existed," said Williams. At about this time, he received a request from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to investigate Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs). The GSEs Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are privately-owned mortgage companies, but they receive substantial government benefits, such as reduced credit rates. In 1995, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's benefits totaled $6.5 billion.

In return for these benefits, they have the responsibility to promote home ownership in under-served minority markets, which would include low-income and minority borrowers.

The mortgage market has two components, primary lenders and secondary lenders, which include GSEs. The primary lenders deal with customers and make the loans. Then, to give the primary lenders money to make more loans, the loans are usually sold to secondary lenders, who assume the responsibility for the loan.

"Someone has to take the risk of default. ... That's why the secondary market is important," Williams said.

Primary lenders are unlikely to make loans, if they cannot sell them to a secondary lender. Therefore, if GSEs or other secondary lenders will not buy loans from low-income and minority markets, it is difficult for low-income and minority individuals to get loans.

There are a lot of people who see qualified for home ownership, but can't obtain the necessary financing, he said.

Williams studied Indiana mortgages from 1992-96 and found that rather than leading other institutions in percentage of loans to under-served minority markets, the GSEs performance consistently lagged. GSEs lending patterns mirrored those of institutions that did not receive government support.

Barry Zigas, senior vice president and executive director of Fannie Mae's national housing impact division, defended Fannie Mae's actions in the Mortgage Finance magazine.

"We believe we are leading the market in all areas and certainly matching it," said Zigas.

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Andrews Scholarship has summer but can't sacrifice recommendation of Dick of a particu­
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dent.

That first year was the summer of 1980 when McNeill sent five students to work in Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Since then, 2,093 students have participated in the pro­
gram, including 294 students who traveled to 124 clubs to work at 125 sites in 20 countries last summer.

"Notre Dame is unique in that we have such a strong alumni club's gift to the com­
munity. while the agency has

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dent upon the students and the memorial of a particu­

"They wanted a memorial here at Notre Dame that wasn't just bricks," said Cunningham. "They wanted something alive and student oriented, so they started the James F. Andrews Scholarship Program, which is a key part of the (SSP) pro­
gram.

The fund began at the rec­
ommendation of Dick Conklin, who was the assis­tant vice president for public relations and information at that time. Realizing the need, many Notre Dame students wanted to serve in the summer but couldn't sacrifice the income of a summer job. In response to this need, the James F. Andrews Scholarship has continued to supply the $1,700 tuition scholarship to students whose alumni club

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"I want to do mission work later on in life and I wasn't able to do it. So I went to test myself." 

Ryan Carlson
SSP participant

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Bender concluded that the issue is not simple and it must be handled sensitively on college campuses. It indicates that acceptance may be in part understanding that sexu­
ality does not simply come from biology, but primarily from culture, Bender said.

"This all suggests that the negative attitudes toward homosexual persons that we have in our society do not flow directly from human nature at all, they come from our culture," Bender said.

Bender believes that it is necessary for Saint Mary's to adopt a non-discrimination policy. An absence of a policy has dramatic, and possibly devastating, effects. "In the era of AIDS, honesty and communi­
cation is a matter of life and death," Bender said.

With Saint Mary's long-term goal of diversity, sexual iden­
tity must be included in their goals, Bender said.

An open and welcoming campus with regards to sexu­
ality is also necessary to recruit and retain varied stu­
dents and professors.

"I want gay and lesbian students and profes­
sors at Saint Mary's, where the need for role models. Not only is acceptance a moral obligation, but there are also academic costs to non-inclu­
sion. Students are missing out, not only in moral and ethical development, but also academ­
ic development [in an atmosphere of non-inclu­sion]," Bender said.

Bender is a professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. She taught in the College of Social Sciences and there before. She has a degree in anthropology from the University of Chicago.
Investigators find plane's black box

Associated Press
PORT HUENEME, Calif. - The cockpit voice recorder recovered from the Pacific off the Alaska shoreline this week contains conversations that could help investigators understand what led to the crash of an American Airlines flight.

"This is an insignificant action," Quigley said. He said U.S. Navy personnel assigned to an international inspection operation boarded the ship Wednesday by helping without resistance and had gathered "enough evidence to say we believe this vessel is carrying contraband."

Navy to retain control of Russian tanker

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy decided today to divert and retain control of a Russian tanker stopped in the Persian Gulf, pending a decision on whether to seize it. Officials believe came from Iraq in violation of a U.N. embargo. Russian officials said the oil came from Iran. The Russian-flagged commercial ship is to be diverted to the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall told reporters in Washington.

"The crew made references to being involved that are consistent with the witness statements to that effect," Hall said.

The tape starts with the crew discussing a problem with a tail part called the horizontal stabilizer, which keeps the plane level. The crew then decided to divert to Los Angeles International Airport, but the problem became worse. The crew then struggled to pull out of a nose dive, regaining some control while continuing to tell the co-pilot what was going on.

The aircraft was twisting, rocking," he told reporters today. "It was going to make it available to people who can afford a $5,000 PC in their homes," Kenndall said. To promote that goal, the commission has set a spring date to auction valuable portions of the airplanes for delivering wireless Internet service to people on the road and in their homes.

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England may suspend Belfast cabinet

Associated Press
LONDON - Britain will strip power from Northern Ireland's Protestant-Protestant Catholic administration within days unless the Irish Republican Army promises to disarm, the government announced today.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson said he would introduce legislation Friday transferring power back to London from Belfast. But the process would take several days and could be stopped if developments warranted, he emphasized.

Mandelson's statement was delivered to the House of Commons in London and watched closely by politicians in Belfast and Dublin. It was designed to buy a little more time for those struggling day and night to defuse the crisis that is on the verge of derailing Northern Ireland's peace process.

As Parliament heard the announcement, Irish prime minister Bertie Ahern left Dublin for southern England to discuss the peace process with British Prime Minister Tony Blair. "We cannot partially implement the Good Friday agreement," Mandelson said. "It is all or it is nothing."

The crisis threatens the new four-party coalition Cabinet that has given Northern Ireland a measure of local rule after years of direct rule by Britain.

The Ulster Unionists agreed in November to accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as colleagues in the Cabinet established as part of 1998's Good Friday peace accord—but only on condition that IRA disarmament would follow. To win over skeptical colleagues, Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble promised he would resign this month as the Cabinet's senior minister if the IRA wasn't delivering on its end of the bargain. He backed that promise up by drafting a resignation letter and scheduling an internal party meeting for Feb. 12.
Kidnapping shocks Japan

On Nov. 13, 1990, Sano — then 9 years old — was grabbed off the street in Sanjo, about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo, and shut up in a second-floor bedroom in a small town. After nine years, Sanjo police official Bunyu Oshina said he knew she was alive. She had been raised by his abductor as a son — not confined to a room.

Sano’s kidnapper was hospitalized, apparently for emotional problems, and police say they have not questioned him. Sano also was hospitalized, and police say she is recovering.

The questions have mounted. How, for example, could the man have eluded police detection for nine years? He was arrested in 1989 for trying to kidnap another girl and was on probation at the time of Sano’s disappearance, but police apparently never investigated him.

"There was a lack of communication between local police departments," said Hiroyuki Iwai, a criminal sociology expert.

"She was not only confined physically," said Hiroyuki Iwai, an expert in criminal sociology at Tokyo’s Toyo University. "Her soul was also in captivity."

Details of Fusako Sano’s ordeal were still hazy this week, and police refuse to say whether there is evidence she was physically or sexually abused by the man who kidnapped her.

But the little information available has fascinated — and horrified — Japan.

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marble floor is accented by a golden seal of the Congregation of Holy Cross, located front and center on the altar area. This is the spot where seminarians pro­fess their vows, and where they lie prostrate when they are ordained to the priesthood. The carpet was fur­nished by the University.

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Another notable change in the Basilica is the removal of the Last Supper painting. It has been replaced by a new one, depicted by a local artist.

The altar was also moved to a new location. It is now located front and center on the altar area. This is the spot where seminarians profess their vows, and where they lie prostrate when they are ordained to the priesthood.

It is still not clear what her life was like in captivity. The man’s mother lived in the first floor and has denied knowing about Sano, police said, though newspapers say investiga­tors now doubt that.

Police were called last week about a man making a distur­bance at a hospital. When they got there, a woman with him stepped up and identified herself as Sano. Later, she was reunited with her family, who said they never lost hope that she would be found.

The kidnapping is the longest of its kind in Japan. A man who had been missing for 23 years was discovered in 1970, Iwai said, but he had been raised by his abductor as a son — not confined to a room.

Sano’s kidnapper kept her hidden for nine years. The man has not been identified — fed her, dressed her in men’s clothing and cut her hair short, police say. Media reports have said blurry, thin windows helped keep outsiders from seeing what was going on.

The man’s behavior is also under investigation. He got married, apparently for emotional reasons, and police say he has never been able to do something.

Japanese are also asking how the neighbors could have failed to get an inkling something was wrong, especially in a small town. For some, the crime showed how community ties have broken down in Japan.

Sano police, who are head­ing the investigation, have refused to discuss how Sano’s abductor kept her hidden for so long.

Kyojo News agency quoted a police official this week as say­ing the handling of the case would be examined later.

Sano’s behavior is also under scrutiny. She told police she was not allowed out of the house for nine years.

Multicultural Comedy Night

Saturday, February 5th
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Owen Smith

1995 Notre Dame Graduate
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and on BET’s Comic View

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MBA gives ‘bang for your buck’

Forbes rates ND’s program 18th in value

By KEVIN SCHUMM

News Writer

Amid an impressive field of dynamic business schools, Notre Dame’s Business Administration program ranks 18th in providing "the best bang for your buck," according to a new survey in the Feb. 7 issue of Forbes magazine.

"It is certainly gratifying to see the value of the Notre Dame MBA education acknowledged by Forbes," said Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business. "However, it is important to remember that the value of an education goes beyond the financial dimensions. At Notre Dame, we are committed to an education that most importantly, develops responsible leadership, independent thinking, and teamwork."

As the cost of a MBA education continues to rise, Forbes attempted to gauge an MBA student's gain relative to his or her investment.

The survey, which assessed 59 schools, gauged the salary information from each school's Class of 1994. Looking at compensation before mandatory reduction, just after graduation and four and a half years later, the magazine calculated the apparent salary gains to the cost of the MBA programs. The cost of each program incorporated not merely tuition but also lost salaries. The gains of the MBA education are readily apparent despite Notre Dame's $22,000 annual tuition. Notre Dame finished in the top 20 with 26 graduates making, on average, $48,400 more in 1998 than they had before enrolling.

While the MBA program acknowledges the ranking, they are focused on other issues. "Our primary concern is quality," said Hayden Estrada, director of admissions for the MBA program. Despite last year's solid median GMAT score of 639, already up from 613 two years ago, "we're working on getting the GMAT up a little bit higher," he said.

"We're really looking to create a good enough applicant base where we're really comfortable with everyone's quantitative ability and a lot of it's measured through the GMAT," said Estrada.

While GPA and GMAT scores are important, "the most impact as far as the quality of the teaching in the school and the quality of discussion in the classroom is work experience," he said.

The MBA program is looking for candidates with some work experience between three and seven years of work experience, the ideal being five years.

Significantly increased numbers of applications and letter endorsement should allow for the additional selectivity the MBA program desires.

Beyond test scores and work experience, the MBA program strives to admit a "class with its own personality," said Estrada.

"What we try and do is to make the personality such that the class gives more to the school and to the community than the year before and I think that's really happening here now," he said.

Interested students may visit the survey online or pick up a hard copy. They are encouraged to make their decision before the application deadline of Nov. 15, 2000.

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Hayden Estrada director of admissions MBA program

ND sues company that built stadium

By JR ROSS

Associated Press

The University filed an amended lawsuit Thursday against several companies, including the architectural firm hired to oversee the expansion of Green Bay Lambeau Field, claiming a series of design and construction flaws that left the renovated football stadium threaten the structure's integrity.

Among the problems listed in the complaint are safety concerns with concrete toppings on ramps and concourses throughout the stadium, failing joints and railings rusting prematurely because of shoddy work.

A school spokesman said the problems posed no immediate safety concerns but could threaten the structure's long-term integrity.

The university filed its original suit last August against Ellerbe Becket Inc. and two South Bend companies seeking unspecified damages from the $55 million project.

Problems with the stadium began with its inaugural game Sept. 6, 1997, where water and sewer flowed the lower concourse, forcing fans to walk through flooded walkways and corridors. Still, when the Packers announced they had selected the renovated stadium, "We've got to be able to not only think through problems but make things work," said Hayden Woo.

Undergraduate students shouldn't worry about a rising MBA program negatively affecting their own programs, though.

In one area, what we learn in the MBA program, once we have developed the curriculum, have taught it, once we have gauged its correctness, will flow through to other programs," said Woo.

With recognition from institutions like Forbes and the shared vision of Woo and Estrada, the Notre Dame MBA program is establishing itself in the world of business schools.

"Business is really one of the most creative and empowering professions," said Woo. "It's really in the field of making things happen. You've got to be flexible and creative in terms of matching the challenge to the resources that you have and the personality of the people."

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GOP leaders worry about Bush’s loss

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican strategists, elected officials, fund-raisers and other early backers of George W. Bush are nervously sifting through the stunning defeat of New Hampshire, demanding a change in tactics from the troubled front-runner.

With GOP establishment, heavily invested in the Texas governor, success has a case of the jitters.

"You’ve got to believe it is hard to get through to the ‘04 exchange today because the lines are buzzing about this in Washington," said Nelson Warfield, former press secretary to 1996 nominee Bob Dole.

"I’m bleeding for the guy right now," said Rich Bond, who was an operative for former President Bush’s father, former President Bush. "Most professionals will tell Bush they’ll prevail," he said, but the shock of an 18-point loss in New Hampshire is "soul shaking." What worries many who care about politics and, in my case, Governor Bush, is just a pause."

With McCain passing in Delaware’s primary last week, South Carolina’s Feb. 19 contest has become critical for both men. Bush’s failed 2000 bid has been etched into voters’ minds, which vividly remember the memorable Blowout of 2000. McCain’s camp has proposed to bring in the old man, his father, to boost the son. "I thought he was overhandled and over-scripted," said New Hampshire-GOP chairman Steve Duprey.

Endorsements don’t always help, but the McCain camp has released Thursday its endorsement of former Vice President Dan Quayle’s endorsement in South Carolina. Quayle’s endorsement in South Carolina shaves by comparison, the father’s backing of "this boy," said said Scott Reed, Iowa ’96 campaign manager who is not paid a campaign.

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"I’m bleeding for the guy right now," said Rich Bond, who was an operative for former President Bush’s father, former President Bush. "Most professionals will tell Bush they’ll prevail," he said, but the shock of an 18-point loss in New Hampshire is "soul shaking." What worries many who care about politics and, in my case, Governor Bush, is just a pause."

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WASHINGTON

Gary Bauer, the janitor’s son who served in Ronald Reagan’s White House and mounted a presidential bid of his own, announced Thursday he has decided to drop out of the race, a source close to the conservative activist said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bauer plans to announce the move at a news conference Friday morning.

Bauer is a well-established social conservative who fared well in presidential debates, seedling front-runner George W. Bush on abortion and China policy. He also had some success raising money, primarily through a large network of small donors built during his work as a conservativ activist in Washington.

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Austrian president agreed Thursday to swear in a coali­tion government that includes a far-right party whose leader Joerg Haider has applauded aspects of the Nazi regime and who campaigned on an anti-immigration platform.

Rejection was swift. Israel recalled its ambassador and banned Haider from visiting, even though his right-wing leader has repeatedly apologized for pro-Nazi remarks made years ago.

European Union nations started making good on threats to politically isolate Austria, something the United States and something the United States and some EU members had barred. The EU also warned it may suspend the trade relations.

The prospect of Haider's Freedom Party in government prompted about 2,000 protesters to take to the streets of Vienna late Thursday for a second straight night.

A group of them pushed their way into the city's historic Burgtheater and stormed the stage in the middle of a performance, calling on the audience to join a protest rally Friday across the building.

Despite the outcry both at home and abroad, President Thomas Klestil said the results of the Oct. 3 parliamentary election gave his government a mandate to press on but go ahead with the swearing in ceremonies Friday.

Klestil did reject two cabinet nominees from Haider's Freedom Party, including one who authorized distribution of campaign posters in Vienna warning of "over-foreignization," a term that hardened by the government.

The president also demanded that Haider and his coalition partner, Wolfgang Schuessel of the centrist Austrian People's Party, sign a statement committing the new government to the nation's Nazi past and promising to respect European Union members.

Haider won international hostility — and later apologized for statements praising Adolf Hitler's "orderly empire." But he has also opposed expansion and urged a near halt to immergion.

Schuessel will become chancellor and Freedom Party official Susanne Riess-Passer will be vice chancellor.

Although Haider will remain governor of Carinthia and hold no cabinet post, he has a strong grip on the Freedom Party, which has been able to maintain its quest for European Union membership.

The declaration that the two leaders signed did not specifically refer to Haider's previous position. However, Haider and Schuessel pledged to work for a democratic Austria where "fascism, anti-Semitism, and racism have no place."

Austria accepts its responsibility arising out of the tragic history of the 20th century and the horrendous crimes of the National Socialist regime," the statement said. "The singularity of the crimes of the Holocaust, which are without parallel in history, the extermination of the Jews..."

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Associated Press

Russia

Chechen rebels flee to mountains

Associated Press

ALKHAN-KALA

Rebels fleeing the smoking ruins of the Chechen capital pushed through snowy forests Thursday toward the southern mountains, hoping to join comrades in a guerrilla war against Russian forces.

The exodus this week from Grozny, the biggest political prize in the 5-month-old Chechen war, has boosted morale among Russian troops. But a rebel leader claimed that by fleeing Grozny, the rebels had strengthened their hand.

"It was much better for the Russians when we were concentrated in Grozny," said Khizir Khachkhumayev, a Chechen commander. "Now that we are going to be in the mountains, they will face more troubles."

It was unclear how many of the estimated 10,000 rebels in Grozny made it out of the city alive in the flight that began Monday.

The Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev said on Russia's OTR television channel that more than 1,500 were killed this week in the attempt to break through Russian lines around Grozny. Khachkhumayev said that more than 3,000 rebels had left Grozny in recent days. The claims could not be confirmed, and Russia is believed to be exaggerating this casualty figure.

The latest, large group of rebels fled overnight and arrived in nearby Alkhan-Kala early Thursday, then slipped through Russian lines to head for rebel strongholds in the mountains. Alkhan-Kala residents said almost all the rebels had left Alkhan-Kala.

The action was condemned by the EU, which has agreed to suspend the tax deal.

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International News

Israel

Arafat, Barak end peace talks

Associated Press

EREZ

Less than a month after a much-touted Israeli-Arab peace summit in Egypt failed, another dissolved Thursday into mutual recriminations and charges, in the hope of bringing about a breakthrough in the peace process.

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Boxers bring needed aid to Bangladesh

In less than ten years it takes to read this column, you could easily spend $200 in the Notre Dame Bookstore, especially on a price-inflated football weekend. In Bangladesh, many families among the 27 million "ultra poor" — one person in five in the entire country — live on less than that for an entire year. Over half of the children under 5 and over half of the mothers in Bangladesh are acutely and chronically malnourished. The poor are the chief victims also of an environmental crisis including arsenic contamination in villages and poisonous air and polluted water in the capital city of Dhaka. The country is still recovering from the 1998 floods, the worst in the century. So why mention this? Because, at this time of year, we at Notre Dame can do something effective for the people of Bangladesh. Since 1941, the entire proceeds of the Bengal Bouts have been sent to the Holy Cross missionaries in Bangladesh, many of whom are grads of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's. The 1999 total was a dollar sum, "a dollar shore," says Father Bill Farrell, boxing club chaplain, "it's worth 10 times what it is here." The Holy Cross missionaries run seven primary schools and two colleges, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, with emphasis on the poor. The "compound of Notre Dame College," said Bengal Bouts coach Tom Suddes after his visit to Bangladesh, "is simple and really Spartan, but the poverty outside the walls of the college is like nothing you could ever imagine.

The boxing club, which conducts the Bengal Bouts under the supervision of Rich O'Leary of Big Sports, does two things. First, it provides a significant and even life-saving force for good in its support of the Holy Cross mission. Second, it provides its members a uniquely formative experience. "The boxers," says Father Steve, "come away from the program with more than bruised ribs and black eyes. They gain a quiet confidence that comes from knowing you have made a difference in the lives of others half a world away."

The club officers — president J. B. Mellin, Tom Bielechini, Brian Hobbies, Mike Maguire, Mike Bumazhnik, Pete Ryan and Josh Thompson — actually run the program. This year 180 boxers began training and a record number will compete. The Bouts will be in four sessions in the Joyce Center. You can buy tickets from any boxer or at the Joyce Center. The boxers also raise money by selling program ads.

The coaches, all former Bengal Bouts champs, are Terry Johnsen, a Chicago attorney; Tom Suddes, a Columbus, Ohio, developer, and Pat Farrell, the University pilot. They devote great blocks of time to the program. They are helped by exceptional assistant coaches, especially Sweet C. Robinson and recent Bengal champs Ryan Rans, '98, Chip Farrell, and Toby Bielechini, '96, Roland Chambloe, '73, a four-time Bengal champ, adds a unique dimension as probably the only state court judge who also serves as a cornerman in the ring.

The program emphasizes safety. Dr. James M. Mortar, University chief of medicine, carefully screens and oversees the boxers. So sparring is conducted without paramedics at ringside. We have never had a serious injury beyond an occasional redirected nose and similar inconveniences. Everyone in the program is intent on maintaining that record.

The heart of the program is trainer Jack Money, a mere youth of 86 years. Jack, who was Knute Rockne's paperboy, assisted Bengal Bouts founder Dominic Napolitano in the early years. Jack prepares the boxers for their sparring sessions and debriefs them afterward. As any boxer will tell you, Jack is unforgettable. His assistant, Jack Zimmerman, is not only an effective trainer but also a poet and a professional accordionist. The boxing club, it must be acknowledged, is utterly dependent on the administrative skills of Meghan Kelly, '02, of Parsonsburg East. Last year Meghan and Emily Schmitt, '91, brought the program to a new level of efficiency. Meghan, assisted by Claire Damerau, '02, is carrying on this year without skipping a beat.

I hope the members of the Notre Dame community will continue their exceptional support for the Bengal Bouts. You are welcome to visit the practices in the JACC Boxing Room any weekday from 4 to 6 p.m. I think you will be favorably impressed.

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Exit the body, enter the dragon

BOSTON — With the Chinese New Year being the first day of the lunar calendar, and each year has a corresponding animal sign — the Chinese equivalent of the American astrological system. The Gregorian calendar year 2000 corresponds to the year of the dragon, which begins Feb. 5.

What I’ve always enjoyed about Chinese New Year is getting together with my family. For us, the New Year has always been as much of a reason to celebrate as Christmas or Thanksgiving. In China, nearly everyone gets two weeks off for Chinese New Year, and most people brave the jam-packed train carriages, called trains, to be reunited with family for the holiday.

For me, Chinese New Year has always been a source of mixed emotions. It was a time when I was happy to be surrounded by family but befuddled by traditions I didn’t understand. Like a child at Christmas, I was receiving gifts associated with the holiday and then, almost like strangers, I found myself confronted with the reality that I found myself with masses of presents that seemed to me to have been redundantly considered. I have many cousins, all of whom had had long and fruitful lives, were finally free from the strain of death. I have many cousins, all of whom had been struggling to hold onto their tenacious grip on life, were finally free from the physical anguish and mental fog that had plagued them in the closing years of life. There were endless seconds when I observed, helpless, the effort it took for them to draw a single breath.

Death has the wonderful effect of inspiring people to recall the most positive aspects of those who have passed on. Although this sharing tends to make us cry much harder, it also reminds us how our destinies have had lived full lives that have touched friends, families, acquaintances or even strangers. And, just as important, it reminds us, I believe it serves as a reality check for those of us left behind.

Where are we headed in life? Do we look at one another and wonder how many of our loved ones have died, and do we pause for a moment to ask ourselves, “Where are we headed in life? Do we look at one another and wonder how many of our loved ones have died?”

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Notre Dame food services, aside from NDH and SDH, specializes in nourishment, but as the home to arguing intellectuals, help-seeking students and nosey people wanting to eavesdrop. There are varying opinions concerning food at Notre Dame dining halls. To many people, it is inadequate. It eases hunger pangs, and when compared to some of the cafeteria-like monstrosities found at other colleges throughout an excessive glamour of food vices.

But that doesn't mean Seattle's Best is a bad place to get your weekly workout if you live on North Quad. But for all the shadiness surrounding its immediate popularity throughout campus, Reekers does indeed have a hip atmosphere even at its least busy times. Where else can someone watch television for an afternoon, surf the Internet, play some video games, eat a bunch of junk food, study, read the newspaper, listen to music, sleep and talk to friends?

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There are other food services at Notre Dame, one of which is the bookstore to Bond Hall to Greenfield's to be accommodated by its customers. Thus, one will notice an abundance of tables and chairs. But when it's not too busy, that provides an intimacy that is unseen at other campus restaurants. With an established menu of typical American foods - sandwiches, salads, soups - the cafe deserves visitations by anyone who wants to make the long walk to the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Awards:
- Best use of space.
- Best use of the color green.
- Best place to watch your professor eat lunch.
- Best place you've probably never heard of.

Reekers

If there were awards for the campus hotspot infamous for late night social deviancy? For many people, Reekers is a destination they zero in on when escaping the sometimes undying pleasures of the dining hall. The restaurant boasts the famous "Reekers burger" - which was famous even when the restaurant was born a year and a half ago — pizzas roast-ed over an intense flame and smoothies people buy even in the harsh cold of January. In addition to the original dining fare mentioned, Reekers also specializes in preparing the greatest capitalist ploy ever, Starbucks coffee.

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Only one answer really fit this description accurately: home. OK, so maybe there are two answers: home and Reekers. Because really, Reekers is just like home, and home is where everyone really wants to be. Home is where everyone knows your name. No, that's Cheers. But that's
mall eateries throughout campus. Scene reviews and rewards them.

not a bad comparison.

Awards:
• Best place that seems to be only for South Quad residents.
• Best backside of a well-known campus building.
• Worst use of the color green.
• Best place for those with attention deficit disorder.
• Best place for average customer service.
• Worst use of space.
• Best use of randomness.

Irish Café, Law School
There is one award that characterizes this café: Most uncomfortable place for an undergraduate student.

Other awards:
• Least original name.

Common Stock Sandwich Co., College of Business
What's smaller than a breadbox and sells hot dogs to business students? That's right. It's the Common Stock Sandwich Co. at the College of Business. Less organized than the Huddle Mart, the tiny room in the lower level of COR(A) seems to be intended for buying typical vending machine items.

And since only a select few actually make it to that other pointy building by the stadium, it doesn't really need to be more than it is.

Awards:
• Coolest name.
• Best impersonation of grab 'n' go.
• Biggest letdown.
• Restaurant that most resembles a dorm room in size.
• Restaurant that doesn't deserve to be called a restaurant.
• Best definition of a campus 7-11, only without the gasoline and beer.

Waddick's, O'Shaughnessy
Among arts and letters students, Waddick's is a familiar sight. Located on the first floor of the beautifully crafted O'Shaughnessy Hall, the small café is best experienced during a class period, when a 15-person line isn't stretching out the door. With a coffee menu supported by daily specials, Waddick's looks to be the most established in the campus family of cafes. It is also the most intimate eatery on campus. With six round tables tightly woven through the floorplan, three elevated booths and a long bar facing the halls of O'Shash, it provides the greatest opportunity for sophisticated, yet relevant conversation. Such is the hardcore nature of arts and letters restaurants.

As for the actual food served, one may think, sometimes, perhaps, much of the food comes from the dining halls. But forget that thought out of respect for those who work at Waddick's. Besides, all of these restaurants fall under the umbrella of Notre Dame food services.

Awards:
• Best place to rave drop on others' conversations.
• Best place to have people looking at you like you're a lab rat.
• Best place to feel really dumb if you don't know who Nietzsche is or what he's about.
• Place most likely to be a location for office hours.
• Most traditional café.

The Huddle, LaFortune
Where else can you eat, then, get a haircut? Such is mall-like experience of visiting the Huddle at LaFortune student center.

A few years ago, the Huddle was simply crap. The Huddle Mart was small, with little more than cough syrup, Coca-cola and quarter dogs. Tomasso's was there, but Burger King was not.

Today, LaFortune is not crap. It's not the sweet loneliness of, say, 75 degrees and sunny skies, but it's not crap.

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Awards:
• Best place to pretend you are studying.
• Best place to get high on sugar.
• Best place to spend Flex points.

Café de Grasta, Grace Hall
With a service area large enough to battle all campus restaurants, the Café de Grasta seems almost like a dining hall in its size. But understand this: it is not a dining hall. Having been open for only a week or so, the café provides a much-needed restaurant on the north side of campus. So for all those North Quad seniors who feel left out with the abundance of restaurants on the south side of campus, there is relief, finally.

Awards:
• Strangest name.
• Most unknown campus restaurant.

Café Poche, Bond Hall
Probably one of those other places mostly everyone at Notre Dame has never visited, Café Poche at Bond Hall indeed is a lost treasure among campus eateries. Roasting daily specials like other cafes, the small restaurant hawks salads and sandwiches as well.

And despite the lack of a large eating area, a visit to Café Poche can be a bright spot on anyone's day.

Awards:
• Best customer service.
• Most enthusiastic lady at the counter.
• Most Italian eatery.
Irish

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And that's something the No. 5 Irish squad isn't used to. "We're not nervous about the game," said Siemon. "We're really excited to see how we measure up and how far we've come and how far we need to go."

Both squads are averaging scores in the 70s — the Irish have tallied an average of 77.2 points per game, just four more points than the Eagles defense.

The two teams have both held their opponents to just 62.2 points a game — making a blowout by either team on Saturday unlikely. I think it's a game that is going to go right down to the very end," said Siemon. "We're expecting a good game."

Despite the close matchup, the Irish squad is on a roll and is becoming more formidable with each notch they put in the win column.

With 14 straight wins, the Irish could be a school record for most consecutive wins with a victory over the Eagles and bolster their 18-2 record.

The Irish squad is also clinging fast to a 17-game home-winning streak — the longest in the program's history.

But Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw will need to top performances from her entire squad in order to keep the streaks alive.

Center Beth Riley has led the Irish under the basket all season. Riley, the top scorer and rebounder on the Irish squad, has dominated her opponents in the paint.

The junior All-American candidate hasn't done it alone.

She has had some help off the bench from freshman Amanda Barksdale. The 6-0-3 reserve center registered her best career performances in the last two games and has come alive on defense with 30 blocks on the season.

Siemon has also played a big role for the Irish off the bench. She played her best basketball in the season in Notre Dame's 90-60 rout of Providence Tuesday with a career-high 23 points.

"(Tuesday) was a good opportunity for a lot of players to get some good playing time," said Siemon. "We got into some foul trouble at the post so I got to play a couple extra minutes and I capitalized on the opportunity."

The trio of Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Batast in the Irish back court has kept opponents' defenses scrambling.

Notre Dame's strength in the paint combined with a strong supporting group of guards will keep the Eagles on their toes.

Eagle guard Cal Bouchard leads the Boston College offense, averaging 16 points a game. Chris O'Grady, another senior, will be a scoring threat.

The notion of home court advantage rings true in Notre Dame's series with Boston College.

The two teams met twice last season and split victories with each squad winning on its turf and that's precisely the way the Irish are looking to keep it this year with a win Saturday.

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NBA

Malone may sit out All-Star game

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

If Karl Malone is serious about sitting out the All-Star game, he didn't let on Thursday as he made a hasty exit from the Delta Center after Utah's morning shootaround.

He referred all questions to a higher authority.

"Call up God. Why don't you ask God?" Malone said while strides. "I don't know what the parking lot.

Malone reportedly is threatening to sit out the All-Star game, citing a recurring back injury. He strained his back during training camp, then hurt it again Tuesday against Seattle. Another consideration is a tendinitis on the middle finger of his shooting hand, which he reinjured last week at Portland. In recent seasons, Malone has played with the finger in a splint.

"I think the rest would do him good," said Jazz trainer Mike Shinensky.

Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said his client plans to play Utah's four remaining games before the All-Star break, starting Thursday against Milwaukee, but missed the Feb. 13 All-Star game in Oakland. Calif.

"He wants to take time off to heal his body during the All-Star break," Manley said by telephone from his Los Angeles office.
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL FIRST ROUND GAMES FOR ALL LATE NIGHT OLYMPICS TEAMS. TIMES FOR FURTHER GAMES WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND.

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Ewing provides spark for Knicks 98-88 win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing showed the Portland Trail Blazers and his championship-window-closing Knicks in New York is not quite done yet.

Ewing, the subject of critical headlines less than a week ago, carried the night for 20 points as New York cooled off the streaking Trail Blazers 106-98 Tuesday night.

Ewing, benching for the final 17 minutes in Tuesday night’s game, woke up Wednesday to a story in the newspaper that said the Knicks did a trade with the Wizards that would have sent Ewing to the West.

Ewing helped the Knicks take control in the third quarter with seven points, four rebounds and two blocks. After Ewing’s ejection in the third, the Knicks outscored Portland 15-5 to take control in the third quarter, which would have been a 73-64 lead after three.

Marcus Camby, who had 10 first-half points, finished with 15, followed by Tim Duncan’s 13.

Ewing, hitting a high-arcing jumper from well behind the basket, gave New York an 85-77 lead with 4:55 to play. After Portland answered with a baseline jumper and put up an easy putback, Camby was fouled by Wallace and hit two free throws.

Ewing added another basket in the lane to make it 91-79, the Knicks’ biggest lead of the game.

Allan Houston Led New York with 17, as did Portland’s Lailon Sprewell 14, Camby 13 and Yim and Wallace 12. Wallace was fouled by Ewing, who hit two free throws.

The Knicks shot 18-of-27 (.667) for the game, including 12-of-21 (.571) in the third quarter. Portland was 27-of-52 (.519) overall. The Blazers had 22 assists and 13 turnovers, the Knicks 21 assists and 12.

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Ewing then hit a spin move underneath.

Dallas 106, Charlotte 96

Michael Finley scored 32 points, including seven in the third quarter, to help open the fourth quarter, and the Dallas Mavericks went on for a victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Dirk Nowitzki added a season-high 23 points as the Mavericks rolled out 4-1 homecourt advantage with their eighth victory in their last 11 games. Finley, coming off his first All-Star berth, has scored 30 points or more 10 times this season. He added nine rebounds and four assists.

Before the game, Mavericks owner-to-be Mark Cuban announced a one-year agreement with forward Dennis Rodman. The Dallas native is expected to make his Mavericks debut Feb. 9 against Seattle at Reunion Arena.

Eddie Jones’ 21 points and Dirk Coleman’s 19 paced the Hornets, who had five of their previous eight.

Dallas took a 25-17 lead into the final quarter with the help of Finley’s layup with 0.2 seconds left in the third.

Then Finley scored seven unanswered points to open the fourth quarter, rapped a Dallas lead with 9.02 remaining on an 88-75 lead.

The Mavericks went on to lead by as many as 19 points after converting their first nine field goal attempts of the fourth quarter, not missing points from floor until Delk’s 2-foot with 4:41 to play.

Dallas led 57-50 at halftime behind Strickland’s 15 points.

San Antonio 112, Toronto 99

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**MLB**

**Griffey skeptical about staying in Seattle**

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Ken Griffey Jr. thinks he's a hated man in Seattle.

As a result, he doesn't think it would be in his best interests to play his final season there.

"The front office, the fans and the media, everybody's ripped me," he was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "I think I can come back?"

Griffey wants to be traded from the Mariners to Cincinnati and won't sign a contract extension in Seattle. He is eligible for free agency after this season.

Griffey said general manager Pat Gillick, team president Chuck Armstrong and vice president Lee Pellekoudas have requested meetings with him.

"Everybody wants to see me and see what's in my head," he told the paper Wednesday after a practice round Wednesday at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Griffey refused to discuss the possibility of his being traded to Cincinnati, where his father is a coach.

Although Gillick and new chief executive officer Howard Gillick have used poor judgment, Griffey said in a statement.

"I do not condone the people that serve the Mariners, the Reds and everybody that serves the Mariners. I have no comment and Wade had no comment.

Griffey, 30, is scheduled to earn $8.25 million this season, which would be his 12th in Seattle. In his 11 seasons with the Mariners, he has 398 home runs, including 48 last season after consecutive seasons with 56 each.

Since Gillick replaced the retired Woody Woodward after last season, the Mariners have added starting pitcher Aaron Sele, relievers Kazuhiro Sasaki and Arthur Rhodes and first baseman John Olerud as free agents.

NCAA FOOTBALL

**Manning jailed for public drunkenness**

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. Mississippi freshman quarterback Eli Manning was jailed briefly after his arrest last weekend for public drunkenness.

Manning, 19, is the son of former Ole Miss and New Orleans Saints star Archie Manning and the brother of Peyton Manning, quarterback for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

Also charged were Justin Manning, a redshirt freshman linebacker from Jackson, according to justice court records.

The charges were filed after campus police were called to a fraternity party late Saturday night. Records show Manning also was charged with disorderly conduct. While Wade, 19, faced an additional charge of possession of liquor by a minor. Campus police declined to discuss the charges, and a spokesman for the Oxford Police Department said his agency was not involved.

Manning, contacted Thursday by telephone in Oxford, said he had no comment and Wade could not be reached.

"Apparently two of our players, Eli Manning and Justin Wade, have used poor judgment at a party over the weekend," Ole Miss football coach David Cutcliffe said in a statement.

"Although I do not condone their behavior in any way, I know these young men regret their actions and we will take steps to ensure they have learned from their mistakes." Cutcliffe said.
ND takes on CCHA rival OSU

By MATT OLIVA
Sport Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team faces Ohio State 14-12-2 in the CCHA this weekend with an opportunity to move up in CCHA standings.

After climbing to recent weeks with impressive wins over Western Michigan and Alaska-Fairbanks, the Irish find themselves in sole possession of fifth place, four points out of third place.

The Irish are trying to secure a crucial top-three spot in the play-offs, which would allow them to avoid a 4-5 match-up for the last semi-finalist.

Coming into the remainder of the season is crucial to the two teams.

Despite Notre Dame's 0-4 start in the CCHA, they have been on a roll. Recently they have gone 8-3-5 to climb into their current fifth position.

The Buckeyes are also fighting for the final playoff spot, trailing Bowling Green by four points. Every game for the remainder of the season is crucial to the two teams.

Left wing Dan Carlson and the Irish travel to Ohio this weekend to take on the Buckeyes. The Irish are in fifth place in the CCHA.

Strength, however, The defense and play of goaltender Tony Zasowski has been reliable for the Irish all season. Furthermore, the Irish are the CCHA's least penalized team, making it easier for the defense to shut down their opponents. The defense has been so impressive in recent weeks that they were able to stop Western Michigan's high-powered power-play team. Not only did they stop the Broncos, but limited them to only one shot on goal in the last period.

The defense has added some scoring from Tyson Fraser and Evan Nielsen in addition to stopping their opponents. The two have nine points, helping the Irish offensive cause.

One of the biggest contributors for the Irish has been freshman Tony Zasowski. The goaltender ranks 6th overall in the CCHA with a 2.35 GAA.

Notre Dame will look to keep a strong combination of offense and defense in their remaining eight CCHA games to move in on Michigan State and Lake Superior State. The Spartans have been struggling lately and will be Notre Dame's opponent in the first weekend of March.

The Irish will play in Ohio State's new Schottenstein Center for the first time ever tonight.
MEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers plan to make splash against Bonaventure

By Noreen Gillespie
Sports Editor

With a four-year history behind the Irish-St. Bonaventure men's swimming rivalry, it's safe to say that the men's swimming and diving team feels fairly confident that they've got the home court advantage.

After all, the home town has won the match each of the four years.

With their season dual meet record at 4-4 after a win over Oakland University last weekend, the Irish will face an eager St. Bonaventure team who is ready to break the home victory streak. Stepping up and defeating Oakland behind the record-setting performance of senior diver Herb Huesman, the Irish are set up to clinch two key meets at the conclusion of the season. But it won't be easy.

"St. Bonaventure is always a competitive team," said head coach Tim Welsh. "This team has excellent racers, and they like the challenge of racing." As in previous matchups, when it comes to the numbers, there is no clear winner. With an Irish distance squad led by Jonathan Pierce and Eliot Drury, Notre Dame could edge Bonaventure in the distance, but they're likely to respond in the sprint events, Welsh said.

"The races at this meet will be to our ultimate advantage," Welsh said. "Whatever happens at this meet is good news. Because we're balanced, as far as points, everyone counts the same."

Heading into Big East championships in two weeks, this meet will serve as a critical checkpoint for the team, no matter what the outcome.

"We have to look carefully at these results, and see where we are, and what we have to tune up and polish," Welsh said.

MEN'S TENNIS

Sachire advances to Rolex Invitational second round

By Rachel Biber
Sports Writer

Senior All-American Ryan Sachire didn't need the luck of the Irish. Solid play and intensity landed him in the second round of the Rolex National Inter-collegiate Invitational Championships in Dallas with an upset over Arkansas' sixth-seeded Oskar Johansson.

The 14th-ranked Sachire, making his fourth appearance at the Rolex National Inter-collegiates, rallied for a 6-7 (0-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) win over eighth-ranked Johansson to set up a second round battle with LSU's 13th-ranked Tom Hand on Friday.

Hand advanced with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over SMU's Dustin Mauzick in the first round of the three-day event.

"It was a tough match," Sachire said. "Both of us serve really well. It was one of those matches that was pretty intense and basically jeopardized the whole match with one break of serve. We both played really well and kept our cool through the match."

Sachire, the lone Irish representative in the event, did not flinch throughout the tight three-set match.

In the nearly three-hour marathon match, he never surrendered a service game and faced just two break points.

Irish coach Bob Bayliss was impressed by Sachire's high level of play, and sees Sachire's four years of dedication and hard work paying off.

"I thought [Sachire] played extremely well. He has worked for four years to become more aggressive," Bayliss said. "He was able to assert himself and come to the net and that was the difference in the match."

For the first time in his four appearances of the collegiate grand slam event, Sachire succeeded in conquering his first round opponent.

His first two appearances were spoiled by first round defeats at the hands of UCLA's Kevin Kim in 1997 and Vince Allegre in 1998.

1999 proved to be more successful for Sachire, who won the consolation singles draw after dropping his first round match.

Sachire looks to improve on his two previous showings at the grand slam events of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association of this year.

The Irish captain reached the semifinals of the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Championships in September and lost in the second round of the ITA All-American Championships in October.

His first round upset, which improved his record to 15-5, leaves no doubt that Sachire is a dominant style of play that is something this Irishman is known to possess.

However, the second round opponent against LSU's Hand won't be easy.

Hand, who played in last year's Wimbledon, possesses a dominant style of play that is going to force Sachire to take charge of the match.

"Tom Hand is an aggressive player," coach Bayliss said. "He is going to come at Ryan. I think he'll need to dictate play to win."
MEW'S TENNIS

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It could very well be "doubles trouble" for opponents of the Notre Dame women's tennis team this weekend.

For the first time ever, the Irish will send two doubles pairings to the prestigious Rolex National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Dallas. Notre Dame joins Notre Dame women will be represented by virtue of their doubles victory in the prestigious Rolex National Invitational.

The Irish are sending two doubles pairs to the meet.

ND sends two pairs to Rolex Invitational

The duo of junior All-American Michelle Dasso and standouts sophomore Becky Varnum qualified by virtue of their doubles victory in the season's first tournament, the ITA Midwest Regional. The Dasso-Varnum tandem plays a defensive game, relying on a strong return serve game and powerful groundstrokes. The Guy-Cunha play in the opposite fashion, counting heavily on an offensive style.

Louderback thinks this weekend's tournament will prove especially vital for the tandem of Guy and Cunha, the team's number two pairing.

"It's going to be great for them [Guy-Cunha]," Louderback said. "They'll get the chance to play against a lot of No. 1 doubles teams. Normally they play our opponents' number two [pairing], so this will be a nice opportunity for them to improve."

Both teams playing well, opponents this weekend could very well be in "doubles trouble," as the Irish look to bring home a title.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Pittsburgh set on revenge in rematch with Notre Dame**

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The last time the Irish men's basketball team played the Pittsburgh Panthers, Troy Murphy and co. delivered an 81-66 win in the Joyce Center.

Sunday's challenge will be different, as the Panthers (9-9, 1-6 Big East) possess the home court advantage and a powerful source of motivation — revenge.

"We played them at home, and beat them at home," freshman guard Matt Carroll said. "So I'm sure they're all fired up for us. I'm sure they're going to be ready to play, but I'm sure we're going to be ready to play.

Pittsburgh has only played two games since losing to Notre Dame (14-8, 5-3), leaving the low to the Irish fresh in the minds of the Panthers.

After falling to Notre Dame, Pittsburgh did an about-face and defeated Villanova 79-70. It then headed down to Miami, ending just four points behind against a squad that humbled Notre Dame 63-49 in the Joyce Center.

Ricardo Greer, a 6-foot-5 forward, is capable of bouncing with the big boys down low.

He is the only player in the Big East besides Notre Dame star Murphy to rank among the top five in the Big East in both rebounding and scoring. Greer led the Pittsburgh offensive on Notre Dame Jan. 22 with 20 points and eight rebounds.

But the question may not be whether Greer can hold his own with Murphy.

A better query might be whose supporting cast will shine brighter on Sunday.

For the Panthers, forward Chris Seabrooks and guard Jarrett Lockhart both average in double digits. Lockhart came through with 20 points for the Panthers in their first meeting with the Irish.

Freshman forward Donatas Zavackas, averaging 10.8 points per game in the conference, may be an unsung force for the Irish to contend with.

He sat out the first contest with Notre Dame for undisclosed disciplinary reasons.

Since returning to play, he led Pittsburgh in points against Villanova, and in rebounds against Miami.

Notre Dame is led by 6-foot-10 All-American candidate Murphy, who averages 24 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Few teams have been able to find an answer for him this season.

In addition to Murphy, the Irish have a solid core of starters and reserves who can produce.

"I think we're playing really well right now," Murphy said.

"We have a balanced attack. Last night we had a bunch of guys who scored in double digits. It's tough to stop a team like that when they have different guys who can go out there and score 25 points. Teams really have to be ready for them."

Freshman guard Matt Carroll and sophomore forward David Graves were high scorers in the win over West Virginia, with 17 points apiece.

Sophomore forward Harold Swanagan joined Graves and Murphy in high rebounding honors with nine boards each.

Senior point guard Jimmy Dillon up the team's scoring with his six assists per game.

Junior Martin Ingelsby, who helped beat the Irish with two 3 pointers and three assists Wednesday, backs him up.

The Irish hit the road after four consecutive home games.

"It's really important for us to win on the road," Murphy said. "The way you move up in the standings is who beat people at their home arenas. The (NCAA) selection committee really looks for how you play in the month of February and how you play on the road."

Beneath the tutelage of dynamic first-year coach Matt Doherty, they are on a 20-game winning streak.

"These games could make or break our season," Carroll said. "If we can win these games on the road, we should be in good shape."
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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 5 Irish look to soar over No. 18 Eagles

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The road to the Big East championship will get a little rockier for the women’s basketball team this weekend. When the Irish play host Saturday to the Boston College Eagles, the first ranked team to come to the Joyce Center this season, the meeting will be the first in a series of uphill battles before tournament time in March.

Blowing out their opponents by double digits in each of their conference tests this season, the Irish have advanced through their Big East schedule with ease, showing why they are the team to beat.

But all that could change as the Irish face a slew of tougher teams in the coming weeks. Top conference teams like Boston College, Rutgers and Connecticut are three of Notre Dame’s final seven opponents.

“We’re taking it one game at a time,” said junior forward Kelley Siemon. “But this game does hold a little bit of leverage because it is our first game against a ranked opponent in a while and starts out a stretch of good opponents to end the regular season.”

 Ranked 18th in the nation, Boston College has won 14 out of its last 15 games and poses the biggest threat so far to Notre Dame’s undefeated conference record.

Come Saturday, the two squads that meet on the court at the Joyce Center will be much more evenly matched than Notre Dame would like.

ND prepares for tough competition at Invitational

By KATHLEEN O‘BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish are looking for a little more magic.

The 10th annual Meyo Invitational brings in some of the most talented track and field athletes from some of the most talented fields, including several Olympians. The Irish general-

ly draw a big boost from the home fans in matching up with the top-quality athletes.

“The crowd is definitely going to help out,” sophomore Luke Watson said.

Some of the world-class athletes competing include Olympian Natasha Kaiser-Brown in the 400-meter run, top hurdler Tonya Lawson in the 60-meter hurdles and NCAA 800-meter champion Brian Peterson of Missouri.

“I think it helps them knowing that the competition is going to be so tough,” Notre Dame sprint coach John Millar said. “It’s kind of like running at nationals; you have to rise to the level of the competition.”

John Millar
Irish sprint coach

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The Irish face a fresh slate of teams this weekend.

The men go up against Michigan, Missouri, Wake Forest, Alabama, Miami (Fla.), Tulane and Rice. The women will take on Michigan, Missouri, Tulane, Wake Forest and Iowa.

Several Irish athletes have Meyo invite titles to defend.

“I think mainly what we’re trying to do is give people some opportunities to improve on their performance and maybe get some NCAA times,” Millar said.

“We’re pretty much going to run one event and let them focus on one event.”

Senior Phil Miskuk is out to capture a second straight title in the 1,000-meter run and thrower Matt Thompson is also aiming to make it two in a row.

Two of the top athletes on the men’s side will be missing in action.

Marshawn West, an NCAA finalist long jumper and the 1999 200-meter champion at the Meyo Invite, will sit out the meet with an injury.

Junior distance runner Ryan Shay will also be gone due to an injury.

High jumper Jennifer Engelhardt and pole vaulter Natalie Hallert both won their events a year ago.

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at Ohio State Friday, 7:05 p.m.

National Role Indoor Championship at Dallas Thursday-Sunday

at Calvary College Saturday, 12:45 p.m.

at Northwestern Saturday

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Nielle Ivey dribbles around a Georgetown defender in Notre Dame’s 87-56 win last week. The Irish take on the Eagles in their biggest conference test so far this season Saturday.
SMC elections try the pols

It is my opinion and the opinion of at least 51 percent of Saint Mary’s College voters that Koelsh/Rodarte is the winner of the recent election. Although Benner/Nagle is qualified as all four tickets were qualified — they were not the reason I attended for nearly three years. The week-long election was stressful for all of the candidates — that I know first-hand. But a winner has been selected, and that winner deserves recognition. The elections, though numerous, were handled in a fair and professional manner. The decision for a second run-off after the unprecedented first run-off tie was made with clear and thoughtful consideration of the welfare and views of Saint Mary’s women. It was a situation that all of the candidates seemed in agreement with — that is, until a winner was chosen.

It is my understanding that Benner is the Elections Commissioner of BOG, a title that was relinquished to Bridget Heffernan for this particular election, as Benner was a candidate. As someone who held this position for more than a semester, and who would be aware of all the intricacies of the process, it seems as though this complaint could have been lodged at a much earlier time. If there had been such a serious error in judgment and procedure, it should have been brought to Heffernan’s attention prior to Sunday night — even Friday morning. Perhaps even before the Benner/Nagle ticket posted additions to their fliers, encouraging the student body to vote in Friday’s election, to “Come Together the More Time.” Unfortunately, losing does not justify a procedural appeal.

In addition, there is no reason whatsoever to take Monday’s results into further consideration. In that election no ticket held the clear majority, and this necessitated a run-off. If we were to add that result to Wednesday’s result, at least 20 percent of the original voters would be un-represented. Although 43 percent voted for Benner/Nagle and 37 percent voted for Koelsh/Rodarte, 20 percent of voters chose the other two tickets. And Wednesday’s vote was a clear tie. There was no winner. A third vote was vital.

In any event, the winner must have a simple majority — 51 percent of the vote. Koelsh/Rodarte won the only ticket to do so, in any of the elections. Thus, there is no cause for discussion or review.

I take a commitment to my voice heard by voting on Friday, even if I did have to go all the way to the Noble Dining Hall to do so. Apparently, other Saint Mary’s women did the same thing, including off-campus students.

I sincerely hope that Georgoanna Boesheitl and the Elections Committee will not renegotiate their resolution in light of current hustling by a losing ticket. If everyone is truly interested in doing what is “best for the student body,” as Benner stated in yesterday’s article, they will stand behind the decision of that student body.

Friday’s decision should stand. Koelsh/Rodarte was the choice of the campus and the Observer Editorial Board. I look forward to experiencing the fruits of their leadership.

Deanie Hallis
Junior
Le Mans Hall
February 7, 2000

What time is it?

Could somebody please set that big clock over there on O'Shaug? I don't wear a watch, so I haven't been getting to class on time much lately. I'd do it myself, but I don't really know how.

Andy Antonowicz
Senior, Off-Campus
February 7, 2000

Students should omit 'sucks' cheer

Congratulations on a fantastic turn-around season in men’s basketball. I have been attending games since I graduated in '75 and am very excited about Matt Doherty and all that is happening to make basketball great at Notre Dame.

I have one grievance which I hope can be resolved by the student body, namely, the "sucks" cheer after each opponent's name is called. It occurred to me, after that great comeback game against West Virginia, how active the student body is in the community. Many support all kinds of community services and lead the way in the nation toward helping kids. Would any of the students want to cheer "sucks" if they were standing in front of one of the kids they help? Though I doubt they would want to look that raunchy individually, they seem to take on a different character as a group. It's not really all right if the whole student body is anonymously raunchy.

I watch the kids in the crowd who are very interested in what the student body is doing. As an alum, I am also very hopeful that the students will represent all the University is about with character. In fact, they did throughout the game. To the students, and whole crowd, do not resort to foul stuff very often.

I hope we can come up with a more resourceful cheer to accompany reading The Observer during the introductions.

Deanie Hallis
Junior
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John Castella
Danneel, Cole
January 30, 2000

Please stop saying "retard"

When I was growing up my father used to take my family on these trips to Notre Dame. I used to call it his party time since he was kind of reliving the past. I also got the impression that Notre Dame was this wonderful place where nothing goes wrong. Ever since I started going here, I found that it has its problems just like everywhere else does. However, there is one problem which gets under my skin. It is when I hear my fellow classmates use the word "retard" to describe how they feel or what they look like.

There are two reasons why this bugs me. First, I have an older brother who is a "retard," so I have grown up with people staring at him and making him feel out of place. Second, out of all the people in the world, they are the only ones who cannot defend themselves. I also know that most mentally disabled people know that it means something negative about them.

I know that nobody would call someone a "retard" who actually is mentally disabled. However, it is the idea behind the word that still exists. I just hope that people will be a little more thoughtful before they say "retard."

Andy Antonowicz
Senior, Off-Campus
February 7, 2000
CONCERT REVIEW

Chicago warmly welcomes The Samples

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

A strong opening from the up-and-coming Boston band, The Pushstars, set the mood Friday night at the House of Blues in Chicago. The Pushstars have been touted as the "next big thing" and proved they were worthy of the title with a solid set.

As The Samples walked on stage and opened with an energizing version of "Little Silver Ring," complete with the seasonal lyrics, "it's snowing cold, why aren't you here for me to hold," it seemed difficult to comprehend why they haven't seen broader success. Perhaps it can be attributed to the difficult path they have traveled. The Samples have had a rocky career, almost as rocky as the mountains of their home base in Colorado, where they got their start in Boulder in 1987. Since that time, they have signed with three record labels, gone through a number of management changes and, much to their fans' dismay, had a breakup scare with the parting of two original members.

Yet through all of this, The Samples have stuck together. It was apparent Friday night that the glue that binds them together is the amazing and seemingly infinite talent of the band's leader, Sean Kelly. Kelly's rare talent combined with a certain purity of the band's members sets The Samples apart from other bands. The word "filter" does not seem to appear in Kelly's vocabulary, as he lyrically holds nothing back. An ever-present observer at the Samples' concerts, Kelly's rare talent evokes a pain understood by an audience of fans that affectionately mouth each syllable in harmonious rendition.

Seeing The Samples at the House of Blues was an actual dream come true for any longtime fan. They played some of their most requested and rarely heard classics like "Information," "Indiana," along with standbys like "When It Rains" and "Close To The Fires."

During the concert, fans speculated that they returned to classic favorites because bassist Andy Sheldon was injured two weeks prior and was not able to play. Facing the difficulty of being short one member, The Samples appeared to rise to the challenge by stepping it up a bit and appealing to the whims of adoring fans. With this infusion, the band displayed a confident cohesiveness as it jammed through almost two hours of music, causing one veteran Samples concertgoer to remark, "They responded to the challenge issued tonight!"

To compensate for the lack of a bassist, the band also set up a game of checkers on stage. In what may be called a symbolic move, the checkers game was played where the bassist would have appeared, perhaps in a deliberate display of respect for his absence. A few lucky fans were permitted to bypass guards and climb onstage to play checkers an arm's length away. The event was a short session of chaos in the middle of the show as fans desperately attempted to get a glimpse of Kelly.

One of the highlights of the show came when Kelly performed two acoustic songs. The first, "Feel Us Shakin'," is a staple Samples concert song, something that, in its entirety, is certain to evoke a pain understood by an audience of fans that affectionately refer to the show as fans desperately attempting to get a glimpse of Kelly.

The absolute highlight of the show came with Kelly's announcement that The Samples will be releasing three albums and a documentary in April. This is almost like sensory overload for Samples' fans as the band hasn't released an album since 1998's Here and Somewhere Else. After the concert, pushing through the brutal Chicago wind somehow didn't seem as difficult knowing that April, and more Samples material, is right around the corner.

CONCERT REVIEW

Coe serves up a country music feast

By BRAD FARMER
Scene Music Critic

The following is the recipe for a typical David Allan Coe concert. Combine 45 years of country music experience and classic hits in a concert hall. Add wild stories of prison, alcohol and women. Then gently sprinkle with various bikers, tattoo artists, and outlaws. Finally, bake at 100 degrees under flashing lights. Serve immediately by way of a shot of music, wild stories of days gone by, tattoo artists and alcohol at the latest David Allan Coe concert.

Even with bassist Andy Sheldon missing the show because of injury, lead singer and guitarist Sean Kelly led the band through a set of fan favorites and obscurities. The Samples plan to release new material in addition to a docu-

"Water Under The Bridge." This song was written in response to a Chicago house fire that killed one person and exemplifies pure Sean Kelly, as he draws parallels between the house fire and the untimely deaths of his parents.

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David Allan Coe served this culinary delight on Feb. 3 at the 3rd Annual Old School Tattoo Convention in Indianapolis. The concert featured two opening acts — Captain Don Leslie and the energetic band Black Oak Arkansas. The opening acts helped rile the already-rowdy crowd for the emergence of the featured artist.

Finally, at 10 p.m., the "Mysterious Rhinestone Cowboy" took the stage to the cheers of his fans. Supported by a six-member back-up band, Coe flexed his tattooed muscular muscles and helped transport his audience on a country music time machine. Wearing a black leather vest, blue jeans and cowboy boots, the 6-foot-3 Coe and his flowing gray beard towered over the audience as his massive hands engulfed his guitar.

After opening his concert with the Allman Brothers' classic "Melissa," Coe launched into a version of "Please Come to Boston." He then played one of his oldest songs, "Jack Daniel's If You Please," written in 1957.

Coe shared several stories with the audience that helped explain the lyrics of his songs. Before playing "If That Ain't Country," Coe described how Johnny Cash had helped him "get out of prison" during his youth in Ohio. "If it weren't for Johnny Cash," Coe said, "I wouldn't be here playing tonight!"

 Appropriately, Coe then constructed a musical collage of Cash's most famous songs, including "Folsom Prison Blues."

Coe also played some new songs from his latest album, Recommended for Airplay, including "Song for the Year 2000" and "A Harley Someday."

The crowd especially appreciated the latter song, pointing often to Harley-Davidson T-shirts, hats and bandanas while singing along with Coe. "Drink Canada Dry," a song that the organization MADD has attacked as inappropriate, also generated an enormous response from the crowd.

After Coe had played for a solid two hours, he said goodbye and left the stage. The rowdy crowd refused to disperse, though, and continuously chanted "D.A.C." To the cheers of the audience, Coe and his band reemerged and played his classic hits "Longhaired Redneck," "Tennessee Whiskey" and "You Never Even Called Me By My Name."

Coe finished his final set with the haunting song "The Ride," which describes an imagined roadside encounter with the ghost of country legend Hank Williams. As the final notes of "The Ride" were played, the crowd showed its appreciation of Coe's music by giving him a thunderous round of applause.

Although no one will mistake David Allan Coe for Martha Stewart, it was evident that Coe also had a flair for preparing his own distinctive cuisine. As the satisfied crowd left for the night with bellies full of redneck country music, it definitely looked as if fans had gained a few pounds.